



# NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Mrs Hird

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Porter back to school this week and she has thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Acorn class.

We were also thrilled this week to achieve the bronze level of the Rights Respecting School Award. The staff and children have worked hard to review our current practice in school and have made plans for how we can achieve the silver level next year.

As we move into the final few weeks of term, there are various events taking place. We are delighted that our small size means we are able to include parents in our plans and I would like to thank you in advance for your support in following the COVID measures we are putting in place. We do hope that all events will be able to go ahead but appreciate your understanding if anything does need to change.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hird

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **97.54%**, so above our target of at least **97%**.

## News from the Classes

This week, **Acorns** have been enjoying looking at different aspects that can help with the writing of poetry. We have explored alliteration, similes and the use of verbs.

In maths, EYFS have been looking at problem solving, which involves choosing addition, subtraction or sharing to solve the problem.

Y1 have completed their learning objectives for this academic year and are focusing on fine tuning their basic number skills as well as using them for problem solving. Y2 are looking at mass this week and are enjoying the practical activities and using the balance scales to prove their findings.

We had a fun session where, with the help of Pantasaurus from the NSPCC, we discussed which parts of our bodies were private to us and how to help to keep them private. Everyone enjoyed designing their own pair of pants and the KS1 children played a body parts puzzle.

Wednesday morning was our forest school session where lots of us were having fun in the Woodland Café, which has taken on a life of its own involving the whole school. The menu is quite extensive and the service is very good indeed!

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed our new starters for September once again to stay and play. We are delighted with how well they are settling in and exploring our learning areas.

We are also busy practising our sports day games and races in preparation for next Tuesday.

This week's **Star of the week** is **Ted** for making amazing progress in the big pool during swimming lessons. Well done Ted!



The **Oaks** have worked hard this week on some descriptive writing about a familiar place to them. They have tried to create tension and suspense during their story starters.

In maths, for Year 5/6 we have continued with angles using 360 degree turns and working out the missing angles. Year 3 and 4 children have been working hard on subtracting money and giving change.

With swimming, DT moving book work, forest schools, tennis and art award work on top, it's been a busy week!



The Oak **2 Stars of the Week** are:  
**Ned** for caring for others in class and in the playground.  
**Philomena** for always working hard, listening well and trying her best!



### Mrs Scholey - Thanks

Mrs Scholey had a lovely surprise afternoon tea last Friday and she was delighted with the farewell gifts that were made by the children and purchased with the kind donations from parents and staff. A personalised, fingerprint jug, Voucher for a Sparkling Afternoon Tea for Two at Raithwaite Hall, a poem composed by the children and some bespoke flowers.



*I would like to say a huge thank you for the wonderful gifts and surprises I received last week. People have been so very generous and kind. It has been an absolute privilege teaching this year. I am lucky to have been part of an amazing team with delightful children.*

Mrs Scholey

### Music Success



Congratulations to Emily who has achieved her Copper Music Medal for recorder!

### Here to help

We recognise that the summer holidays can sometimes be challenging for families. There is great strength in asking for help and there are a number of organisations we can put families in touch with if you feel that you would benefit from some support. This could be linked to finances, behaviour and routines, or any other concerns.

If you feel that this would be helpful, please either speak to a member of staff or email me at:

[headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

We pride ourselves on our relationships with our families and do hope that anyone needing any type of support - big or small - will take the first step and ask for help.

### Do you know someone who would like to join Team YEAT?

We have three exciting job opportunities, starting in September 2021.

- Team Castleton  
1 x General Teaching Assistant (SEN) (5 mornings per week, initially)
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- Team Glaisdale  
1 x Advanced Teaching Assistant post (25 hours per week plus MSA hours)  
1 x Breakfast club playworker (5 hours per week)

For more details, please visit NYCC jobs and search 'Glaisdale' or 'Castleton'

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>



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## Sports Day on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm at the Cricket Field

You should all have received a letter by email yesterday setting out the COVID safety measures that need to be in place at Sports Day this year.

**Could you please complete the online form before Tuesday:** <https://forms.office.com/r/7KymmM9im1> detailing who will be attending (no more than 2 adults per family plus younger siblings).

If you would like a printed copy of the letter and form, please contact Mrs Blacklock.

Children have been placed into teams and they should wear a t-shirt in their team colour, **if they have one** (they know which team they are in). Please don't go out and buy anything, as we will be able to give them a bib or band in the correct colour to wear.

If you are attending Sports Day you will be allowed to take your children home from the cricket field (please inform a member of staff when you are leaving) and other children will be taken back up to school for 3.15pm.

**There will be no Signing Club.**

## Next Week

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie (morning).<br><b>Swimming</b> at Whitby, afternoon.<br>Choir after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.15pm.                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Sports Day, 1.30pm at Cricket Field<br>NO Signing Club.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>All pupils out at "Let's Learn Moor", Blakey Ridge.</b><br>Gardening after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.30pm.   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>PE for all pupils.</b> Acorns to come dressed in PE kit and bring uniform with them.<br>Oaks to come in uniform and make sure PE kit is in school to change into. |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie (afternoon).   |