

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

Our new starters have had their first full week in school - It has been lovely seeing them enjoying all the activities and settling into routines. I expect they will be ready for a rest this weekend! Panther Class had a great day at Murton Park with our friends from Kirkby going back in time and preparing for their new topic. Hands on experiences are a great opportunity to make learning much more exciting.

WORKING PARTY NEEDED URGENTLY

We are looking for volunteers to help clear and tidy our Forest School area. Please meet in the Forest School on Saturday 22 September at 1pm. This will go ahead whatever the weather.

Headteacher's Award

Dylan

...for impressing us with his good behaviour
at lunchtimes

History brought to life at Murton Park

On Monday our KS2 children, along with their friends from Kirkby Malzeard, were welcomed to Brigantium - a large outdoor classroom cunningly disguised as a Roman auxiliary fort of the 1st Century AD. The duty centurion was on the lookout for new recruits and put the children through a rigorous introduction to life in the Roman army! Equipped with their uniform, helmet, spear and shield, the children were put through their paces learning how a fort is built and laid out before going on to learn the skills of weapons training (using dummy weapons!), craft work and parade ground drill. Austin and Millie report:

We really enjoyed making lamps from clay. We were also made to write a form in Latin to agree to stay in the Roman Army for 25 years. Roman soldiers were only paid four times a year! The best bit was when a Celt came at the end and we all had to stick our tongues out at him. He said he was going to get his grandma! We were given coins as our wages and certificates to bring back with us. We learned such a lot and it was a spectacular day! We can't wait to learn more about the Romans.

Tiger Class

Daisy

...for showing
independence in all
areas of her learning.

Panther Class

Edie

...for fully embracing
the Roman
experience

Blessing of the School Bags

Many thanks to Reverend Morgan who led a lovely service, in which he used an aspergillum to flick holy water onto our school/work bags, asking for God's blessing on our school community for the coming year. The children involved then helped to lead Collective Worship on Tuesday, during which they did the same for their peers who had been unable to attend the service. It was a lovely way to start the year. Well done to Edie, Theo, Harrison, Ted and Seth who delivered the reading and prayers and to Olivia and Daisy who helped with the service too. During the service, we also heard the news that Reverend Morgan will leave our parish later this term to take up the role of vicar of three churches in the Bramham area, between Leeds and York. We send our congratulations to him on his new post.

Working Together

Now that the children have settled back, look out for news about ways in which you can support your children with their learning at home. We are in the process of updating our school website which will be a good source of information as we progress through the school year.

In the meantime, please could parents of KS1 children in Tiger Class take a look at their child's new reading diary. The week by week layout has a space for children to draw and/or write about a book they have enjoyed during the week. This does not have to be a school reading book - it could be a book that has been read to them in class or at bedtime, or a book they have borrowed from the library. Children are expected to spend 10-15 minutes on this task at home ready to share in class each Monday. The children in Reception will start to bring a book to share at home along with their Jolly Phonics activities next week.

In Panther Class, the KS2 children have been given their SMIRF target sheets. These targets help with the instant recall of number facts and other key facts that help in all areas of our maths work. Please encourage your child/ren to use these sheets and prompts to help them achieve their target 'planet' and move through the 'solar system'.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Coming up this term...

Fridays at 3.30pm - Tuck Shop Friday (PTA)

Friday 21st September

JEANS for GENES Day

Thursday 27th September

AM: Panthers at Literature Festival, Leyburn

Tuesday 9th October

11am Harvest Service @ St Nicholas Church

(followed by Harvest Lunch at school)

Wednesday 17th October

4-7pm Parent Consultations

Friday 26th October

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th November

Back to school

Jeans for Genes

As usual we shall be supporting Jeans for Genes Day by inviting the children to wear jeans or casual clothes on **Friday 21st September** for a donation of £1. The money raised helps to improve the quality of life for children affected by genetic disorders.



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Clubs Update

Unfortunately, the uptake of places in clubs this term has reduced. Due to insufficient demand, it has been necessary to cancel Art Club this term. Therefore our programme of clubs for this half-term will be:

Mondays - 3.30-4.30 CODE CLUB

Thursdays - 3.30 - 4.30 MULTISPORTS

There are still places available. If your child would like to attend, please contact us for a form.

GUITAR LESSONS

If anyone is interested in taking guitar lessons, Jed has places. The lessons take place on Friday afternoons. You can pop in to see Jed on a Friday or contact him on 01423 520924 for further information. **Jed will be giving a demonstration for children, parents and carers in next week's Celebration Assembly.**

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!