

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

We have had a very busy week with our visit from OFSTED. Thank you for your positive comments, support and flapjacks! We really did appreciate it. We will share our results with you as soon as we receive official notification of the outcome. This process takes a few weeks but hopefully will be here before the Easter break.

I started my week with a visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park with our three ambassadors as part of a cluster project. It was amazing and I learnt so much.

We are supporting Comic Relief with a non-uniform day today - as ever our children are very positive in their support for others.

I look forward to seeing you at our parent consultation meetings - please pop in and say hello to me.

News from our Ambassadors

On Monday our ambassadors, Ellie, Amy and Oliver accompanied Mrs Peacock on a visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park. They report: Our first impression was "Wow! - it is massive". When we went inside, we watched a video and then we did a sorting activity where we had to decide which category the rubbish belonged to, such as 'household', 'recycled', 'organic' or 'other'. As soon as we got out of the door, we could smell the most unpleasant smell which can only be described as something like rotten cheese mixed with mouldy fish! We saw how the rubbish was sorted on conveyor belts and heard how it is used to provide energy for over 40,000 homes. For example, when micro-organisms from the organic waste burp, the gas is burnt and converted into electricity! It was an amazing experience which was really interesting. We are now planning how we can help to reduce, reuse and recycle, both at home and at school.

Headteacher's Award

Amy

...for being an excellent support and role model to the younger pupils

Tiger Class

Maisie

...for super phonics work.

Panther Class

Savannah

...for some impressive work in Maths.

Family Service

It was lovely to see Daisy DG, Harrison, Ted, Kitty, Mark, Amy and Jane at Sunday's family service. Well done to Harrison, Amy and Jane who all read so beautifully... and a particularly big thank you to Amy and Jane, who both took on the responsibility of reading the prayers at the last minute to cover for other children. It was a brave thing to do and you did it very professionally. Miss Mandelson was very proud of you!

Super Scientists

On Wednesday a group of children went to a science afternoon at Bedale High School as part of British Science Week. Millie, Paul, Oliver report:

We did forensic science which involved investigating a crime scene. We investigated patterns of teeth marks, fingerprints, tested urine samples (the urine was fake!) and made moulds of footprints. We looked through a microscope to find strands of fabric from our jumpers. All these things help police to solve crimes. We had such fun!



Easter Forest School

With Outdoor Adventures Forest School

Based at Moorside School, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 1SU

Climb trees, build dens, show off your culinary skills in our mud kitchen and get creative with some natural, Easter inspired crafts. Learn how to light a fire without matches, then cook your own campfire snack.

Family Forest School:	Tuesday 23 rd April	1-3pm	£8 per child U2s free
Easter holiday club:	Wednesday 24 th April	9.30-3pm	£20
	Thursday 25 th April	9.30-3pm	£20

Extended hours available on request. Booking essential. Fully payment required on booking. Holiday club sessions for Reception age up. Sessions led by highly qualified and experienced staff.



Coming up this term...

Wednesday 20th March

4-6pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st/Friday 22nd March

Y6 Bikeability Training

Friday 22nd March

Harrogate Charity Concert

Wednesday 27th March

3-5pm Parent Consultations

Monday 1st April

PM: Football tournament @ Outwood (Tigers)

Tuesday 2nd April

3.30-5pm Messy Church

Wednesday 10th April

PM: Y3&4 Tri-golf @ Outwood/Y5&6 Grisedale Fell Visit

Tigers' Forest School session

Thursday 11th April

1.15pm Easter Service

2pm Break up for Easter

Friday 12th April

INSET Day - school closed

Monday 29th April

School re-opens

FRIENDS PTA GROUP

Tuesday 9th April

Film Night (Peter Rabbit)

£5 to include pizza and popcorn

Wednesday 27th March

Easter Disco

The next Friends PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Parent Consultations

Many thanks to those parents who have already sent their slip back to school. If any remaining slips could be returned as soon as possible, we shall be able to get back to you with firm appointment times. An additional copy of the parent consultation invitation letter is attached with this newsletter.

PLEASE HELP...

...if you can! Volunteers are needed to assist with Forest School on Wednesday afternoons.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!