

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock

Time is flying by! I can't believe we only have one week left to the half term break. Our Y2 children have been working very hard on their SAT tests - we are very proud of them and their positivity.

We had another visit from Tony Swainston who came into school on Tuesday to work with our Growth Mind-set ambassadors. He also delivered an after school training session for staff.

Next week we welcome Ripon Grammar School students, Susie Morgan and Phoebe Hall, who are joining us for work experience next week. I am sure they will enjoy their time with us.

If you get chance please pop into school and have a look at our new displays - Tigers' art work inspired by Paul Klee's Castle and Sun in the entrance hall and Jaguar & Lions' World War II display in the hall - we have some very talented children.

Junior Amnesty Project

Just a reminder that Herbie, Edie and George's mums, Susie and Jennie, have kindly offered their time to work with the KS2 children on project called Junior Urgent Action. The nature of the project was introduced to the children during Collective Worship this week and a number of children expressed an interest in participating. The current project is in support of a British-Iranian grandfather, Kamal Foroughi, who has been imprisoned in Iran following an unfair trial. He has been denied medical treatment and has not seen his family for 6 years. The children will have the opportunity to reflect on what we mean by an unfair trial as well as producing letters and art work to show their support for Kamal whose son describes him as "one of the oldest and loneliest prisoners in Iran". If your child would like to take part, please look out for the separate letter and return the slip before Tuesday's session.

Headteacher's Award

Paul Smirthwaite

...for his determination at tennis!

Tiger Class

Savannah Kitchen

...for being a great team member.

Lion Class

Emma Dunn and John Kitching

...for outstanding progress in their times tables!

Jaguar Class

Archie Salt

...for super vocabulary in creative writing.

Newsreaders of the Future?

Many thanks to Olivia, Jane, William, Charlie, Paul and Ava who all took part in Sunday's Family Service at St Nicholas Church. As ever, Miss Mandelson received lots of positive comments after the service about how clearly and confidently the children read, one even commenting that there was a potential newsreader for the Six O'Clock News amongst them! It is great for the children to have the opportunity to develop their ability to speak in public and it has been lovely to watch them all grow in confidence. The next family service will take place on Sunday 11th June. Do let Miss Mandelson know if your child would like to take part - everyone is welcome.

Terrific Tennis

On Thursday the Y3/4 children went to Ripon Tennis Centre for an afternoon of tennis with children from other local schools.

Leah W and Ellie M report:

We were put into two separate teams and then a person from each team would have a match until we had all played. We saw children from Markington, Burton Leonard, North Stainley, Kirkby Malzeard and Bishop Monkton. The schools which came in the top three will go on to play in the final. The tournament was held inside the big Sports Hall and then there were activities to do outside too. Millie and Jane won most of their matches and we were really proud of them. Also, Paul got a wristband for his determination. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Sharp and Mrs Watson for taking us. We all enjoyed ourselves very much.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

The School Council will be counting the Sainsbury's vouchers before half-term. Please could you have a last search in your purse/wallet and send in any remaining vouchers. Many thanks



Coming up...

Tuesday 23rd May

3.30 Junior Amnesty project

Friday 26th May

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th June

School re-opens

KS2 Cross Country at Newby Hall

Wednesday 7th June

AM: Tigers visit Tesco, Thirsk

Thursday 8th June

6pm Meeting for parents of new starters

Monday 12th June

PM: KS2 Athletics at Outwood Academy

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 Countryside Day

Mondays 19th and 26th June

Bikeability Training for Lion Class

Ice Cream Friday

Many thanks to all those who have kindly signed up to help serve ice creams after school on Fridays, including Mrs Kitching, Mrs Watson, Mrs Millions, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Petchey who have already taken a turn. As you can see there are still spaces on the rota below, so if you can spare a little time to lend a hand, please do let us know.

May

Friday 19th - Jackie Welford and Helen Ramsay

Friday 26th - Ruth Smirthwaite and Tori Brennand

June

Friday 9th - Carol Gilpin

Friday 16th -

Friday 23rd -

Friday 30th -

July

Friday 7th -

Friday 14th - Tracy Stapylton and Laura Carrick

Ideally it would be good to have two helpers each week. As well as providing a lovely treat for the children at the end of the week, all proceeds will go towards funding the whole-school trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park later this term.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!