

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock.

We have a busy morning planned for Saturday. Mrs Hatch has organised a work party to re-paint the old play equipment on the field to smarten it up for our grand opening of the 'timber trail'. Thank you to the volunteers who are coming along to help on Saturday (11am onwards). It's not too late to join in the fun!

As you know we have been working on the 'Growth Mind-set' project this year with Tony Swainston and he has worked with staff and children in school. On **Tuesday April 25th** he will be coming into school to talk to parents (supported by the children!). We hope you will be able to join us. The presentation will start at **9am** and will last about an hour - refreshments will be served. Please put the date in your diary. More details to follow soon.

It was great to hear all about the Y6 pupils visit to Leeds University - they certainly seemed to have fun and was a wonderful opportunity for both schools to work together.

LOVE Science -continued!

Following on from Science Week, the Year 6 children joined their friends from Kirkby Malzeard School on Tuesday to travel to Leeds University for a lecture on the topic of Biodiversity.

Seth reports:

We investigated pollinators like ladybirds, humming birds, butterflies and bees. Without these creatures, we would only have breakfast items like bread and meat - there would be nothing to go on our toast.

Then we moved on to earthquakes which are caused by plates moving beneath the surface of the earth. We learned about different types of lava, like string lava.

This led us to discuss the dinosaur age.

It was a great experience to visit a university and I would like to go there when I am older to study fossils to achieve my dream of becoming a paleontologist-zoologist. It was worth getting up so early to travel to Leeds because it was really interesting.

Headteacher's Award

Eve Dawson

...for organising a fund-raising event for Comic Relief.

Tiger Class

Porscha-Nevaeh Kelsey

...for trying hard with all her tasks.

Lion Class

Erin Williams

...for getting to grips with long division.

Jaguar Class

Rowan Dowson

...for super organisation and enthusiasm

Healthy Schools

Along with all schools, we are required to teach the children about healthy lifestyles as part of our curriculum. One aspect of this is helping the children to understand about the importance of eating a balanced diet so that they can grow up healthily, maintain concentration at school and understand how to look after their teeth. Of course, we acknowledge with the children that it is fine to eat treats too - in moderation.

Our school lunches are carefully prepared on site. The menu is designed to provide meals which are balanced and nutritious, with enough sustenance for the rest of the school day. For those children who have a packed lunch, we recognise that it may be appropriate to include one small treat such as a chocolate biscuit to be eaten as 'pudding' following something more wholesome. However, we ask that sweets and chocolate bars, eg Mars Bars, are not sent to school. It is fine for children to have squash or juice with their packed lunch. We just ask that they have water to drink in between meals, in order to protect their teeth. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Gumboot Fashion

Along with the children from Oak Class at Kirkby School, Tiger Class has been asked to enter a competition as part of the Harrogate Flower Festival. The children will be decorating wellies and then filling them with plants. Mrs Moodie has kindly agreed to take charge of this project. She has the wellies ready but would be very grateful for any donations of bedding plants, grasses, ferns or compost.



Well done and Thank you

School was certainly awash with red today as everyone entered into the spirit of Red Nose Day by wearing red clothing! We thought that you would like to know that, so far, we have raised a fantastic £75. We are very proud of Eve who has organised a competition to raise further money for Comic Relief. Please do support her efforts - children can bring 50p in next week to guess the height of her paper person. Thanks to Mrs Dawson for kindly donating a prize.

Coming up this term...

Saturday 25th March

Big tidy up of school grounds - all welcome

Monday 3rd April

PM: Football at Outwood for Y1&Y2

Tuesday 4th April (provisional date)

1pm Opening trim trail and celebrations

Thursday 6th April

1.15pm Easter Service at St Nicholas Church

Friday 7th April

2pm Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April

School re-opens

Tuesday 25th April

9am Growth Mindset presentation for parents

School Disco

Many thanks to the Friends PTA group for organising last night's disco. Great fun was had by all and a fantastic £121 was raised. The proceeds will be put towards a whole-school outing in the summer term.

Guitar Lessons

Jed will be away on tour with his band for the next few weeks. Guitar lessons will resume on 7th April.

Easter Raffle

Not ones to rest, the Friends PTA group are now turning their attention to organising hampers and chocolate treats as prizes in an Easter Raffle. If you are able to donate food or drink items, please bring them to school by next Wednesday 29th March. Tickets will be on sale for £1 each from next week with the draw on Friday 7th April.



Can you help?

Tiger Class are hoping to make a big castle to play in and would be grateful for any large boxes or sheets of cardboard.



Chicken Pox Alert

Just to let you know that we have had a case of chicken pox in school this week.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!