

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock

I can't believe we are almost at the end of June (time is flying by) and the end of the summer term draws near! Where has the summer weather gone? Life continues to be busy - KS2 are busy rehearsing for their end of term production. It sounds fantastic - we really have some talented pupils.

Our Y6 pupils are getting ready for their transition to secondary school. They have been visiting or are due to visit their new schools over the next week or so. We also have visits to school from our new starters - we can't wait for them to join us!

Our Ambassadors are joining with the 'Cluster Ambassadors' for a 'Muddy Boots' event at Kirkby School today - I am sure they will all have fun.

Our Y6 pupils have been involved in a mini-enterprise initiative - 'Stretch a Pound' where they have had to use an initial investment of £1 to raise funds for charity.

They have come up with some really inventive ideas to increase their pound and have raised a total of £131.53 for The Blue Cross Animal Sanctuary. Our entrepreneur of the year is John Kitching who invested in and sold strawberry laces. Well done to all of them for their hard work and initiative.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

We all had a great day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday despite the worrying weather forecast. Luckily, the rain had cleared up by the time we arrived and we were able to see a wide range of animals including lions, tigers, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, polar bears, baboons, camels and many more. There were also opportunities for the children to have some fun in several adventure play areas along the way. It was a great experience for the children. And lovely to see how the older children took care of the younger members of their groups. Many thanks to Mrs Millions and the members of the Friends PTA group who organised the day. Along with us, they would like to thank everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts over the year, as the cost of the visit was covered entirely by the money raised. Thanks also to Ms Gilpin, Mrs Kitching, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Smirthwaite who came along to help on the day.

Headteacher's Award

John Kitching

...for inventive fundraising and entrepreneur of the year!

Tiger Class

Eva Stapylton

...for her kindness and care for others.

Lion Class

Joe Taylor

...for great work in Computing

Jaguar Class

Jane Brennand

...for stepping out of her comfort zone in the play

Bikeability

Well done to all the Y6 children who took part in the two day cycling proficiency course run by the NYCC Road Safety Team. Each child has received a certificate which includes individual feedback about how they got on. Please do take a moment to look at this with your child so that you are aware of any recommendations or points that your child may need to work on.

As more and more of our children appear to be playing out on their bikes or cycling to and from school, we have decided to bring forward the training for our current Year Five children. Provisional dates have been booked for the Autumn Term - 5th/12th October, and we shall send further information out to the parents of those children early in September.



Coming up...

Monday 3rd July - Thirsk High Transition Week

Y6 Friendship Day at Bedale High School

Creative Day at Kirkby Malzeard School

Tuesday 4th July

Y6 Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral (children only)

3.30 - 5pm Disco

Thursday 6th July

PM: Y5/6 Rounders event at Outwood Academy

Friday 7th July

Y3/4/5 'The Big Write' event at Harrogate

Monday 10th/Wednesday 12th/Friday 14th July

Y6 Induction Days at Bedale High School

Tuesday 11th July

Y5 STEM Day at Bedale High School

Thursday 13th July

4pm Parents' Meeting at Bedale High School

Tuesday 18th July

1.30 KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Wednesday 19th July

6pm KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Thursday 20th July

1.30pm Sports Day followed hot dogs and Pimms

Friday 21st July

1pm Leavers' Service

2pm Break up for summer

Forest School Schedule

Jaguar Class (Y3/4/5) will be doing another Forest School session next Wednesday afternoon:

Wednesday 5th July

If you are available to help do let us know as Mrs Raper is always grateful for an extra pair of hands. We are aware that some children got very muddy in the wet conditions this week. As the children go down to the wildlife area whatever the weather, it is essential that they have their kit even if it is raining. Please ensure that your child is aware of which clothing you would like them to wear as it has been brought to our attention that some children chose to wear their good school coats rather than the old ones provided.

PTA News

Only three 'ice cream Fridays' to go...

June

Friday 30th - Ruth Smirthwaite and Tori Brennand

July

Friday 7th - Suzanne Gilpin and Laura Carrick

Friday 14th - Tracy Stapylton and Suzanne Gilpin

Coming up from the Friends PTA Group...

Tickets are now on sale from for our Grand Summer Raffle. The children will be bringing some home and there is a prize for the family that sells the most tickets.

Don't forget the number square lotto to win a luxury hamper on the PTA noticeboard in the hall.

Tuesday 4th July

3:30 - 5pm **School Disco** Tickets £3 to include hot dog and drinks. Children may bring their 'disco clothes' in a bag to change into at the end of the day and a small amount of money if they wish to purchase sweets. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR £3 WHEN SENDING IN REPLY SLIP.

Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Please could costumes be brought into school in a named bag by **Wednesday 5th July**.

Many thanks

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!