

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock

This week we have been developing our work on 'Growth Mind-set' with a link to a parable from the Bible. In my assembly we looked at the parable of the 'Mustard Seed' and the message of belief and faith - with these qualities we can do anything. We are encouraging our children to have faith in themselves and believe they can do it; with this mind-set **ANYTHING** is possible!

Our Y6 children have had a very busy year and next week they will be taking their SAT tests. They have all put a lot of effort in to their work and we can see the progress they have made. This weekend we hope they will take time to rest and relax in readiness for another busy week.

A lot of our children are bringing collectors' cards into school - football, Pokemon and wrestling seem to be very popular. Although for the majority they enjoy sharing and talking about them with their friends, we recently have had a few issues. Swopping seems to be causing problems and misunderstandings. We are carefully monitoring the situation and should there be any further upsets we may have to consider asking children to keep them at home.

Headteacher's Award

Porscha Kelsey

...for impressive ballet dancing.

Tiger Class

Alice Robinson

...for trying really hard in Phonics.

Lion Class

Leah French

...for her commitment to SATS

Jaguar Class

Sadie Evans

...for growing in confidence and independence.

Budding Ballerinas and Billy Elliotts!

Having shown such enthusiasm for ballet in their PE lessons last term, the children in Tiger Class were excited to take part in a ballet workshop with professional dancer, Rebekah Amiri, on Wednesday afternoon. The children learned two dances and were treated to a performance by Miss Rebekah herself. Miss Mandelson was really proud of everyone. Miss Rebekah was impressed with the children's concentration, effort and stamina throughout the lesson and she agreed that we have some promising dancers in the class. Our thanks go to Mrs Brown who helped to organise the workshop and for joining us on the day. We also had the opportunity to talk to Mrs Brown about her lifelong interest in dance and look at some of her ballet shoes.

Coming up...

8th - 11th May

Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 10th May

PM: Y3/4 Golf at Outwood Academy
Forest School for Y5/6

Thursday 18th May

PM: Y3/4 tennis event at Outwood Academy

Friday 26th May

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th June

School re-opens

KS2 Cross Country at Newby Hall

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

Tour de Yorkshire

It sounds like the children enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, with the Tour de Yorkshire being the highlight for many of our families. Many thanks go to the folk from Jennyruth Workshops who came along to help the KS2 children with the spectacular 'land art' for the occasion. It was lovely to work together and the children enjoyed showing our visitors around the school grounds. However, the preparations were not without their hiccups! Thankfully, Mr Bourne-Arton and Mr Bennett saved the day by travelling up to Great Ayton to collect the bikes which had failed to arrive on time. Many thanks to those parents who, on arriving for Celebration Assembly, found themselves helping to unload bikes and wheel them onto the field! Wasn't it typical that, after all the effort, ITV decided to go to an ad break just as the cyclists were about to enter West Tanfield!

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 and Mrs Petchey who did the first stint last week. 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 5th - Mrs Millions

Friday 12th - Mrs McNamara

Friday 19th -

Friday 26th - Mrs Smirthwaite

June

Friday 9th -

Friday 16th -

Friday 23rd -

Friday 30th -

July

Friday 7th -

Friday 14th - Mrs Stapylton

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.



Can you help Nicky's...

...by letting them know what you need from your local childcare provider? You can do this by contacting pre-school or completing a quick survey on their website. You can also access it by clicking on the link below:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CBH2BK6

Your views would be greatly appreciated and will help to shape the future of Nicky's.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!