North Stainley C of E Primary School News Letter Spring 2



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An Easter Message. We have had a lovely run up to Easter, as our children continue to grow, blossom and flourish in life and learning. Please read on to find lots of examples of what has been happening in school.

We Would Like To Wish You All A Wonderful Easter. Take some time with family and friends, relaxing, recharging and reflecting.

Matthew Ch28 V5-6 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

House Points and Attendance Champions.

The House to gain the most points this half term were Clover. 'Don't forget Clover that you get a non-uniform on Friday 21st April.'

Attendance Champions this half term are Year 6 very well done for having 99% attendance.

Purple and White Ribbons We continue to celebrate the children's personal achievements weekly by awarding a child from each year group the Purple Ribbon.

White Ribbons this half term have gone to Benjamin in Class 2, Ben in Class 2, Tilly in Class 1, George

in Class 3 and Esme in Class 3. These children have achieved something extra special and have really shown aspiration.





We are our School, we have our roots and foundation in love Our School is us; we will grow, blossom and flourish.

The School Vision Award for consistently showing our vision of love in all aspects of school life has been awarded to Esme, William and Ted this half term.



We would like to wish Ms MacArthur a wonderful wedding day on Saturday the 1st of April and much happiness in the future. Ms

A Special Day, For A Special Person!

MacArthur will become Mrs Letters on the day but will remain as Ms MacArthur in school.







A huge thank you to all of the members of FONSS who worked so hard to pull off yet another fantastic Lightwater Valley Challenge.

With 202 10k runners and 24 3k runners they were able to raise £3400 for the school. This will really boost our budget for the events and enrichments, from which our children really benefit. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered on the day but especially thankyou to Richard Blenkinsop, Mike Greathead, Lindsay Greathead, Sarah Blenkinsop, Rachel Stelling, Rebecca Morely and Migle Horner for making it happen.

Events and Enrichments

Class Visit: Early this half term class 1 went on a visit to llkley Toy museum. They learnt all about toys past and present even getting to play with some of the toys from the past. Back in school they were excited to learn even more about toys in history.



Quick Sticks Hockey and Busy Netball

As members of the School's Wellbeing Partnership we were able to take part in 2 festivals this half term, with more events coming up in the summer term.

Class 2 took part in a Quick Sticks Festival earlier this half term and really enjoyed working with other schools in the Ripon rural Cluster. They went across to Bishop Monkton and despite the cold they all got to take part in some coaching and competition.

Class 3 also visited Bishop Monkton for a Busy netball festival. Once again they were able to take part in coaching and competitive activities and once again it was very cold! However they will have further opportunities for netball competition in the future.





World Book Day

We love world book day so much that our day stretched into 2 or 3 days. We started off the week with literacy and drama workshops based on Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Classes went on to produce some amazing writing including storyboards, potion recipes and myths. Also Class 2 made dioramas for a scene from the play. We found children sharing other Shakespeare stories following this event.

On World Book Day we all dressed up as a character from our favourite books and completed book reviews, recommending books to our friends. Parents and carers came along for a cup of tea in the morning and shared their favourite stories with children in school. We had a special Book Day lunch and completed further book linked activities in the afternoon.

Or the Friday we organised a book swap, upcycling books and enabling children to choose new books.















In class one we have been working on our Geography Topic "Maps and Plans". The children have enjoyed working with atlas', compass', researching the oceans and continents and even designing flags for their very own islands!



We have also had a collaborative creative morning when some boxes arrived in class One!

Before long, the boxes were given different purposes; a pirate ship, ores and telescopes. The children's imaginations were really hooked with this, and the whole class worked on decorating the pirate ship, making flags and even a parrot and fishing rod! It was lovely to see them all working together! They then finished off with some drama and role play being pirates! Can you guess what our topic is chang-ing to after half term?



Class 2 have been very busy working on History and Geography this half term. In History, the children found about what life was like for the Celts before the Romans invaded and all the different things that the Romans brought with them that changed life in Britain forever. In Geography, the children have enjoyed learning about the structure of the Earth and finding out about volcances, We learnt about the artist Margaret Godfrey whose work was inspired by volcances. The children even combined their Geographical knowledge with their art skills to create a piece of artwork that shows the structure of a volcance!



Our 'not quite finished' volcano pictures inspired by Margaret Godfrey.



Class 3 have had another busy half term. Our class book is called 'Survivors'. It has really engaged us in our reading and has also inspired us to produce some super writing.

In history, we enjoyed learning about the Elizabethan times and deciding whether it was all fun and banquets. We concluded that it definitely wasn't!

In science we have been finding out how to be space presenters whilst learning all about our solar system.

We participated in a STEM day with hundreds of other Year 5 and 6 children. This involved making gliders. We spent time carefully designing them by considering how real-life planes work. It was great fun creating them and then adjusting to see if they could go further.

At the moment we are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Grand Canyon and the Amazon Basin for our geography topic.



Clubs: After school activity clubs have been thriving this half term. Natasha and Elisa introduced cooking prizes at the Young Foodies club !



Forest School: Have been learning about seasonal changes to the environment. They have been creating art work using natural materials. Playing Nature Detectives. Following the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and just having lots of fun.







We are **Eggstatic** about the up coming Coronation.

So much so, that we have based our egg decorating competition on Kings and Queens of England, Past and present.



The Easter Service this year was led by Class 2 with their beautiful telling of the Easter story through The Tale Of 3 Trees. The singing and acting was out of this world!

Class 3 took charge of readings and prayers and class 1 performed the Bunny Bop. It was all an absolute delight to watch and to be a part of.

Thank you to all of the teaching staff who worked hard to make this happen. Thank you to the Venerable Clive Mansell for the Blessing and thankyou to all who were able to attend.

