

North Stainley C of E School

Spring 1 News Letter

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As we begin our second term of the academic year we look forward to very positive changes both in circumstances and in education. We are now looking forward to a more settled time where our children can really focus and flourish both in their learning and in their wellbeing. There are a number of exciting events, visits and experiences being planned for the remainder of the academic year, some of these are highlighted later in the news letter.



From St Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

'I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love.'

Over this half term our Collective Worship has been focussing on Diversity and our values of Respect and Friendship. The children have been looking for these values from their peers and have been rewarding each other with certificates. This week we have been learning about the Christian History of St Valentine and why we celebrate St Valentines day. This continues to support our Christian values.

Purple Ribbons have continued to represent the achievements of children across the school. This special weekly award goes to a member of each year group each week and certificates are added to our class website pages and sent out to parents.



Our White Ribbon is a reward for something 'super special' and is awarded infrequently. This half term the White Ribbon has been awarded to James in Class 3 and Harvey and Daisy in Class 1. Absolutely Brilliant!

House Points and Attendance Champions..

The house to achieve the most house points this half term were Clover (Green) House with 315 points. Remember you can wear what you want on Friday the 4th of March!!

Attendance champions this half term were year 3 who despite COVID managed 92% attendance Very Well Done!!

As a small rural school are fortunate in being able to know all our children and families and hopefully you will feel as supported by us as we have by all of you over the past couple of years. Our focus on the programme '5 Ways to Wellbeing' is still very much a priority in our school. We will continue to add content to our Wellbeing page in the 'About' area of our website; here you will find links to a number of services that support both child and adult mental wellbeing.

Last week the school acknowledged 'Children's Mental Health Week'

Through whole school assemblies and through class sessions children were able to discuss and work on the theme of 'Growing Together' this was a really positive focus on what everyone can achieve, how we can support each other and how building resilience is the key to everyone's growth in confidence and self esteem.



This half term school has continued to open and run as normally as possible.

As we try to keep learning fresh and vibrant for all of our children there have been continued extended learning and enhancements to learning in a number of areas.

Bike-ability

Congratulations to Class 3 !

Years 5 and 6 were able to complete their bike-ability training in January and despite the drop in temperatures and some very cold hands all of the children were awarded their certificate at the end of the 2 days.



Rotters

The North Yorkshire Rotters came into school in January and completed workshops, with all the classes, linked to the environment and the importance of composting.

They introduced the children to wormeries and how important these little creatures are to a sustainable world. The children gained some first hand experience in sustainability linking nicely to work

we are doing on our school Veg box.



School Dinners and the Teddy Bears Picnic

Natasha and Sarah have been providing delicious hot dinners all term. As a special event requested by the children they prepared a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the whole school. Teddy Bears came along too (of course). The children sat in house groups and had a great time picnicking in the hall.



Music and Ukulele

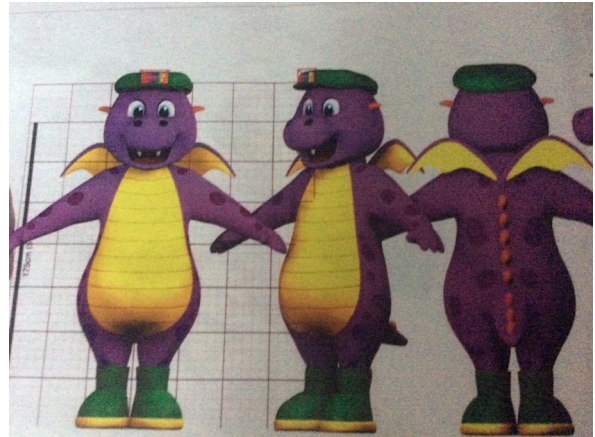
Thanks to a generous contribution by parents at the school we have once again been able to invite Mrs Watkinson into school to deliver exciting and informative music lessons to all of the classes across the term.



We have also welcomed Mr Hill back to teach ukulele to Class 2, we plan to invite him back in the summer term to continue with lessons in Class 2 but also to begin lessons with Class 3.

Light Water Valley Mascot competition...

We had some really exciting news a few weeks ago. Following a colouring competition organised by Light water Valley to colour the new Mascot for the theme park, the school received an email telling us that Benjamin in Class 1 had actually won the competition. He came first out of 160 competitors, his colours will now be used on the Parks Mascot and Benjamin's name will be added to a plaque next to the Mascot at the entrance to the park. In addition and much to the joy of all of the children in the school; Benjamin has won a day out for the whole school at the theme park in the summer term. Watch this space I am sure we will have lots to report!!



Veg box competition: All the classes have been working hard planning and designing the school's entry for the Veg Box Competition at the Great Yorkshire show in the summer. Following the theme 'Best of British' the children have been learning all about Great Britain and the different countries that unite our kingdom.

They then went on to research the fruits and vegetables that would best represent each of these countries. Finally the children have worked in pairs to design a Veg Box that they feel will be most representative and one that will win the competition!!

Next half term the Environment Ambassadors will choose the best of the plans and we will begin planting. Hopefully by the summer term and judging day we will have a box fit to win a day out at the Yorkshire show.



Building the Veg Box...

Queens Jubilee Card Competition

This half term **Ripon Together** have invited all local schools to take part in a card design competition for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The winning design will be made into a card and displayed in Ripon.

We have spent time looking at the Queen's reign and what she has achieved in the past 70 years. Many of the children have designed a card in school and now it is fingers crossed that some one has created the winning design.



DATE FOR THE DIARY:

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH– THE LIGHTWATER VALLEY 10K and 3K CHALLENGES

If you are not signed up to run we are looking for volunteers to help on the day.

This is our biggest fundraiser and provides the funds for so many extra activities for our children.

Please support us.

Art Club.

This half term art club have been working with many different mediums to create beautiful art work across a number of themes. The children have then chosen their favourite piece of work and mounted it. Miss Gregory and Mrs Platts have displayed these around our school.

Please take time to have a look around when you come to parents evening next



Forest Schools

This half term Forest Schools have been looking at new growth including flowers and trees in the local environment. The children have also started a project making noughts and crosses from natural materials. A visit to the Community Garden to inspect the daffodils we planted in the Autumn term showed the very first signs of them pushing through the earth.



Class One have been looking at how they have grown from babies, to toddlers into children. We discussed how our needs have changed overtime, and how our emotions have developed too! We then made our very own Worry Worms to help us when we have a worry, and discussed what we can do when we feel negative emotions! Following on from this, the children are making courage jars to help them talk about their emotions and Year 2 are even writing adventure stories about their worms!



Class 2 have been learning about Natural Disasters in Geography. They have shown great enthusiasm finding out about the earth's structure and linking this to how volcanoes form and why earthquakes happen. They have been continuing to develop their skills on the ukulele and have learnt a number of songs which can play together as a class.



Class 3 have had a very busy half term as usual. We began with a fascinating history topic about crime and punishment for the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons, the Tudors as well as the Victorians. Success was achieved by everybody on the Bikeability course: despite the cold weather conditions, resilience was shown by all. We have been taking part in science lessons about light with a teacher from the Grammar School, which have been most enjoyable. In addition, we have been joined by Miss Foulds who is here taking her final teaching placement with us.

