

### Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

We had a lovely first day back after half term when the children took part in the FOSS Pumpkin Carving Competition. We raised £63, a big thankyou to FOSS for organising this much loved event and a huge congratulations to our winners Connie, William N, Loc, Honesty, Henry and Mr Midgeley.



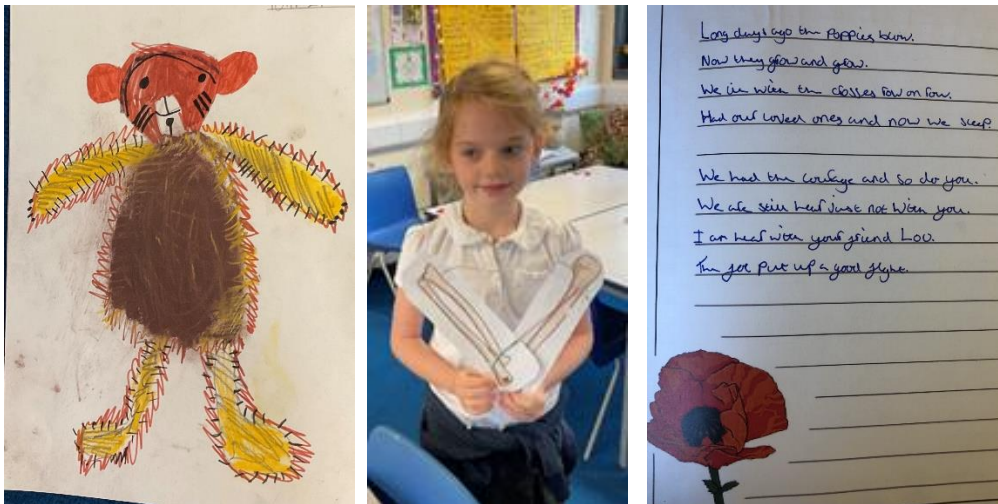
Byland have been writing firework poems, making rockets and creating firework pictures using pastels and lots of glitter! They have started their new Science topic on animals, they thought of an animal and wrote riddles so their partner could guess the animal. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Remembrance Day, making poppies and singing a Remembrance Day song.



Fountains have also been busy writing bonfire poems using alliteration and similes. They have been thinking about our new school Collective Worship value of 'Hope' and they have had a great P.E. Session with Mr Shimwell working on a variety of ball skills.



They have been playing the recorders with Mr Houghton and making rocket launchers in forest schools! In science this week, the Year 2's have been exploring habitats and the Year 3 have been making a model of the muscles in their upper arm. In art they have been using different media to do observational drawings of a teddy bear.



Bolton have been writing descriptions and poems inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Field' to mark Remembrance Day. In maths they have been completing scaling and correspondence problems which have really tested their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division! In light of the COP26 they focused on the environmental impact of tourism on mountain environments during their topic work. In RE they have enjoyed learning about the Jewish festival of Hannukah and the Hindu festival of Holi. PSHE has been filled with interesting discussions as they have been looking at our rights and responsibilities as a child in the UK.



Rievaulx have been learning about the Day of the Dead festival that is celebrated in Mexico. They have written a non-chronological report about the festival and are continuing to read their book 'Middleworld' which is getting very exciting.... In maths they have been learning about prime numbers and have now moved on to fractions. They have started a new Science topic; Electricity and have been practising their French reading and listening skills whilst learning about the names of presents we might receive.



Rievaulx went out yesterday on Remembrance Day to put their poppies around the tree on the village green to remember all the brave people and animals who were in the war.

**Friday 5 November Awards – Ms Gauder on Zoom**

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b> Squirrel Award – Joseph for writing more and doing his name independently. Headteacher’s sticker - Leila for being very creative and using her phonics to write captions. Mathlete – Alice for trying harder to work independently. Handwriter of the week – Ollie for his super cursive writing always.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b> Squirrel Award – Niamh for some super illustrations of physical features in the United Kingdom. Headteacher’s sticker - Henry for great participation in P.E. with Mr Shimwell. Mathlete - Billy for his fantastic attitude in Maths; he persevered independently on his calculations. Handwriter – Max for trying really hard with his presentation in English this week.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b> Squirrel Award – Ava- for some excellent thinking in our topic work this week, Ava is an expert on mountain tourism! Headteacher’s sticker – Abby for showing a growth mindset all week in every lesson! Mathlete – Noah for his excellent work on multiplying and dividing by 10. Handwriter of the week – Elliott for writing a fabulous description of the poppy fields in France in beautiful handwriting.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b> Squirrel Award –Zara for her excellent non-chronological report on The Day of the Dead Festival . Mathlete–Maddie for being more confident with her multiplication. Headteacher’s sticker-Angus for his great attitude to all his work and being a great role model to all. Handwriter of the week – Jean for very neat writing when practising his spellings this week.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka’s Superstars</b> Isla H and Joel for super Bonfire poetry using similes and alliteration. Luca for fantastic painting that was completed at home, you should be very proud of yourself!</p>	

**Friday 12 November Awards - Mrs Sowray**

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b> Squirrel Award – Esme for working hard with listening on the carpet and putting her hand up to answer questions. Headteacher’s sticker – Dylan for getting involved in the role play area and communicating with other children. Mathlete – Harriet for great subtraction using the crossing out method and then recording subtraction sentences. Handwriter of the week – Elkie for having a go at writing independently.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b> Squirrel Award – Jack J for a super piece of homework about a UK landmark; he chose the Angel of the North. Headteacher’s sticker – Cora for some beautiful singing of the Remembrance song Mathlete – Isla C for some fantastic work using the column method for some challenging subtraction word problems Handwriter – Edward for trying hard with his presentation this week, he is starting to use cursive writing – well done and keep it up!</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b> Squirrel Award – Attilia for independently fulfilling her role as a classroom monitor with pride and dedication! Headteacher’s sticker – Abby for being so supportive to others during maths lessons. Mathlete – Roman for persevering in his multiplication work. Handwriter of the week – Sam for his beautifully presented poem about Remembrance Day.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b> Squirrel Award –Robert for always sharing his ideas and not being afraid to have a go. Mathlete–James for great work on Mayan maths; looking at how their number system worked. Headteacher’s sticker- Ruby for her excellent narrative poem based on ‘Middleworld.’ Handwriter of the week – Finlay for a super Remembrance poem.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka’s Superstars</b> Charlie and Eva H for providing great support when needed for their classmates during a computing lesson. Teddy for trying so hard with his word and picture cards- you're getting super speedy at blending!</p>	

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Hope. Your child got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag last Friday, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon we would like to warmly invite you into St Cuthbert's Church to join us for our Friday celebration Assembly at 2.30pm (this half term hosted by Ms Gauder and Mrs Sowray).

Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- For your information we have had a very challenging week regarding COVID-19 cases at our Federation school Husthwaite. We have had multiple cases and have referred back to bubbles and zones to reduce the possibility of further transmission. For your information the most common symptom we are seeing in child positive cases this week has been a headache if any symptoms at all. If in any doubt that your child may have symptoms, please don't hesitate to book them a PCR test. I am hopeful that positive cases at Husthwaite are now decreasing and I am asking all our parents across our Federation to continue being super vigilant.
- We are very happy to inform all parents/carers that our 'Governor Surgery' will resume this half term. Mrs Carolan your Sessay parent governor will be available on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November after drop off at the school gate / in the school hall. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Louisa is also available by email [CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**DIARY DATES:**

15-19 November	Anti-bullying week. ONE KIND WORD. Odd socks day on Monday for a bit of fun!
19 November	Children In Need £1 to wear something spotty or non-uniform to school. 50p 'spotty - Smarties breaktime treat'
24 November 9am	Blue Bags 2 School
25 November after drop off	Louisa Carolan Parent Governor Surgery
26 November	Non uniform day in return for a Christmas Hamper donation. Details to follow.
3 December 3-4.30pm	Christmas Fair
8 December 6pm	Byland Nativity at the village hall (Byland parents)
17 December 1.30pm	Christingle service at St Cuthbert's Church