



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

It certainly has been another busy fortnight for all!

Last week we celebrated British Science Week with a Science Enrichment Day for all children. Class Rievaulx enjoyed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) cluster afternoon at Easingwold Primary School working alongside other Year 5 and 6 children from a number of different local primary schools including Husthwaite.

Last Thursday netball coach Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Day accompanied our Year 5/6 Netball team to Thirsk School. The team played four local schools and Katie was awarded a trophy for player of the tournament. A huge congratulations to the whole team who showed great skill and sportsmanship.



Last Friday, the SEGG (Sessay Eco Gardening Group) spent the morning at Allerton Waste Recovery Park. They learned all about the importance of recycling and reusing before having an exciting tour of the grounds. The children were able to see how the site exchanges household waste into energy- it was reported as being very smelly but equally fascinating!



Once again we celebrated and supported Red Nose Day 2023! Our Moneymakers pupil voice group organised a fabulous Cake Sale, raising an amazing £73.41! Thank you so much to everyone who baked all the yummy, amazing cakes! This year the event focused on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

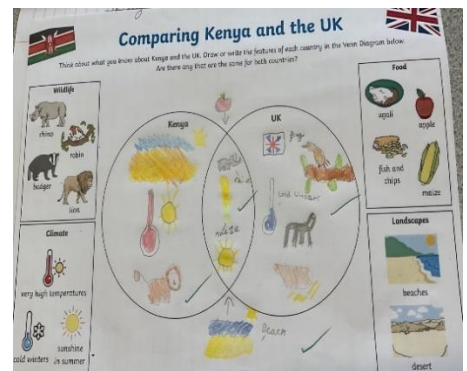
It has been another busy fortnight in Byland. The children enjoyed our STEM enrichment day last Tuesday linked to the theme of 'Connections'. They looked at the lifecycle of a butterfly to fit with our minibeasts topic and then studied the journey from field to fork of broccoli.

This week the children visited The World of James Herriot where they spent a lovely morning learning all about being a vet many years ago. Mr McClive then very kindly came into class to talk to the children about being a vet. He shared some X-rays and talked about the different problems the animals visit the surgery for and how he can help them. A huge thank you to Mr McClive for a very informative and enjoyable talk.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

We have been very busy in Fountains over the last couple of weeks; this week has been quiz week and the children have been focused and worked very hard. We had a great Science Enrichment Day where everyone made a cup and string telephone! We have designed and made kites as part of our Design and Technology this half term. The Year 3 children have been looking at balanced meal on a plate whilst the Year 2's have been looking at animals and their offspring. In French we have been learning the names of fruit and designing, making and EATING our own fruit kebabs!



Bolton, Miss Southward.

Bolton have finished our class text Beowulf and have been reviewing different versions of the story. With our class text complete, we are revising lots of learned SPAG rules and vamping up our working wall with key SPAG terminology. Similarly, in maths we have finished our work on statistics and have spent the last week embedding and remembering things we have learned over the last term. On Science Enrichment Day, we made our own seismometers and learned about how they work and how they are used by scientists. We have also investigated how sound travels, by experimenting with our own string telephones! As well as all of this, we are busy preparing for our class performance which we are all so excited about!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Rievaulx had a very enjoyable time on Science Enrichment day, when they attended the Easingwold STEM afternoon. They joined with children from different schools and used marshmallows and spaghetti to make the highest possible construction that would hold an egg off the floor!

This week we have been starting to write the next chapter for our class text *Private Peaceful*, we have used drama to act out our plans to help with characterisation. In maths we have been looking at angles and calculating angles on a straight line, as well as round a point. Our French work has focused on recapping numbers so that we could ask C'est combien? to find out the cost of items at a café. Our unit of dance, in PE, has culminated with the children creating their own WW1 interpretive dance- some fabulous work from all children.



Friday 17 March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Freddie for his super attitude and working hard with his reading and writing this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Leila for her super letter to the Farmer from our class text. Leila used question and exclamation marks in her letter. Mathlete – Stanley for working hard comparing and ordering numbers beyond 50. Writer of the week – Lily for using her phonics to write about her favourite part of our class text Farmer Duck. Lily remembered to use a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end of her sentence.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Jack Mi for some thoughtful work in RE this week, a memory box of Jesus’ life. Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia for some super work in French describing her fruit brochette (kebab) which we will make next week. Mathlete – Jack J and Henry for challenging themselves with 4 -digit column addition this week – well done! Writer of the week – William N for a lovely poem based on our text ‘The Butterfly Lion’.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Eliza for making fantastic points during our class debate. Headteacher’s sticker – Betsy for impressing us all with her mature contributions to our discussion during PSHE this week. Mathlete – Edward for his excellent work on a three-step problem solving question- great perseverance! Writer of the week – Joshua for showing all of his excellent progress in spellings this week in his spelling check.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Matthew for his enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and in particular commenting on his culinary likes and dislikes in French. Headteacher’s sticker – Dexter for having such a positive and inquisitive attitude towards his learning. Mathlete – Asta for her accurate work this week on pie charts. Writer of the week – Loc for his beautiful writing across the curriculum, especially a fabulous poem about World War.</p>

Friday 24 March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Frankie for his super attitude in all areas of the curriculum and for contributing to our class discussions. Headteacher’s sticker – Cameron for his super write up of our woodlice experiment in science this week. Mathlete – Edith for her super work comparing length and height and using the correct mathematical language. Writer of the week – Ebony for using different sentence starters and adding adjectives to her writing.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Farrah for her super attitude and lovely personality, a real asset to the class. Headteacher’s sticker – Alice for great all-round effort this week and super ball control in our hockey session. Mathlete – Imogen for persevering so well in her maths assessments this week. Writer of the week – William A for trying really hard with his writing in topic – comparing his school day with a child at school in Nairobi.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Emily for all of her help as the ‘director’ of our class play. Headteacher’s sticker – Aletta for great teamwork in lessons. Mathlete – Brady, a huge well done for all of your excellent work on Times Tables Rock Stars.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Eva for having a really positive week in school. A great attitude towards her learning and some super work produced. Headteacher’s sticker – Roman for such enthusiasm in dance, creating a WW1 Interpretive dance.</p>

Writer of the week – Edward for his super progress in writing, particularly spelling, punctuation and grammar.	Mathlete – Scarlett for looking back over her work on angles and self-editing. Writer of the week – Elliott for some lovely ideas for independently writing the next chapter of our class text.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Ellie for thinking of others and thoughtfully making bracelets in Sessay After School Club for members of staff- thank you Ellie.	

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in St. Cuthbert’s at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by Mrs Watson.

Have a great weekend.

NOTICES:

- Thank you to all for attending parents evening last week. We hope you found it informative and please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself if we can be of any further assistance.
- Thank you to all who donated gifts for our Mother’s Day / Special Lady Day gift sale. We hope all our Mummy’s / Special Lady’s loved their gifts. We raised an amazing £250! A huge thank you to Mrs Waite for organising and coordinating this event.
- As you know we have moved to a new school payment and communication system, ‘Arbor’. Since Monday 20th March all payments are now through this system and ParentPay has ceased. Like all changes, we and some of you are experiencing teething problems, please bear with it and us, as initially things may take longer to process. Once it is fully up and running it should be much easier for all, everything on one app and will provide a more efficient payment and communication system.
- Please can we remind everyone all children go into class at 8.45am and the school gate is closed at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late for registration. It is important for everyone to be on time and have a positive, calm start to each day.
- **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone remember not to park on the yellow zig-zag and double yellow lines outside and around the front of school. Only the school bus and Disabled Blue Badge holders are allowed to park in this area. Please do not park on the green (the grass and daffodils are being damaged), when necessary please park on the road down to Sessay village and use the footpath up to school. Obviously, safety for all is of the utmost importance.
- Please note we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Due to pupil and staff allergies, it is important no food containing nuts is brought into school under any circumstances.
- Please add us as a Facebook friend: Sessay CofE Primary School.

DIARY DATES:

29 March	Bolton class performance 2.45pm in school hall. Year 4 parents are welcome!
30 March	FOSS Spring Disco.
31 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt. Easter Raffle – Tickets will be on sale from Monday – 50p Easter Service at St Cuthbert’s Church 1.30pm with Rev David. Everyone warmly invited. End of Spring term 2.30pm finish, break up for the Easter holidays.
17 April	Teacher training day – school closed.
18 April	School reopens for the Summer term.
19 April	Sessay School Spelling Bee Competition
21 April	Bag2School Collection
1 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
4 May	FOSS Coronation Crown Competition. Children to come to school wearing their home made and individually designed ‘Coronation Crowns!’
8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed
9 – 12 May	Year 6 KS2 SAT’s Week