



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

March 2024...

Another extremely busy month and second half of the Spring term.

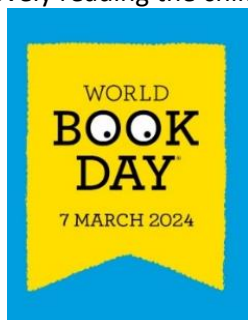
Years 5 and 6, Class Rievaulx had a very successful Federation residential to a new location, Newby Wiske. The children enjoyed a variety of activities, many of the highlights being the canoeing, high ropes, fencing and of course the silent disco! A huge thank you to Ms Gauder, Mrs Watson, Mrs Bennison, Mrs Day and Mr Houghton for accompanying the children with Husthwaite staff as well.



Our annual Mother's Day/special lady day sale once again was a huge success. Thank you for supporting this, we raised a fabulous £336 and we hope all our Mum's and special ladies' liked their child chosen presents!



On the 7th March we celebrated World Book Day and 'The School Book Swap Shop' was very much enjoyed by all. It was lovely reading the children's blurbs and I know all the children thoroughly enjoyed unwrapping a new book!



Last week we also celebrated British Science Week and Red Nose Day in school. In science the children focused on the national theme of 'Time'. On Red Nose Day, Moneymakers organised for us all to dress in something red and to be creative and take part in the design a new red nose competition. There were so many fantastic designs but there could only be one winner in each class! We raised £81 to support people in need in Africa and across the UK.



Class Bolton hosted an afternoon tea for their parents linked to their geography and food technology topics. Not only did parents and family members enjoy the fabulous sandwiches, cakes and refreshments they also learnt how many food miles were on their plate!

Year 6 have had their KS2 SAT's Mock SAT's week this month. An opportunity to experience the week as it will be in May. The children gave their very best and I know in the official statutory May week are already looking forward to the famous breakfast club!

As you know this half term you have had the opportunity to come into school and have a consultation with your child's class teacher. We hope you found this discussion informative and that you also took the opportunity to have a look at your child's books. Please remember we follow a strict open door policy and do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher (s) if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

A huge thankyou to netball coach Mrs Woodhead for taking a Year 5/6 netball team to the Thirsk cluster netball event. The team played well, came forth and a huge congratulations to Arthur who got the MVP (Most valued Player) at the tournament.



Children in Byland and Fountains thoroughly enjoyed a recent workshop with 'Aquatic Finatics' linked to their current science and topic work. This was a fabulous opportunity to handle some real life animals and deepen their understanding about the different animals and their habitats.



Yesterday we had our Spring term curriculum enrichment day – Historical figures past and present! The costumes were fantastic and the children met and learnt about many famous historical figures from the past and present, learning about their significance and placing them on a class timeline in chronological order.

(Class teachers please put in a photo of your whole class dressed up – and you if possible!)



Finally, a huge thank you to FoSS for organising the school Easter Egg Hunt and egg decorating competition this week to mark our next Christian church festival being Easter. As always lots of fun was had by all!



Goodbye to Mrs Jackson and welcome to Mrs Fielding. We wish Mrs Jackson well in her retirement and move back to Wales and we sincerely thank her for all that she has contributed to both schools across our federation not only as a class teacher, but also in her roles as federation PSHE subject leader and staff governor. Across the Byland and Fountains team we will be welcoming Mrs Fielding who will be Fountains class teacher 3 days a week.

Friday 1 March Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka.

Sessay Acorn Award – Marnie for never giving up with her construction of 'The Stick House' from The Three Little Pigs story. You showed such determination to get the lolly sticks to stick together and make your house stronger.

Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

Sessay Acorn Award – Finn for a brilliant effort in all tasks this week. Finn has settled down to work quickly and tried his best.
Headteacher's sticker – Fran for trying so hard with her spelling this week in English.

<p>Headteacher's sticker – Emmie for being very creative and starting to write independently because she just wants to, which is lovely to see.</p> <p>Mathlete – Rosalie for great subitising skills using numbers up to 8. You are really starting to just 'see' the amount now. Well done!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Harry for trying really hard with the formation of his letters when writing his news this week and when writing part of the 'The Three Little Pigs' story.</p>	<p>Mathlete – Charlie for accurate counting when making groups, as part of our work on place value to 50.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Emily for writing more independently using her phonics. Emily thought of some really interesting sentences to write during science.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – William N for putting in 100% with all his work this week – fantastic effort!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Zoe for trying hard all day with Miss Wilkie last week.</p> <p>Mathlete - Joseph for his self- belief and challenging himself, he completed loads of perimeter work.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Harriet for picking out all the important pieces of information from a biography and putting them onto a timeline – well done.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</p> <p>All of Class Rievaulx for their amazing efforts and achievements in all the activities at Newby Wiske.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.</p> <p>Jack, Alfie and Cora for stepping in this week and being super playtime monitors while the older children have been away.</p>	

Friday 8 March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Gege for being a really kind and considerate friend!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Olivia for trying so hard in all areas and leading role play in our outdoor classroom.</p> <p>Mathlete – Frankie for some great doubling in maths using the numicon and then working hard by putting his answers into odd and even groups.</p> <p>Writer of the week – James for trying so hard with his sentence writing, you are really using your phonics well now.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</p> <p>Fountains Acorn Award – Teddy for being a kind and helpful member of the class. Teddy has been helping his peers in maths this week. Well done!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Edith for her thoughtful contributions during our class discussions.</p> <p>Mathlete – Elkie for trying hard in our new unit of work – measuring in grams and kilograms.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Frankie for his lovely writing all about what we need to do to look after nature. Frankie used lots of description making it interesting to read.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Connie for trying so hard with her reading recently; she read to me beautifully in class this week.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Denver for working hard on his written work this week, keep up the good work!</p> <p>Mathlete – Jacob for his effort this week when multiplying by 10 and 100.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Imogen for her positive attitude when writing her own biography of a dog that made history.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Noah for such determination and enthusiasm in all aspects of our week at Newby Wiske.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Matthew for a humorous piece of writing reviewing his residential.</p> <p>Mathlete – Olivia for challenging herself and showing perseverance in perimeter work.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Emily for her well-written review of PGL.</p>

Friday 15 March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Henry for working hard in all areas of the curriculum and for having a go with writing sentences independently.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Daisy for listening carefully to instructions and for her contribution in our Aquatic</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</p> <p>Fountains Acorn Award – Frankie for his superb attitude to learning and for producing some amazing writing this week.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Leila for not giving up in maths when she sometimes finds it tricky.</p>
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<p>Finatic session. Daisy thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the animals and asked some super questions.</p> <p>Mathlete – Genevieve for her super work identifying odd and even numbers in our active maths lesson this week.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Joseph for writing about his favourite animal from Aquatic Finatic independently.</p>	<p>Mathlete – Freddie for his independent early bird work practising his times tables.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Alfie for his lovely writing in RE all about the Easter story.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Ella Rose for a super attitude to all her work this week and scoring 8/8 in her spellings again.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – William N and Henry for working very sensibly together on their own performance poem; both had some super ideas.</p> <p>Mathlete – Paisley for some great work on multiples of 10 – well done!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Rosie for her super performance poem, she worked individually and performed it to Mrs Watson.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Alex for his strong work ethic during our mock SATs.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – Eliza for her assistance, helping Mrs Bentley sort out the library. Thank you!</p> <p>Mathlete – Darcie for her excellent effort and enthusiasm in maths this week.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Henry for his dramatic skills during our session acting out parts from Greek myths.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars.</p> <p>Leila for politely letting me through the door earlier in the week.</p> <p>Elliott has been recognised by a younger pupil and their parents for being such a kind and thoughtful child- thank you for being such a great role-model.</p>	

SPRING TERM AWARDS2024	Class award for attainment.	Class award for progress and effort.	Class award for good manners.
BYLAND	Rec – Genevieve	Rec – Harry	Rec – Gege
FOUNTAINS	Y1 - Edith Y2 - Elkie	Y1 - Charlie Y2 - Teddy	Y1 - Finn Y2 - Alfie
BOLTON	Y3 – Ella Rose Y4 - William N	Y3 – Paisley Y4 – Ellie	Y3 – Harriet Y4 - Alfie
RIEVAULX	Y5 - Betsy Y6 - Dexter	Y5 - Aletta Y6 – Alex	Y5 - Alfie Y6 – Scarlett

HEADTEACHER AWARD.

Jack Midgley - For being a good role model to everyone in our school. A hard-working individual who always tries his best, is well-mannered and a good friend to all. Jack displays our school Christian values in everything he does.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Easter service this afternoon at St Cuthbert’s Church at 1.30pm.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter and have a fabulous Easter holiday.

NOTICES:

- **Federation Elevate Multi Academy Trust Consultation.** As you know our formal consultation to all stakeholders closed at 5pm yesterday. We would like to thank you for your opinions/views, all of which are being considered by our governing body. We will update our FAQ’s in light of questions that have been asked through the formal consultation. Please don’t hesitate to ask any further questions and we will continue to keep you informed and updated throughout the process.

- **Free holiday activities and meals for families this Easter notice for parents from NYC**

FEAST is back this Easter holiday and better than ever, with a fantastic range of activities to keep your children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for eligible families, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

We're turning this Easter break into an adventure-packed extravaganza. From arts and crafts to sports and beyond, there's something for every young explorer to dive into.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is made eligible by exception (see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details), you will receive a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform Holiday Activities. Watch our [step-by-step guide](#) on how to redeem your FEAST voucher and book free activities.

Ready to unleash the Easter fun? Head over to the [FEAST website](#) now to discover all the incredible activities waiting for your child. Don't miss out on the magic – claim your free place today!

- **Community Event**

Dalton Giant Easter Egg Hunt 11-3pm Saturday 30th March – See if you can spot the Sessay School Eggs!

- **Monthly online safety newsletter for parents.** We have subscribed to Knowsley city learning centre and will now be providing you with a monthly online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. Topics from managing your child with a mobile phone, parental control information, Fortnite and Instagram are the sorts of topics covered. All newsletters will then be stored on our website for your later reference if necessary. Being the first month today we have also attached a guide to parent controls booklet which will give you information and help in ensuring parental controls and privacy settings are in place at home. We always are wanting to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.
- **POLITE REMINDER REGARDING PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone follow the highway code and not park on the double yellow lines. Only blue badge holders with their badge on display are allowed under the highway code as they need access close to the school gate to be able to pick up and drop off their children.
- **Home To School Transport.** We have been asked to inform you that North Yorkshire Council commenced a consultation on Monday 19 February proposing **changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy**. The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation> , together with **an online survey form for your responses** to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period. The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.
- **Measles outbreak.** We would like to inform you that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands and there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents.

DIARY DATES:

22 March	FOSS Easter Egg Decorating Competition 1.30pm Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter
9 April	School opens for the Summer 1 term. Please note Monday 8 April school is closed for a staff training day.
11 April	Stay & Play – Spring
2 May	Stay & Play – Traditional Tales
6 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
13 – 16 May	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Week
16 May	Mini Food Feast Lunch Menu
20 May	Class photographs
21 May	Faith and Beliefs Curriculum Enrichment Day
22 May	National Child Measurement Program in to measure Reception & Year 6
24 May	Break up for half term
3 June	Start of Summer term 2

Please also check the school website for future diary dates <http://sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/>