



A fortnightly newsletter from your headteacher...

What a successful first fortnight back for all our children in school.

Last week all our children across the Federation got to meet the author Sarah Oliver which they all thoroughly enjoyed, this was linked to World Book Day which we celebrated as always at the beginning of March. A big thank you to Mrs Watson our English subject leader for organising this event.



Over the last fortnight Byland have been settling back in to school life. They have enjoyed playing outdoors and working on their measures topic using sand, water and even mud! They are thoroughly enjoying their farming topic and have learnt about different types of farming and painted their very own farm animals for a class display. Fountains have loved being back with their friends and teachers. They are enjoying their new maths topic capacity and have been doing lots of practical work to help understand millilitres. All the children have enjoyed their class text 'Snail and the Whale' and have written letters and are now writing their own stories based on the book. Bolton have started their new topic on length in maths. They have enjoyed measuring lots of things around their classroom using different units of measure. In English they have really enjoyed writing their own legends based on their new class text 'The Secret of Black Rock'. They have been sprucing up their reading corner this week by creating a new display and talking about their favourite books and love of reading. Rievaulx have been reading and reciting poems from WW1, some of the children's performance poetry has been amazing! They have been learning about the Census 2021 in maths and looking at different types of graphs to present the data.

This week we have also had Parents Evenings. We hope you found them informative and had the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school, any individual needs and their progress. We have had very positive feedback on Parent Evening Zoom meetings and will consider offering them again in the future. Thank you.

Friday 12 March Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Squirrel Award – Ellie for challenging herself in phonics and for working hard with her expression when reading.

Headteacher's sticker – Cora for her super attitude to all her learning and for being kind and helpful in class.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Emily for her fabulous reading, your fluency is really developing nicely. Well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Darcie for her fantastic behaviour for learning.

<p><i>Mathlete</i> – Farrah for her super work on capacity this week. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Oliver for working hard with his letter formation in phonics.</p>	<p><i>Mathlete</i> – Aletta for her estimation and measuring skills shown in our maths capacity topic. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Eliza for some super cursive writing – her instructions on how to make toast.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Aida-Rae for putting 100% effort into everything she has done this week. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Eva for cheering us up, looking out for everyone's wellbeing and tackling everything with a growth mindset. <i>Mathlete</i> – Roman for his excellent work on weight and mass. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Charlie for her amazing handwriting, I've been blown away at the presentation this week!</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Elsie for her very sensible and mature attitude towards everything she does. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – James Kavanagh for his excellent attitude and growth mindset. Keep it up. <i>Mathlete</i> – Emily for her excellent work in finding out the area of a right-angled triangle and explaining her method to others. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Summer for her consistently neat writing this week.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka's Superstars Betsy in Fountains for some great investigation skills in her maths lesson on capacity and Zara in Rievaulx for participating well during a group drama session and showing a good attitude towards learning.</p>	

Friday 19 March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Joseph for his wonderful knowledge with different types of farming in our topic lessons this week. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – William N for his super Spring poem. <i>Mathlete</i> – Jack J for his super reasoning and problem solving skills in our measurement work. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Isabel for her beautiful writing in our phonics sessions.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Betsy for some great work in maths this week. Fabulous multiples of 10 and practical capacity work. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Emily for some fantastic hockey skills in PE. <i>Mathlete</i> – Edward for working hard to learn his times tables. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Aletta for her super letter writing.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Henry for his determination to complete his work to the best standard despite having a broken arm! <i>Headteachers sticker</i>- Katie for continuing her learning at home and bringing in a fantastic story she had written for fun! <i>Mathlete</i> – Scarlett for her fantastic work converting from cm to m. A great start to our topic of length. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Esme for an amazing short legend presented beautifully</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. <i>Squirrel Award</i> – Zara for her great attitude to learning across the curriculum, particularly in English and art this week. <i>Headteacher's sticker</i> – Robert for his contribution to our guided reading session about WW1 <i>Mathlete</i> – Tate for his work on line graphs this week. <i>Handwriter of the week</i> – Ella for her continued efforts in her cursive handwriting.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka's Superstars William A in Byland for his general all-round attitude to all his learning and Dexter in Bolton for his improved growth mindset.</p>	

As you know I am continuing to host my Friday Celebration Zoom Assembly. This is an opportunity for all our classes / children in school, alongside you the parents/carers at home, to still be able to all come together at the end of the week to celebrate individual and group achievements. As always everyone is warmly invited.

Celebration Assembly invite . Please note that next Friday will be our Easter Service which will start at the earlier time of 2.15pm. Please use the link below as normal.

Miss Bennett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: SESSAY Friday Celebration Assembly
Time: Every Friday at 2.30pm.
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84767868095?pwd=Y3BUR2VCaWFFYVW6emRyM3ovcVNrZz09>
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84767868095?pwd=Y3BUR2VCaWFFYVW6emRyM3ovcVNrZz09>

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- Easter Lunch is on Wednesday 24 March. It will be a yummy roast chicken dinner, seasonal vegetables and a festive Easter biscuit.
- **Purple Day.** On Friday 26 March we are supporting and raising epilepsy awareness across the Federation. Epilepsy affects some of our own families at the Federation and we want to raise awareness of Epilepsy, a central nervous system disorder. We are having a non-uniform day/ wearing something purple next Friday and a special Epilepsy awareness assembly with Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Day. On Thursday your child will have an Epilepsy donation envelope in their bag, please then bring the envelope back on the following morning and drop it in the box on the gate as your child comes to school.
- Easter Raffle. A gift basket full of Easter goodies has been donated to the school for an Easter Raffle. (Currently in quarantine!) £1 in your Easter Raffle envelope to enter and leave it in the box at the school gate Monday – Wednesday next week. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 25th March. Good Luck!



ART COMPETITIONS – optional Easter Holiday art activities – if you decide you are going to enter please take a photo of you and your artwork before you send it in to share with us in a Friday celebration assembly.n

Archbishop of York – Children of Light Festival.

The festival is designed to support communities to give children and young people a voice in our diocese and celebrate all the ways that they bring light into our lives. The competition theme is ‘being light in difficult times’ as we all reflect on the difficult 12 months we have all had and think about how we can bring hope and light to this time. Please see the attached letter and details for information. The deadline for entries is 11th June.

Climate change art competition



In the lead up to the UN Climate Change conference ‘COP26’ being hosted by the UK in Glasgow during November, school children are being encouraged to take action to cut carbon and learn about climate change.

If you would like to take part, get creative and show global leaders the world that you want to live in.

Whether it’s green forests and garden cities, clear skies and wind turbines or oceans teeming with life – you can paint, draw or design a piece of art that shows how you’d like our planet to look in the future. The deadline for entries is 5th April.

Winning pupils’ artwork will be displayed at the COP26 conference, where world leaders and their representatives will be coming together to discuss taking action on climate change.

Please go to: <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/> for further details.

DIARY DATES:

Friday 26 March	Wear Purple Day – Epilepsy Awareness Day 2021
Friday 26 March	Break up for the Easter holiday at normal time. After school club running as normal.
Monday 12 April	Training day
Tuesday 13 April	Back to School for the Summer term 2021.