



Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

Firstly, a huge thank you to all for your continued communication, support and understanding over what has been a very challenging week regarding COVID-19 cases in school.

I realise it is a very worrying time for all and priority is of course keeping everyone as safe as possible. As you know we have had multiple cases - 7 positive cases and earlier this week we advised the whole of Class Bolton to have PCR tests. We have been liaising with NYCC Public health and are doing everything we can in school to reduce the possibility of further transmission, we politely ask you to be mindful of this outside of school too. If in any doubt that your child may have symptoms, please don't hesitate to book them a PCR test. Doing regular lateral flow tests at present will also help our situation. For your information the most common symptom we are seeing in child positive cases has been a headache and cold like symptoms, if any at all and thankfully no one is really poorly. I myself have just tested positive, having had no symptoms at all and found out through regular lateral flow testing. I am currently working remotely and can be contacted through the school office. Mrs Tyrka as senior teacher and Mrs Sowray are in charge on site in my absence should you need anything at all. I am hopeful that numbers are now decreasing and we ask all to continue being super vigilant and cautious.

We have had another busy fortnight, last week was Anti Bullying Week, following this year's theme ONE KIND WORD and last Friday our MoneyMakers pupil voice group arranged a much enjoyed Children in Need day in school. Many children enjoyed wearing something spotty/ non uniform and loved buying a 'spotty - Smarties breaktime treat'. Thank you to all for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



In Collective Worship this week we welcomed Rev David the new Vicar at St Cuthbert's to our Sessay family. The children enjoyed a Zoom whole school Collective Worship on our theme 'Hope' and we look forward to many occasions where Rev David will contribute to our special services at St Cuthbert's throughout the year. Many children have been enjoying the KS1 and KS2 Christmas craft clubs this half term with some beautiful Christmas creations being produced. Thank you to Mrs Bennison, Mrs Sowray and Miss Southward for running these.



Also thank you for your Blue Bags 2 School this week and of course your Christmas hamper donations today. As you know we have had to postpone the Christmas Fair until Monday 13th December, however, we will still be drawing the Christmas Hamper Raffle on Friday 3rd as advertised in our Friday Celebration Assembly on Zoom.

Last week Byland enjoyed their trip to The Moors Centre in Danby for their 'One Snowy Night' Day. They went on a walk around the grounds to find the animals and then took them back to Percy's yurt for a hot chocolate whilst

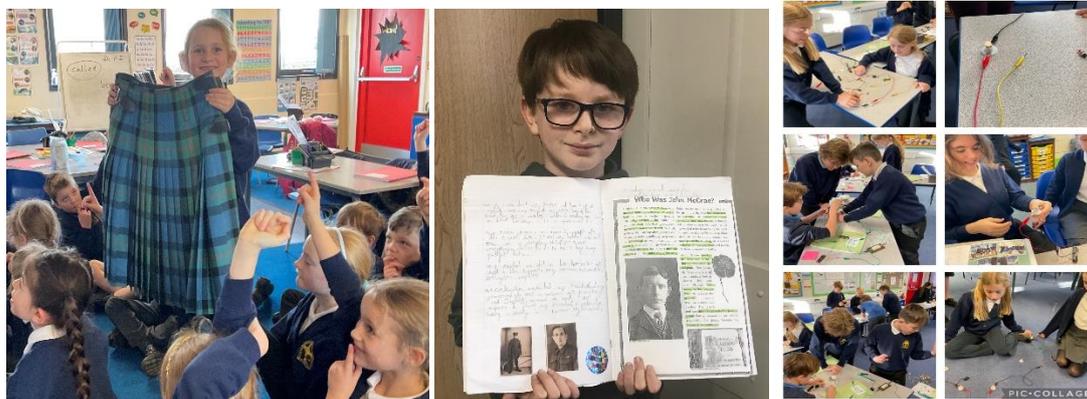
listening to the story. In Science, they have been learning about nocturnal animals and what different animals eat, and in topic they have been learning about the continents of the world and have been singing a song to remember them!



Fountains have been finding out about plants and animals that live in different habitats. For Anti – bullying week, every child was given a kindness task to complete last week; Mrs Sowray sends a huge thank you for all the lovely photos and videos that have been sent in. In French, they have been working on short conversations and loved learning the ‘Bonjour’ song.

In maths they have started multiplication and have been arranging numbers in arrays. They have been doing lots of writing - in geography fact files all about Scotland and in English, diary entries based on their class text. Music has been great fun, learning how to play ‘Little Donkey’ on the recorder.

Bolton have been finding out some of their own family stories and writing them in their own words, they have loved learning about each other’s families and all of the amazing things they have done! This week they have enjoyed looking at biographies. The children have enjoyed being scientists, investigating conductors and insulators and in Geography they have asked themselves ‘Would you like to live on a mountain?’ In maths they have continued looking at division and using the inverse operation, they are now applying their understanding to work out some tricky word problems. In PSHE they thought about how they could make sure our school was an anti-bullying zone! They continue to enjoy learning and performing some French rhymes in their French lessons and in RE they have learned all about the life of Guru Nanak who was the first Sikh Guru and are now moving on to learning all about the Christian time of expectant waiting - advent.



Rievaulx have been comparing and ordering fractions last week and have now started to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In English they have been researching how chocolate is made and writing an explanation text so that they can explain to everyone the process from bean to bar and they have thoroughly enjoyed designing the packaging! In science the children have been learning about electricity and they all enjoyed a Zoom session with ‘Powerdown Pete’ who taught them all about how we can save energy.

Friday 19 November Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Squirrel Award – Elkie for super science work.
 Headteacher’s sticker - Denver for his super attitude and for challenging himself.
 Mathlete – Alfie for working hard with his numbers and subtraction stories.
 Handwriter of the week – Cameron for super letter formation.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Olivia P for a super piece of work in geography, placing UK landmarks on a map.
 Headteacher’s sticker – Ellie & Lola for their fantastic observational drawings of teddy bears using pastels.
 Mathlete – Jack Mi for some great problem solving in maths.

	Handwriter – Jacob for his beautifully presented homework on the White Horse. Well done everyone!
Bolton, Miss Southward. Squirrel Award – Connor- for impressing us all so much with his French work this week! Headteacher’s sticker – Aida for writing a superb and detailed ‘Anti-bullying pledge’. Well done Aida! Mathlete – Adele for super work on division, well done for being so meticulous! Handwriter of the week – Katie for writing a beautiful family story and taking the time to do lots of research at home to contribute to it.	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award –Hannah, for her work on adding fractions. Headteacher’s sticker - Ruby for showing a positive attitude to all her work this week. Mathlete – Freddie for working hard simplifying fractions. Handwriter of the week – Luca for his extremely neat writing across all areas of the curriculum.

Friday 26 November Awards	
Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Squirrel Award – Obi for super phonics and great blending to read words. Headteacher’s sticker –Fran for great blending and trying hard with her sound cards. Mathlete – Ella-Rose for being more confident in maths sessions and having a go! Handwriter of the week – Zoe for working hard with her independent writing	Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Squirrel Award – Emily for her super fact file on Scotland; lots of information and beautifully presented. Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia T for working so sensibly on her new table, she has shown how independent she can be, well done! Mathlete – Joel for some great work adding hundreds onto 3 digit numbers. Handwriter – Joseph for some fantastic, independent writing this week.
Bolton, Mr Houghton. Squirrel Award – Abby for her hard work and dedication in all areas of the curriculum. Headteacher’s sticker – Katie for being polite and helpful. You have been so helpful in helping me find my way around the Bolton classroom! Mathlete – Joey for his perseverance when working on his ‘Countdown’ calculations. Handwriter of the week – Roman for his focused work in writing a very neat biography.	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award – Summer for her carefully designed chocolate wrapper. Mathlete – Danny for persevering this week with his maths. Headteacher’s sticker - William for his investigations into electricity in science. Handwriter of the week – Ella for her beautifully neat handwriting.
Mrs Tyrka’s Superstars Fountains - Olivia T for concentrating very hard and doing super handwriting in her phonics sessions. Byland - Connie for really challenging herself in maths lessons.	

Due to the current COVID19 situation in school, Friday celebration Assembly will be on Zoom until further notice. Everyone as always is warmly invited to join us at 2.30pm (this week hosted by myself).

Time: Nov 26, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99139381251?pwd=dSs1czFROERtalo0ZkVFUEVYQ1lxUT09>

Meeting ID: 991 3938 1251

Passcode: js7mQs

Have a relaxing weekend.

NOTICES:

- Louisa Carolan our parent governor enjoyed meeting new and old parents/carers at our ‘Governor Surgery’ yesterday at drop off at the school gate. If you didn’t manage to meet your parent governor or have any questions don’t hesitate to contact Louisa by email CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk
- I would like to signpost you to the Place2Be – a practical wellbeing advice website for concerned parents and carers run by child mental health experts and offers support regarding a number of parenting topics. From anxiety to problems at mealtimes, many of the articles may be of help.
<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>

DIARY DATES:

3 December	Christmas Raffle to be drawn in Friday Celebration Assembly
8 December 2pm and 6pm	Byland Nativity at the village hall (Byland parents) We will be doing over 2 performances to be able to distance and minimise numbers inside as much as possible. We will be limiting places to 2 adults per family and are politely asking adults and visitors to wear masks and lateral flow test before attending the event.
13 December 3-4pm (postponed date)	Outdoor Christmas Fair/Market
15 December	Christmas lunch
16 December	Christmas parties and Christmas Pantomime, Dick Wittington
17 December 1.30pm	Christingle service at St Cuthbert's Church