



CE Primary School **'Growing together in love and learning'**

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

What a busy first fortnight of the half term!

Firstly, congratulations to Zara and her pony Marmite in Class Rievaulx who during half term represented the Federation once again at an NSEA competition. This time she did an Eventers Challenge which is a combination of show jumps and cross-country fences and she did a lovely double clear round coming 14th in a large class.



Last week we celebrated World Book Day 2022. All the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character and sharing their favourite book. Every class read and interpreted 'The Song for Everyone' by Lucy Morris, a story about the power of music to draw us together. The different classes work was then shared at a Federation World Book Day assembly.



This week has been 'International Curriculum Week' and today we are showing our support and compassion to all the families affected by the ongoing crisis in the Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow to school. Don't forget it is our pop-up tearoom after school today, we thank Mrs Woodhead for organising this and do hope you will join us! Thank you to everyone who has donated money, clothing, supplies and their time. Rosie in Bolton class and all the Easingwold Brownies/ Guides sorted through a mountain of Ukrainian aid to be taken to Poland for the refugees last week. Mrs Woodhead gave time to sort in Thirsk last weekend with some of our ex-pupils to support 'Yorkshire to Ukraine'. Eva and Isla alongside family members have been knitting and selling blue and yellow flowers. Well done to all, it just shows what a difference united efforts can make.



Byland children enjoyed making (and eating) pancakes last week. They read Mr Wolf's Pancakes and then wrote a letter to him with instructions on how to make the perfect pancake! They also started their new science topic all about Minibeasts and have created their own minibeasts using pebbles and paper plates. They have enjoyed lots of different activities in International Week, including learning how to play the Djembe drum.

Last week Fountains children were busy learning about 3D shapes in Maths. In RE, they thought about things they could give up for Lent and why it would be tricky! The children did a book scavenger hunt on World Book Day and some super work based on our Federation book 'A Song for Everyone'.

They have had a wonderful International Curriculum Week, moving round the classes doing a variety of activities. They started the week designing Hindu Rangoli patterns and designing their own Mendi designs.



Last week Bolton children wrote and illustrated comic strips, focussing on punctuating speech accurately. On World Book Day they were inspired by the beautiful illustrations in 'A Song for Everyone' and thought about how powerful song lyrics can be! In maths, they have continued to look at shape, position and direction. The children really enjoyed taking part in a pentathlon competition in their PE sessions. This week, they have enjoyed a variety of activities to celebrate International Week including pasta making, researching world landmarks, cultural dancing and exploring diversity in faith, culture and ethnicity.

Last week Rievaulx were busy writing letters based either on their experience of East Barnby or a recent event. They focused on proof-reading and editing before publishing their work. In maths they continued with algebra and in science they have started to learn about Evolution and inheritance of different features.

Throughout International Week Rievaulx have enjoyed making pasta, painting pictures inspired by a Canadian artist, learning about landmarks around the world and enjoying some cultural dance.



Class Bolton and everyone at Sessay are looking forward to following the adventures of Mr Bentley who has left this morning for Kathmandu to do the Everest Basecamp trek, raising funds for school. His adventure is a total of 17 days, we all wish him the very best and know he'll complete the challenge! We look forward to hearing all about it when he returns.

If anyone would like to donate, please use the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bruce-bentley-sessayschool>

Friday 4 March Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Squirrel Award - Connie for showing perseverance in both English and Maths this week. Well done.

Headteacher's sticker - Esme for her hard work in phonics this week – it has shone through in both her reading and writing.

Mathlete - Isabel for her super work counting on in 2s from different numbers.

Handwriter of the week - Teddy for his lovely writing about his World Book Day character – Teddy has been working hard with his letter formation.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award - Edward for being a super role model this week. He has been so kind and helpful to Brady, the newest member of our class, and has really helped him to settle into class.

Headteacher's sticker - Brady for settling into Fountains so well this week, it is lovely to welcome you into the class.

Mathlete - Joseph has done some super work on 3D shape this week and he is working hard on recognising all his numbers to 100.

	Handwriter of the week – Niamh for her beautiful presentation in science this week, she has carefully written up her magnet investigation with accurate diagrams too!
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Squirrel Award - Aida Rae for showing courage and determination and a supportive attitude during our trip to East Barnby. Headteacher’s sticker - Adele for challenging herself to do things out of her comfort zone during our East Barnby residential. So many fabulous achievements in 1 week. Mathlete – Attilia for showing excellent knowledge and understanding of polygons. Handwriter of the week – Rocco for all his hard work on world book day. Rocco illustrated his song lyrics beautifully.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award - Danny for his excellent attitude at East Barnby. He showed determination in physical activities and great knowledge about living creatures and fossilised creatures along the seashore. All members of staff agreed that he really shone with enthusiasm. Headteacher’s sticker - Maddie for her fantastic attitude at East Barnby also and for being such a kind and caring role model for her friends. Mathlete - Robert for persevering with his algebra this week. Handwriter of the week - Luca for his consistently neat writing.</p>

Friday 11 March Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Squirrel Award - Fran you have used our new phonics pebbles to make words using the new sounds we have learnt this week, well done! Headteacher’s sticker - Dylan what super dancing this week, you have really enjoyed taking part and having a really good go at the moves. Mathlete - Alice you used a 100s square well to help you count in 5s when you weren’t sure. Well done! Handwriter of the week – Ella super weekend news this week, very neat and you used some really lovely adjectives.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Squirrel Award - Aletta for her super Rangoli and Mendi designs; her attention to detail was fantastic. Headteacher’s sticker - Imogen for trying hard in P.E. with Mr Shimwell – hockey, netball and archery. Mathlete - William A for some fantastic work on time this week. Handwriter of the week – Isla C for her thoughts and ideas on something she would give up for lent and her beautiful presentation.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Squirrel Award - Abby for showing her fantastic manners off to all the staff and children across the school. Headteacher’s sticker - Aida for a beautiful, watercolour painting of a landmark. Mathlete - Ava for being able to draw on her previous learning and tell us all about plotting coordinates. Handwriter of the week - Elliott for his research on landmarks across the globe.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Squirrel Award - Angus for his great diary writing and also his work on writing direct speech. Headteacher’s sticker - Robert for a continued great attitude towards all his work- keep it up. Mathlete - Ella for her hard work and perseverance with algebraic patterns. Handwriter of the week – Hannah for her beautifully neat cursive writing across the curriculum.</p>
<p>Mrs Tyrka’s Superstars Esme- for her super dance skills during our African dance workshop. What great energy you had. Joel- for his discussion with me last week about his topic work and their current class text ‘Escape from Pompeii’. He spoke very articulately about his work and talked all about Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. Max- Your Mendi design was fabulous- well done! Sam- You did some lovely work on ‘The Colosseum’ on Tuesday, which will contribute to the whole school map we have been creating during international week this week. Zara and Danny- You showed some wonderful cooking skills when making pasta with Mrs Watson.</p>	

This afternoon we would like to warmly invite you to join us for our Friday celebration Assembly at St Cuthbert’s, this half term hosted by Mrs Sowray and Mrs Bennison.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- As you know last term our 'Governor Surgery' resumed. Mrs Carolan your Sessay parent governor will once again be available on Thursday 17th March after drop off at the school gate. 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
- Red Nose Day is next Friday the children are welcome to wear anything red and their nose of course with pride!

Tuesday 1 March	Children back to school for Spring Term 2 (Red Noses on sale this week £1.50)
7-11 March	International curriculum enrichment week
15 and 17 March	Parent Evening's
18 March	Federation Science Day Red Nose Day 2022 Years 5/6 Netball match at Thirsk
21 March	Year 5 Thirsk Enrichment Day
23 March	Mother's Day Sale (£3)
24 March	Year 3/4 T-Ball match at Thirsk
28 April	Young Voices