



Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

A busy fortnight with an enjoyable trip for some of our KS1 children to Thirsk School to take part in a Multiskills sports event. The children were fantastic, showed great sportsmanship and all came home with medals!



This week our Year 6 children have had their KS2 SATS. A definite highlight has been their special breakfast club and then warming themselves up with some daily meditation and quick-fire activities, before knuckling down to show off all their learning. They have really been a credit to themselves and the school. Top work Year 6's!



Many of our children have contributed to the Sessay CE Primary School entrants for The Sessay Scarecrow Festival that is happening this Sunday (15th May 1-4.30pm) in and around the village. The Scarecrow hunt is just one of the activities planned, all centring around the village hall. Looking at the photographs guess what our themes might be?

Byland have been busy writing clear instructions to help Paddington make some marmalade sandwiches. They then followed instructions to plant a bean seed in Science, and in Maths they have been learning about repeated addition using arrays. In topic they have been naming and making some famous landmarks in London using junk modelling and wood on the woodwork bench outside.



Fountains have been finishing off their work on pictograms and moving onto drawing and interpreting bar charts.

In Science, they have been learning about fossils, the story of Mary Anning and her amazing discovery in Lyme Regis. They have designed their own Platinum Jubilee mugs and have been learning about managing their feelings. In French they have been learning the days of the week and at home, they have been designing and making a crown that they think the Queen would like to wear for her Jubilee celebrations!



Bolton have been continuing their work on fractions, decimals, and percentages. In English, they have written newspaper articles about the Queen being a guest judge at the Sessay scarecrow festival this weekend! We have finished our topic of materials with some great practical investigations about the melting point of different solids. The children have enjoyed more sessions on the ukuleles with Mr Haughton- they will be professionals in no time. The highlight of the last two weeks has been all of our visitors who have come in to talk about their jobs. We have had a footballer, a reiki teacher, an actor and a fire fighter! The children asked some excellent questions and are feeling inspired by all.



Rievaulx have been showing great determination and dedication this week whilst completing their SATs. They have enjoyed attending the morning breakfast club and want to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Harper and Mrs Bentley for making this happen. Lots of treats have also been brought in each day for the children to enjoy at break time, so thank you to all parents too.

All of Rievaulx enjoyed their rounders on Thursday afternoon with Mr Shimwell and a walk to the park for an ice-cream this morning to celebrate the end of the week when the children also received their hoodies!

Friday 6 May Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Squirrel Award – Ella for her super attitude to her work across the curriculum. Headteacher’s sticker - Elkie for challenging herself with her sentence writing – she is working really hard to make her sentences longer. Mathlete – Teddy for his super maths counting in 10s. Handwriter of the week - Dylan for writing his name independently.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Squirrel Award – Darcie for a great attitude to learning and a super Jubilee mug design. Headteacher’s sticker - Joseph for working hard to learn his spellings & getting them all correct, well done! Mathlete – Niamh for some great work on pictograms and bar charts this week. Handwriter of the week - Joshua for always taking pride in his work and working hard on his presentation.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</p>

<p>Squirrel Award – Scarlett for showing excellent manners and listening skills to our guest speakers this week.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker - Connor for excellent fielding and teamwork skills in our rounders session.</p> <p>Mathlete – Rosie and Roman for their determination to add and subtract fractions independently.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Katie for writing her own version of the National Anthem in her best handwriting.</p>	<p>Squirrel Award – Robert for his great work in maths this week, persevering with angles.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker - Freddie for great catching and running in rounders.</p> <p>Mathlete – William for accurate work finding missing angles in triangles.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week –Maddie for beautifully neat work in English.</p>
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Friday 13 May Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Squirrel Award – Stanley for his clear instructions on how to plant and look after a seed in Science.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker - Harriet for her super attitude in all areas of the curriculum and for great listening in yoga.</p> <p>Mathlete – Joseph for confidently counting in 5s to 50 in front of the whole class.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week - Esme for working really hard with her sentence writing.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</p> <p>Squirrel Award - Cora for her ongoing enthusiasm in French and when learning our Jubilee songs in music.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker - William N for sequencing some events from the Queen’s reign correctly on a timeline.</p> <p>Mathlete - Emily for working hard and drawing an accurate bar chart in Maths this week.</p> <p>Handwriter – Joel for some super presentation in PSHCE; Things that make me happy and sad.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward.</p> <p>Squirrel Award – Primrose for some beautiful water colour paintings of the Queen’s dresses.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – Eva for impressing us with how focussed and quick she was during our PE sessions.</p> <p>Mathlete – Dexter for excellent work on fractions and decimals. Dexter is able to order and compare decimals with up to three decimal places!</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Matthew for an excellent newspaper article in English about the Queen visiting Sessay!</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</p> <p>Squirrel Award –Danny for showing great determination and sportsmanship in rounders.</p> <p>Mathlete–Luca for his consistently accurate maths work on Century Tech each week.</p> <p>Head teacher’s sticker- to each and every child in Rievaulx for their excellent attitudes to all their SATs this week.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Angus for very neat writing on his Science mind –map.</p>

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in St. Cuthbert’s at 2.30pm, this half term being hosted by myself.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- ‘Governor Surgery’ - Louisa Carolan your Sessay parent governor will once again be available on Wednesday 18th May 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
- On Sunday 17 July it is the ‘Husthwaite Rat Race’ An exciting obstacle course event for the families of The Husthwaite and Sessay CE Primary Federation and other daring, athletic and fun loving local young people to be held on the Newburgh Priory Estate. Friend’s of Husthwaite School are organising this event and being our federative school, children of Sessay school are automatically registered at no cost in return for sponsorship and will be in the 11am Sessay School wave on the day should you wish your child to take part.



Your child has received a ‘Husthwaite Rat Race Pack’ which included an information sheet, sponsorship form and t-shirt order form.

For friends and family to sign up please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/husthwaite-rat-race-tickets-305727768987>

All sponsorship raised by Sessay children will go towards outdoor educational equipment and resources for Sessay school. There will be a prize for the child at Sessay who raises the most money.

Do visit The Husthwaite Rat Race Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/husthwaite-rat-race/365178985558760/>

DIARY DATES:

19 May	Federation Years 3 & 4 Carlton Lodge residential information meeting, 5pm Zoom.
23 – 26 May	School Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Week
24 May	FOSS Royal School Disco
26 May 2.30-3pm	Afternoon Street Party. Parents and community welcome to join us for our royal celebrations on the playground 2.30pm – 3pm.
Friday 27 May	Staff training day – School Closed
10 June 8 July	Our Federation Husthwaite Apple Tree Nursery 'Stay and Play' session will recommence, the second Friday of every month in term time. An opportunity for babies and toddlers to come with an adult and join our Nursery children for an hour of activities/play inside and out with refreshments for adults kindly provided by St Nicholas' Church.
17 July	Husthwaite Rat Race Public Family Event – Newburgh Priory Estate.