



## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

### Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Another eventful and busy fortnight.

A copy of the children's book of condolence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II has been placed at St Cuthbert's Church and the remembrance garden at Hyde Park in London.



Last week our KS1 children enjoyed taking part in a Thirsk Cluster Fun Run. It was very much enjoyed by all and a huge congratulations to Leila, Alfie M and Rosie who were super quick and returned with winning medals! Our children in Years 4 and 5 have started their swimming lessons at Thirsk leisure Centre. The children are very excited to be going each week to learn this important life skill.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Early Literacy Little Wandle Information Evening on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful and that it gave you an understanding of how we teach your child phonics, reading, spelling and writing and how to support your child at home. As discussed, please use the resources and guidance on the following links to support you in helping your child at home. A Little Wandle section will be put on our school website soon.

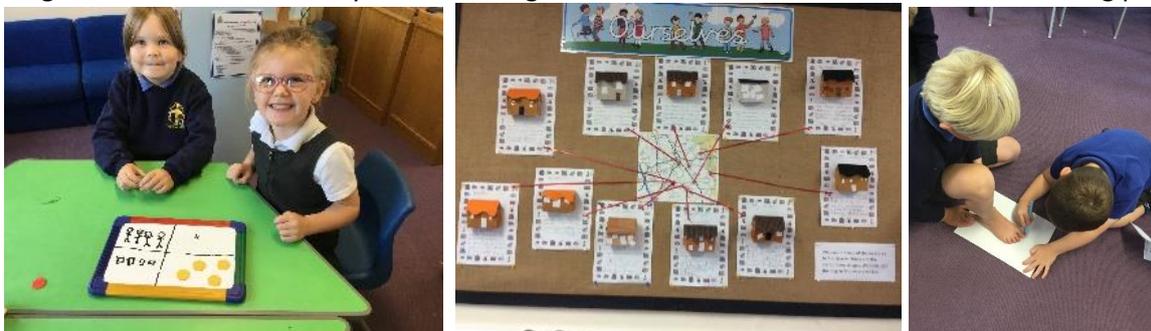
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### Your class summary from...

#### Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

In our topic we have been making models of our houses and then using maps of the local area to find where we live. In Science, we have been learning about the different parts of the body and we have carried out our first investigation to find out if those of us with the biggest hands also have the biggest feet. The children are enjoying their Little Wandle phonics sessions using our new resources and books. In Maths we have been focusing on representing numbers in different ways and counting forwards and backwards from different starting points.



#### Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

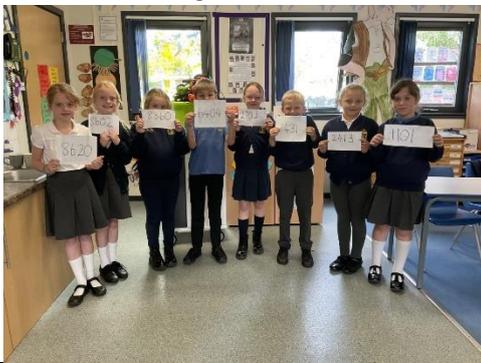
We have been busy ordering 2 and 3-digit numbers and using apparatus to support us with addition. We have put Stone -Age events in chronological order on a time- line and in English, we have been comparing the two main characters in our class text.

In P.E. we have been controlling the ball with our hands when throwing and catching or aiming for a target. In PSHCE, we have been thinking about the different jobs that different family members do and writing a recipe for a happy family home.



**Bolton, Miss Southward.**

In Bolton we have completed our adventure stories and have started to focus on including description in our writing. We have continued looking at place value in maths and have been ordering, comparing and rounding numbers. We have enjoyed playing hockey with Mr Shimwell and swimming on a Friday morning at Thirsk Leisure Centre. In topic, we have enjoyed learning about chronology and have started creating a timeline of important events and periods during the Stone-Age. Our RE work has been about what God means to us, we have used metaphors to describe what we imagine God is like. The highlight this week for many of us was performing part of a new song we have learned on the recorder to Miss Southward!



**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.**

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Rievaulx. We have continued our maths work on place value by ordering and comparing numbers, as well as rounding them. In English we have continued reading our class novel and have produced a newspaper article reporting on the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II; there are some budding journalists in the class! In French we have been describing facial features of monsters, both orally and in written form. Our topic work this week was to produce a fact-file about Queen Victoria. In science we have been classifying leaves and have completed some careful botanical drawings during our art session.



**Friday 16 September Awards**

**Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**

Squirrel Award – Emily for her lovely manners in class. She is always so polite to both her friends and adults in our class.  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Frankie for his super contributions to our topic work on different types of houses – Frankie explained that a bungalow doesn’t have any stairs.  
 Mathlete – Teddy for thinking of different ways to represent numbers.

**Fountains, Mrs Sowray.**

Squirrel Award – William N for a fantastic drawing of Sessay church. Mrs Waite has a copy of it in her office!  
 Headteacher’s sticker – Cora for ordering Stone Age events on a timeline, some of the first evidence of the Stone Age came from cave paintings.  
 Mathlete – Ellie for some great work on Place Value this week.  
 Writer of the week – Harriet. This week we have focused on re-telling our class text orally in groups, in preparation

Writer of the week – Stanley for his independent writing about where he lives.	for some exciting writing next week. Harriet worked enthusiastically and spoke with great expression.
<b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b> Squirrel Award – Joshua for approaching all lessons this week with a positive, growth mindset. Headteacher’s sticker – Lola for showing enthusiasm for her learning, especially during our SPAG lessons this week. Mathlete – Edward for super discussion when comparing and ordering numbers. Writer of the week – Eliza for a really well-structured adventure story with lots of drama!	<b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b> Squirrel Award – Abby for approaching her learning with such interest and enthusiasm, in all subject areas. Headteacher’s sticker – Faith for a wonderful attitude in class and trying hard to be a more active learner. Mathlete – Elliot for great work comparing and ordering integers. Writer of the week – Adele for superb language choices in her work on Queen Elizabeth II.

<b>Friday 23 September Awards</b>	
<b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b> Squirrel Award / Acorn Award – Cameron for his super mapwork skills in topic this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Charlie for super listening in our Little Wandle phonics sessions. Mathlete – Lily for great work counting backwards from a given number. Writer of the week – Joseph for working hard with his cursive letter formation.	<b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b> Squirrel Award / Acorn Award – Farrah for a fantastic attitude to ALL her work this week, well done. Headteacher’s sticker – Harriet for trying really hard with her ball skills in PE this week. Mathlete – Joseph for some superb independent work on place value, keep up the good work! Writer of the week – Jack Mi for his work on comparing characters this week.
<b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b> Squirrel Award / Acorn Award – Alfie for his passion for learning, this week he has been determined to keep improving, especially with his writing. Headteacher’s sticker – Isla C for impressing us with her super defence skills in hockey. Mathlete – Betsy for working hard to round numbers accurately and supporting others with their maths learning. Writer of the week – Aletta for working super hard to improve her spellings independently.	<b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b> Squirrel Award / Acorn Award – Scarlett for exemplary behaviour for learning and always putting in 100% effort. Headteacher’s sticker – Conor for great ball control and focus in hockey this week. Mathlete – Katie for her excellent work rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Writer of the week – Ava for superb journalism- writing an informative and clearly structured newspaper article about the Queen’s funeral.
<b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars.</b> Olivia Till- for being a first- class photographer in PE this week. Jack Mason- for having such a mature attitude towards those around him. Betsy - for superb work in RE and always having a ‘can-do’ attitude towards her work.	

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in St. Cuthbert’s at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- Our new Facebook page is now live: Sessay CofE Primary School. At present it is general information and we look forward to celebrating school learning and events with all in the future. Please add us as a Facebook friend and take a look.
- All parents and carers are FOSS (Friends of Sessay School). FOSS (Friends of Sessay School) will be meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at The Carlton Inn, Carlton Husthwaite and everyone is warmly invited. We would love to be able to put on the much-loved events once again this year, for example a school disco and we need some volunteers to help. Allocating different groups of FOSS to the different events spreads the ‘organising load’ as we are aware that everyone is busy! All monies raised by FOSS events benefits all our children and we are hoping this term to raise some money to fund a ‘Christmas Cinema Treat’ for all as well

as our longer-term project to revitalise our school library. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.

- 30 September MacMillan Coffee Morning Cancer Research fundraising event. 'Money Makers' Pupil Voice group are organising a 'Come dressed in green non uniform day' in return for 50p suggested donation. All proceeds made from 'Ice Cream Friday' that day will also be donated to MacMillan.

**DIARY DATES:**

27 <sup>th</sup> September	FoSS Meeting 7.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan fundraising event, non uniform day, wearing green!
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm St Cuthbert's
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – All classes
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – Byland
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – Fountains, Bolton, Rievaulx
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Rievaulx Class Ripon – Ripon Museums
15 <sup>th</sup> October	10am-11.30pm Open Morning – Prospective Parents
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Fountains & Bolton Class Trip – Bowes Museum
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break up for half term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school for Autumn 2
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon – 1.30 - 2.30pm 'Classes in Action'