



Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

A busy start to the second half of the Autumn term.

On return after the half term holiday the FOSS Harvest Pumpkin Carving Competition was very much enjoyed by all. Rev David found the judging near on impossible there were some very creative carving creations! A huge thank you to FOSS for organising this much loved event, we raised £105!



All the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and today took part in the 2 minute silence at 11am. A huge thank you to 'Thirsk YarnBombers' for doing a Sessay school sewing workshop last week where every child and member of staff has contributed to the sewing of a beautiful Remembrance Day Poppy Net displayed at the front of school for our whole school community to enjoy and remember today.



As always Sessay Songbirds did us proud singing at the Thirsk Garden Centre's Christmas Market last weekend.



Last night the children thoroughly enjoyed the FOSS disco. We certainly had some movers on the dance floor!



Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.



Another busy fortnight in Byland. The children have enjoyed writing their firework poems using onomatopoeia words and exclamation marks.

In Science we have started our new topic 'Everyday Materials'. We have identified and named lots of different materials including glass, wood, rock, rubber, plastic and paper and we have been on a materials hunt around the school to find items made from these different materials. The Reception children have investigated which materials sink and float – there were some surprised faces when the children found out that a large piece of wood floated. This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and making poppies to share in church. In Forest School, the children made character masks and then acted out the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' on the bridge.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Last week, Fountains performed their class production to parents, thank you to everyone who came and watched the children perform. It was lovely to have the Yarn Bombers in to sew poppies with all the children, the wall hanging looks gorgeous. In French this week, we have been learning the names of colours. In English, we have been busy writing Remembrance Day poems linked to our senses and writing our own adventure stories based on 'The Stone Age Boy'. Our Maths and Active Maths has been linked to addition this week. In PSHE, we have been looking at different relationships and celebrating their differences. In Science, we have been exploring how much light is needed to see different objects in boxes -are some objects easier to see than others?



Bolton, Miss Southward.

The children in Bolton have been busy analysing their new class text in preparation for writing their own version of the book in the coming weeks. In maths, the children have impressed Miss Southward with their work on multiplication, they are really starting to grasp formal methods. The digestive system has been our focus in science, we have been labelling parts of the digestive system and discussing their functions. The children have enjoyed improving their ball skills in PE and in Art, the children have sewn some beautiful poppies onto fabric to mark Remembrance Day. A highlight this week was learning the classic 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' in French- the children did a fabulous job!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Rievaulx have been learning about the composition of blood and the function it has within the human body. In Maths this week we have been using written methods for division. We have been researching the life of Dr Barnardo and the incredible work he did in the Victorian Era, setting up a charity to help vulnerable children. Discussion texts have been our focus in English this week- considering both sides of an argument. In PSHE we have been learning how it is important to 'celebrate differences' and the skills we need to enable us to build good relationships with our friends. Our French lesson this week has seen us learn about *Les Cadeaux (presents)* we might like to ask for at Christmas! In our computer lesson we have re-capped on-line safety and used Purple Mash to manipulate digital images.



Friday 4 November Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Esme for starting the term with a super attitude to her learning. Esme has impressed us with both her reading and her maths work this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Stanley for his super poem about fireworks – he worked hard with his letter formation and used exclamation marks. Mathlete – Obi for persevering with his work on comparing number bonds. Writer of the week – Edith for working hard with her letter formation.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – Jacob for working hard in his phonics group this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Zoe for her super attitude in rehearsals this week. Mathlete – Billy for working hard on his column addition this week. Writer of the week – Farrah for her fantastic effort with her half term holiday recount.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Niamh- for her impeccable manners! Niamh is always polite but has this has really stood out this week. Headteacher’s sticker –Betsy- for her attention to detail when creating a diagram of the digestive system in our Science this week. Mathlete – Lola and Darcie- for their determination to make progress in their timestables. Both have moved onto their next timestable this week. Writer of the week – Brady- for some great SPAG work this week.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Rosie for her neat and accurate explanation about the composition of blood in our Science lesson. Headteacher’s sticker – Aida- for her enthusiasm during our football PE session this week Mathlete – Connor for his multiplication work- persevering with the formal method. Writer of the week – Primrose- for fabulous knowledge and understanding in ESPAG</p>

Friday 11 November Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Lily for working hard with her blending in phonics and taking away in maths. Headteacher’s sticker – Finn for his contributions to our class discussions. He always joins in and puts his hand up to answer questions. Mathlete – Fran for making up some super subtraction stories and recording the number sentences. Writer of the week –Cameron for working hard on his letter formation and presentation.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Sowray. Sessay Acorn Award – William N for his super adventure story based on our class text; he made some excellent vocabulary choices. Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia for her accurate throwing and catching in P.E. this week Mathlete – Denver for challenging himself with column addition this week, well done! Writer of the week – Joseph for his superb stamina for writing in his adventure story, he has persevered so incredibly well.</p>
<p>Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Eliza for her ‘can do’ attitude in all lessons this week. Headteacher’s sticker – Aletta for super throwing and catching skills in our PE sessions. Mathlete – Emily for being super observant and spotting patterns in numbers in maths this week.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Asta for having such a positive attitude to her learning- she showed an excellent growth mindset when editing her written work in English Headteacher’s sticker – Alex for showing such compassion to another pupil during football. Mathlete – James- for demonstrating perseverance with written methods for multiplication and division.</p>

Writer of the week – Isla C-for working really hard to add a range of punctuation accurately in her writing.	Writer of the week – Sam for taking such pride in his written work yesterday. He said it was the best piece he had ever done! Well done Sam.
Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars. Jack J and Henry for such well written Remembrance day poems- I loved working with you on them and then reading the finished poems!	

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

Have a great weekend.

NOTICES:

- Next week we are marking Nation Antibullying week – ‘Reach Out’ is the theme this year. On **Monday 14th November we invite everyone to come to school in odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! We will be having a PSHE curriculum enrichment day on the Wednesday in school.
- Children In Need **Friday 16th November** – Money makers have organised a wear a spotty accessory to school and a giant playground Pudsey Bear at playtime – **please bring in any loose change, coppers and silver** to help raise money so together, we can make a huge difference in a time when it’s needed.

The cost of living crisis is hitting us all especially the most vulnerable in our communities. We cannot and will not let this crisis hold children and young children back. We are raising money to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive and be the best they can be.

- Our new Facebook page is now live: Sessay CofE Primary School. Please add us as a Facebook friend and take a look.

DIARY DATES:

14 – 18 November	National Anti-bullying week, theme ‘Reach Out’.
14 November	Wear Odd Socks Day!
16 November	PSHE Curriculum Enrichment Day.
17 November 4pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Parent Awareness Workshop – Online safety and cyber bullying.
18 November	Children In Need
25 November	Non uniform day in lieu of donation for Christmas Raffle Hamper donation. Byland – Christmas Fun Hamper Fountains- Luxury Christmas Hamper Bolton –Christmas Drinks Hamper Rievaulx – Chocolate Tombola
1 December 3-4.30pm	School Christmas Market
15 December	Christmas Cinema / Film treat.