



## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Another busy fortnight for all.

Last Thursday all the children enjoyed celebrating World Book day. Instead of dressing up, the children transformed a wooden spoon into a favourite book character. The book character spoons were amazing and it was lovely that so many children brought in the book as well to share with their class. We truly are a reading school with a love of books of so many different genres! Lots of reading fun was had by all.

This week our Year 6 children have had a mock SAT's week. We are so proud of each and every one of them, they worked under test conditions, showing focus and determination to do their very best.

We have lots of lovely new activities and games for play and lunchtimes in our playtime boxes. We have had some great, calm playground behaviour the last couple of weeks, which is lovely to see!



Your class summary from...

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

We have been enjoying our farming topic and have created some super landscape paintings in the style of Van Gogh. We used acrylic paints and tried really hard to show the brush strokes in our paintings to stay true to his style. We have also been thinking about the different types of farming and writing information sheets about them. In maths we have continued to work on place value to 50 using lots of different apparatus to support us. During forest school we have made fairy and pixie potions by mixing bubbles and natural materials. It was great fun! Last week it was World Book Day and we all enjoyed lots of activities – puppet shows, making Supertato characters, book marks and acting our class text out – What the Ladybird Heard.





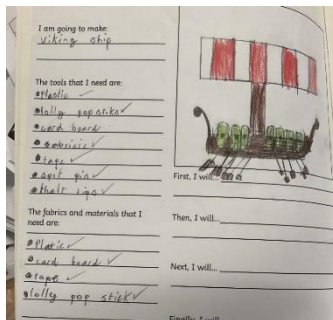
**Fountains, Mrs Sowray.**

We have had a great couple of weeks in Fountains; the decorated spoons were super as you can see! and we did lots of fun activities on World Book Day. We are coming to the end of one of our class texts – we have been learning about the Victoria Cross and thinking who we would give a bravery award to. In DT, we have been designing and making kites, this also links in with our text. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, I can't believe how many children have said "I love fractions!" In topic, we have been finding out some facts about Nairobi and I have told the children that the return flight has been booked for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, just in time for the Easter holidays! The children have enjoyed their gymnastic sessions with Mr Shimwell and have learned about different types of jumps and how to begin and end a short sequence.



**Bolton, Miss Southward.**

A fabulous couple of weeks in Bolton. The children have celebrated World Book Day and really enjoyed discussing their creative wooden spoon characters. On the day we collected and presented data about KS2's favourite book genres in our maths session. We have spent the last week looking at how Michael Morpurgo uses personification to describe 'the lake of demons' in our class book. This has inspired some beautiful descriptions of the sun using personification. In Art and DT we have been designing our own model Viking boats and even more excitingly- the set of our class play at the end of the term. The children have been busily learning their scripts and thinking about costumes for their play 'Vicious Vikings' which we will perform in the last week of term. Lots of yoga this half term- we are feeling very zen!



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

At the beginning of this week the Year 5 children in Rievaulx enjoyed an Enrichment Day at Thirsk School and 6<sup>th</sup> Form College. They were accompanied by Mr Houghton and Mrs Marshall, they were able to experience a day in secondary school and all said they had great fun!

Year 6 Children have been doing their Mock Sats this week. We are incredibly proud of their attitude to the testing and we know that they have all tried their very best- well done.

In class we have been working on our DT project, designing and making 3D WW1 trench models and in computing we have been designing games using WW1 trenches as the setting.



### Friday 3 March Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Teddy for his super attitude to his learning in all areas of the curriculum.          Headteacher’s sticker – Wilfred for working hard with his phonics and handwriting this week.          Mathlete – Fran for her super work with finding one more and one less of a number to 50.          Writer of the week – Dylan for working hard with his letter formation and beginning to write more words containing digraphs.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Denver for working hard on balancing in gymnastics with Mr Shimwell.          Headteacher’s sticker – Isabel for designing a super book cover on World Book Day and reading with prosody this week.          Mathlete – Ella Rose for her work on 2D shape this week.          Writer of the week – Jack J for his descriptive poem based on ‘The Butterfly Lion’.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Edward for being so responsible and supporting others in our class to take responsibility for their work.          Headteacher’s sticker – Betsy who has grown in so much confidence. Mr Houghton also noticed this during his sessions with Bolton this week.          Mathlete – Isla H for a very clearly presented bar graph.          Writer of the week – Niam- for a super job application for a Viking warrior! She got the job!</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – James for always setting the right example. His behaviour is impeccable. Keep it up!          Headteacher’s sticker – Eva for making some valuable contributions in book club this week.          Mathlete – Matthew for persevering with the written methods of multiplication and division.          Writer of the week – Rosie for some wonderful poetry work, coming up with ideas using a range of poetic techniques.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson’s Superstars.</b>          Mrs Tyrka has noted a huge improvement in positive playground behaviour this week. Well done to our older children in Bolton and Rievaulx for supporting the younger children with playground games and tidying our new resources away at the end of playtime.          Abby and Eva for guiding some of the younger children on healthy snacks and making good choices.</p>	

### Friday 10 March Awards

<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Charlie for working hard with his expression when reading this week.          Headteacher’s sticker – Emily for her super work with her tricky words this week.          Mathlete – Poppie for recognising an odd number when using numicon.          Writer of the week – Finn for creating an amazing Snuggly Snerd character from our class text and using lots of adjectives in his writing to describe it.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Jacob for working hard in phonics and for some super reading which has meant he has moved up to the next level.          Headteacher’s sticker – Billy for a positive attitude to all his learning this week and for making some good contributions in lessons.          Mathlete – Connie for her super, independent work on fractions.          Writer of the week – Ellie for her written work in science, comparing different animals and saying why certain ones were the ‘odd one out’.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Niamh for going above and beyond to make sure her homework is handed in on time- well done!</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b>          Sessay Acorn Award – Aida-Rae for her meticulous attention to detail in her 3D trench model and her excellent attitude to working as part of the group.</p>

Headteacher's sticker – Joel for all of his enthusiasm for our class performance. Mathlete – Olivia for super work when completing our maths quizzes throughout the week. Writer of the week – Eliza for some beautiful personifications of the sun!	Headteacher's sticker – All of the Year 6 children for approaching our Mock SATS week with such maturity. Mathlete – Asta for persevering with addition of fractions and for giving support to her friends. Writer of the week – Elliott for his great start to the informal letter home from the army training camp. (Linked to our class text.)
<b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.</b> Denver well done for challenging yourself in class. Katie and Eva for having a sensible and grown-up attitude.	

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

Have a lovely weekend.

#### NOTICES:

- As you know we are currently moving to a new school payment and communication system. We have adopted the 'Arbor Parent Portal' and the 'Arbor app'. Please ensure you download the app and log on. Like all changes, we and some of you are experiencing teething problems, please bear with it and us, as initially things may take longer to process. Once it is fully up and running it should be much easier for all, everything on one app and will provide a more efficient payment and communication system.
- As informed last half term the NEU (National Education Union) has announced the following strike days for teachers: Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. As always we do everything we can to ensure that school remains open to all children and that all staff are supported by each of us, regardless of this action. We would like to confirm that school remains open on these days for all children.
- Please can we remind everyone all children go into class at 8.45am and the school gate is closed at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late for registration. It is important for everyone to be on time and have a positive, calm start to each day.
- **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone remember not to park on the yellow zig-zag and double yellow lines outside and around the front of school. Only the school bus and Disabled Blue Badge holders are allowed to park in this area. Please do not park on the green (the grass and daffodils are being damaged), when necessary please park on the road down to Sessay village and use the footpath up to school. Obviously, safety for all is of the utmost importance.
- Please note we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Due to pupil and staff allergies, it is important no food containing nuts is brought into school under any circumstances.
- Please add us as a Facebook friend: Sessay CofE Primary School.

#### DIARY DATES:

14 March	Science Enrichment Day as part of National Science Week. Years 5 and 6 STEM workshop at Easingwold Primary school. Parent's Evening.
15 March	Mother's Day Gift Sale am
16 March	Parent's Evening
17 March	SEGG educational visit to Allerton Park. Red Nose Day 2023.
23 March	Louisa Carolan our school parent governor will be doing her governor surgery at drop off.
29 March	Bolton class performance 2.45pm in school hall- parents are welcome!
30 March	FOSS Spring Disco.
31 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt . Easter Raffle Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church 1.30pm. End of Spring term 2.30pm finish, break up for the Easter holidays.
17 April	Teacher training day – school closed.
18 April	School reopens for the Summer term.

