

Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Another busy fortnight in school.

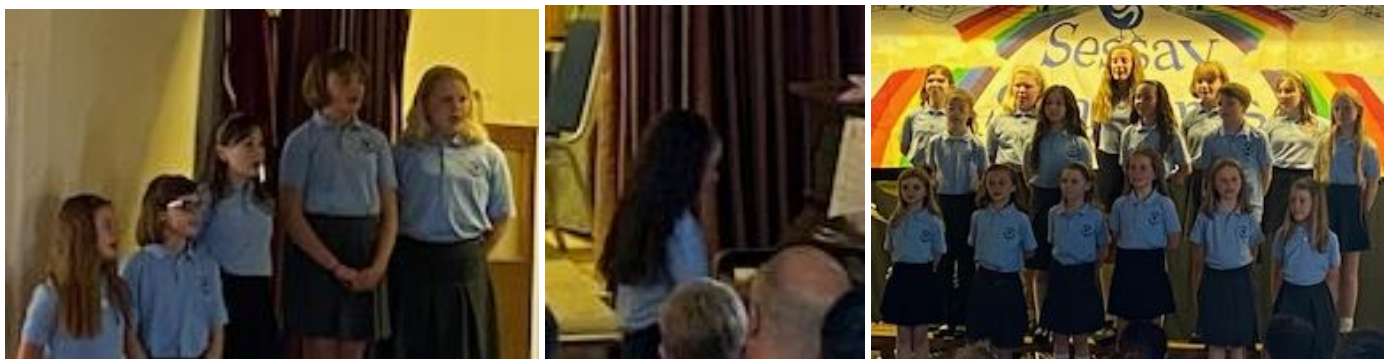
Last week a group of Year 3 and 4 went to Thirsk School to take part in a cricket competition. Miss Southward was so impressed with the level of skill shown by all of the children, they represented the school beautifully. It was a huge bonus to bring back silver medals! Come on Sessay! A special mention must be made to our adult helpers that day who were a huge support!



Then yesterday, some of Years 5 and 6 also had their Cricket competition at Thirsk School. Mrs Watson thought the children worked so well as a team, encouraging each other and played some fantastic cricket. A huge thank you to Mr Till for helping out and providing lots of top tips!

On Wednesday evening this week it was our annual 'Sessay Songbirds Summer Serenade Concert'. As always it was a beautiful concert, showing what talented performers we have, not only singing and playing solo instruments but some of our children also performed as part of The Thirsk British Royal Legion Brass Band. Songs and music was performed from different countries around the world and a couple of songs from one of my favourite musicals 'Matilda' were just fabulous. A huge thank you to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Day – but most of all to our extremely talented Sessay Songbirds!





Your class summary from...

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We have had another busy couple of weeks. We have made maps and learnt all about compass directions in our topic. We have named the oceans and continents and looked at different climates. In maths we have been learning how to find a half and a quarter of a shape and amount and we have been looking at directions, including left and right. In science we are learning about our senses and have focused on our sense of sight. We have compared our writing and drawings completed with and without a blindfold and we have written our names in braille.



Fountains, Mrs Sowray.



Fountains have had another two busy weeks. The Y3/4's had a great time (and result!) at the cricket competition and we have all been practising some of the events for sports day on Monday.

In maths, the children have been consolidating time; quarter past/to the hour and reading time to the nearest 5 minutes.

In science the children investigated the friction of different surfaces using small cars and ramps and in French this week they have been learning the names of different sports and the ones they like and don't like.

The beautiful LS Lowry collages are on display in the cloakroom; you are very welcome to pop in and see them.

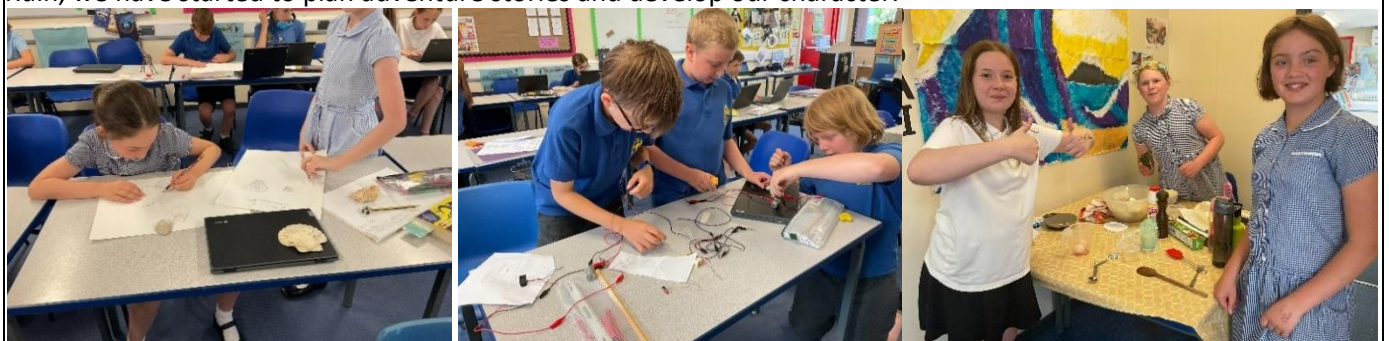
Bolton, Miss Southward

A very busy couple of weeks have been had by Class Bolton! In English, the children have been writing persuasive speeches about looking after our seas. This week, they were writing to the mayor in our class text to explain why using balloons might be a bad idea! In maths, embedding our learning has continued, and we have been getting stuck into some tricky problem solving. In topic we have been exploring coastal areas and finding local rivers using a variety of maps. We had lots of fun making unique Father's Day cards last week- we hope you all had a lovely day!



Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Rievaulx have been working hard over the last two weeks investigating electricity and trying out circuits- lots of buzzers have been going off! In DT we have been looking at examples of 'grab and go' food and all children have designed a type of food such as a pasty, scotch egg or bao bun. Some groups have started to make their products which have tasted delicious! In maths we have been learning more about negative numbers and we have enjoyed playing Negative Ping Pong in our Active maths session. Following on from watching a clip of an animation called Ruin, we have started to plan adventure stories and develop our character.



Friday 16 June Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Dylan for his hard work in PE this week. He listened and followed instructions independently.
 Headteacher's sticker – Esme for her super work in phonics this week.
 Mathlete – Poppie for recognising a half of a shape – super maths work!
 Writer of the week – Lily for her fantastic independent writing all about her weekend.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Sessay Acorn Award – Ella for some fantastic sprinting in PE with Mr Shimwell and for some super work multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
 Headteacher's sticker – Rosie & Ellie for not only some good contributions in our PSHE session on 'Babies' but for then following that up today by bringing in their baby scan photos for us all to see.
 Mathlete – Billy for his practical and written work on counting in 25s.
 Writer of the week – William N for trying hard with his 'Unexpected Adventure' story.

Bolton, Miss Southward.

Sessay Acorn Award – Isla H and Edward for writing and performing a great rap - super cool!
 Headteacher's sticker – Aletta for being so confident when she was at Thirsk High School this week for the cricket.
 Mathlete – Betsy for great perseverance in maths sessions this week.
 Writer of the week –Niamh for her excellent persuasive speech, well written and read!

Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.

Sessay Acorn Award – Elliott for such enthusiasm when rehearsing for our class production.
 Headteacher's sticker – Henry for his exemplary behaviour for learning in all lessons this week.
 Mathlete – Loc for great work in Active Maths.
 Writer of the week – Noah and Rocco for their wonderful non-chronological report on technology.

Friday 23 June Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for his super athletics work in PE. Alfie listened carefully to the instructions given.

Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Sessay Acorn Award – William A for his work on time the week; he's fantastic at reading time to the nearest 5-minute interval, well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Freddie for challenging himself with writing longer sentences. Mathlete – Finn for his accurate work using directions. Writer of the week – Edith for working hard with her sentence writing and letter formation.	Headteacher's sticker – Isabel for her poster showing how to prepare for a day in school as a Victorian child. Mathlete – Jacob for fantastic perseverance with his maths reasoning paper this week. Writer of the week – Cora for her short poem in RE about life.
Bolton, Miss Southward. Sessay Acorn Award – Joel for taking responsibility for his learning this week and working super hard! Headteacher's sticker – Olivia for being so helpful around the classroom this week- keeping us all organised! Mathlete – Isla C for confidently explaining her ideas to help other children in maths this week. Writer of the week –Alfie for a fabulous letter to the town mayor in our class text.	Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder. Sessay Acorn Award – Abby for her constantly hard-working attitude- well done! Headteacher's sticker – Elliott for his positive comments to the cricket team yesterday when we got back to school. Mathlete – Dexter for his work this week on negative numbers. Writer of the week – Primrose for her clear, detailed plan for our adventure stories we are starting to write.

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 great weekend.

NOTICES:

- **Health, Sports and Wellbeing Week next week.** The children need to be in their PE kits all week and please remember you are very welcome to join us for our Sports Day afternoon on Monday.
- **The NEU (National Education Union)** has announced two further strike days for teachers on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023. As always we will 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 at this present moment in time school remains open on these days for all children and our Carlton Lodge residential will definitely not be affected by this action.
- **Classes, teachers and support staff for 2023-24.** Next year we will have 4 classes split into an EYFS & KS1 block and a KS2 block. Parent transition meeting dates are as follows:

CLASS SPLIT	PARENT TRANSITION MEETING	CLASS TEACHER	SUPPORT STAFF
EYFS AND KS1 UNIT			
Byland Reception	Monday 19 th June	Mrs Tyrka (Senior teacher) and Mrs Bennison	Mrs Woodhead Mrs Day Mrs Gambles
Fountains Years 1 & 2	Thursday 13 th July Topic: Fountains Transition Meeting Time: Jul 13, 2023 05:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72670701437?pwd=LpChJQ7sKFQgghCMjdE5ZgX8CilMks.1 Meeting ID: 726 7070 1437 Passcode: GJ9wBm	Mrs Jackson	Mrs Gambles
KS2 UNIT			
Bolton Years 3 & 4	Thursday 6 th July	Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie	Mrs Bentley Mrs Price
Rievaulx Years 5 & 6	Wednesday 12 th July Topic: Rievaulx Transition Meeting Time: Jul 12, 2023 05:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89318106823?pwd=dksrbUNPdXVkn2RVSONNzmx0xcU00UT09 Meeting ID: 893 1810 6823 Passcode: x38Eze	Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson (Senior teacher)	Mrs Bastow Mrs Gale

Learning Mentor – Mrs Bentley

Forest School – Mr Houghton and Mrs Harper

Sports Specialist – Mr Shimwell

Middy Supervisors – Mrs Sanderson, Mrs Bastow, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Gulliver, Mrs Price and Mrs Gale.

SOOSC – Mrs Day, Mrs Woodhead, Mrs Harper and Mrs Sanderson.

School Administrator – Mrs Lawson.

Some staff will be working across the whole block. From Husthwaite Mrs Jackson will be moving site to Sessay next year, as will Miss Wilkie and Mrs Gale for 1 day a week. At times like myself Mrs Dixon from Husthwaite will be working across sites as our Federation Business Manager and we will welcome 2 new staff members Mrs Bastow to the Class Rievaulx team and Mrs Lawson as our new school administrative assistant.

- **WE HAVE A GOVERNOR VACANCY – DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A GOVERNOR AT THE HUSTHWAITE AND SESSAY CE PRIMARY FEDERATION**

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

Federation governors are volunteers who work with the leadership team to provide vital support and direction. They help set the strategic vision, oversee the budget and supportively challenge the federation leadership team.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details contact Mrs Waite or Miss Bennett.

DIARY DATES:

26-30 th June	Sports, Health and Wellbeing Week – Sport Day Races 1.15pm Monday 26 th June
5-7 th July	Year 3 Residential Carlton Lodge
6 th July	Rievaulx Production
6 th July	Stay & Play – Pre-reception children
w/c 14 th July	End of academic year reports Whole School transition morning
14 th July	Summer Fair 3-4pm
19 th July	Federation Art Enrichment Day
21 st July	Leaver’s Service at St Cuthbert’s
21 st July	2.30pm school closes

There is now a parent diary on our website– <http://sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/>?