

Welcome to our... School Newsletter



A great term in school We have had a very busy term in school, we have had snow days and an OFSTED inspection as well as continuing to make learning as exciting and fun as possible through Science Week, Inspire sessions, reading with parents, walks and educational visits.

What have we been up to this half term?

Foundation Stage Foundation Stage, as always, have been hard at work and play. They have been developing child initiated stories with the help of adults within the setting. They have also visited Thornes Park to plant some seeds ready for spring.



Year 1 & 2 Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic time learning about castles, both classes have visited Pontefract Castle and class 2 have visited the park to see where the Motte and Bailey castle used to be. Reverend Wayne has visited class one also to conduct a pretend baptism service. The children loved this event and they even had cake afterwards.

Year 3 & 4 Both year 3 and 4 have been comparing Yorkshire and France and they have had Inspire mornings that have involved children and parents producing a design for a Yorkshire Euro Star train net on a computer program then making them into a 3D model. Year 3 have also done some amazing high school acid and alkali science.



Year 5 & 6 Year 5 have been learning about film, they have composed extended pieces of writing about being in the eye of a storm and have been learning all about the home of film, America. The children in class 5 and 6 had a fantastic time learning about television, light and animation on their class visit to the Media Museum in Bradford. Class 6, as well as learning about film, have been preparing for their SATs in May. They have been writing in a range of styles, they have been answering complex comprehension questions and have been working very hard to develop their arithmetic and reasoning skills.

World Book Day We had a lovely morning when we finally celebrated World Book day that had been postponed due to the snow. It was great to see so many parents in school enjoying sharing and reading books with their children. Our whole school focus on reading is beginning to pay off.

We have an **obligation** to read **aloud** to our children. To read them things they **enjoy**. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it **interesting**, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves. Use reading-aloud time as **bonding time**, as time when no phones are being checked, when the **distractions** of the world are put aside.

- Neil Gaiman WE TEACH LET'S TALK



Sporting Success Many children have been involved in sporting competitions this half term, some year 5& 6 children went to a hockey festival in Horbury. Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 boys and girls have also been involved in indoor football competitions at the local football centre. We are delighted to say that all the children played brilliantly, they were polite well-mannered and as always displayed impeccable behaviour. We are also proud to say that the Year 5 & 6 girls' team won and brought back a trophy for school.



Easter Fun As is tradition we have held our annual egg rolling decorating and Easter bonnet competitions all of which have been a great success and greatly enjoyed by all. Tim from the Methodist Charity 'All We Can' came in to school to work with our collective worship group and judge the bonnets. The winners were Jessica in class 2 and Zeb in class 6. Well done Jess and Zeb

Science Week A few weeks ago we held a science week in school. All classes really focused on science investigations for the week. We invited some 'Science Boffins' into school to take an assembly and then work with each class. The children had a fantastic time with Boffin John finding out about electricity, lightening, polymers and how they are used to make slime. The children enjoyed making slime to take home, however, we did hear reports of slime being accidentally dropped on an unfortunate pet cat... sorry about that!



OFSTED Inspection As you know we recently had our OFSTED inspection (report attached). I am delighted to say the school maintained its 'Good' grading and I am so proud to say the inspector really captured what we are about as a school and saw how hard everyone in school works to give children the best experiences they can. He also praised the children on their attitude and behaviour. Can I say a big thank you to all staff, children, governors and parents who took part in the inspection process, I feel incredibly lucky to be Headteacher in such a great place, with as the inspector said in his verbal feedback a true 'learning community'.

Parent Pick Up Just a reminder that if someone else is collecting your child from school it is important that you let the office know either by phone or in person, this applies to all children in all year groups.

Times Tables Rock Stars After a successful trial of Times Tables Rock Stars we have decided to subscribe. Usernames and passwords remain the same as they were in the trial.

Dates to Remember! Monday 16th April School opens after Easter.

And finally... I hope you all have a great Easter break with your families and return fit and well after the holidays to begin new topics, prepare for SATs and get our first residential of the year underway to Whitby with class 4.

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