



*"Where children re-discover  
their thirst for learning."*



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you enjoy this Spring Term Newsletter. It will keep you updated about what we have been up to and what is ahead of us. It has certainly been another busy term. I am pleased that many children have taken part in two residential visits to Askrigg in the Yorkshire Dales, and another group will enjoy a third visit during the upcoming Easter holidays.

***As a reminder, we break up at the usual time this Friday 1st April, and pupils return to school on Monday 18th April for the start of the summer term.***

Please take the time to read this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Mike Marshall  
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# WORLD BOOK DAY

On 4th March we celebrated World Book Day. Our theme was 'Villians and Heroes,' and pupils did us proud by taking part and getting dressed up!

*Here are the winners - John Bennett, Kyle Young and Daniel Lawler.*

On the run up to World Book Day members of the school Leadership Team read out extracts from their favourite reads in assembly. Each day in assembly we did a prize raffle draw. Everyone who got top points the day before had their name entered into the raffle to win a Roald Dahl

Book. Finally, on the Friday afternoon we had got dressed into our costumes. We also did a quiz and the teachers performed a poem from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes.

## COMING UP.....

- Meadow Park performs 'Beatlemania,' - each class in Middle Years has learned a song and we will be singing our Beatles songs on our final assembly of the term on Friday 1st April. Come and join us!
- Stay Safe Week from Monday 25th April - a themed week of activities aimed at raising awareness on a range of issues faced by children today, like -

- *Road Safety - Social Media Safety - Child Sexual Exploitation*  
- *Domestic Abuse - Radicalisation - Gangs*  
- *Gun and Knife Crime*

- Examinations for pupils in Year 11, and some for Year 10.
- SATs for Year 6 - 9th to 13th May.
- Year 11 pupils will be working with Mr Marshall and Miss Cleary to plan an end of year celebration event.



For World Book Day, Leadership Team read extracts from their favourite reads in each assembly that week. Here is what they read-

- Mr Marshall read *The Twits*.
- Mr Devlin read *The Hobbit*.
- Miss Parle read *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.
- Mr Riley read *The Gruffalo's Child*.
- Miss Cleary read *Charlotte's Web*.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ALERT

### *Did you know ?*

A 'Fixed Penalty Notice Fine' of £60 can be given to parents for their child's poor attendance, by the school. If it is not paid then the fine is doubled and if it is still not paid it is automatically deducted from Child Benefit payments. We have now issued a number of 'Warning Notices' to parents.



## ASKRIGG RESIDENTIALS

Here they are all ready to go. 15 pupils from Classes Spirit and Liberty set off to their 3 day residential to the Yorkshire Dales on Wednesday 23rd March. The 3 days before that a group of pupils from Upper Years also paid a visit.

While there they have experienced a range of outdoor pursuits activities including - Abseiling, caving, canoeing, a night walk and a gorge walk.

Another 20 pupils will be going to Askrigg during the Easter break from Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th April.



## RAISING MONEY FOR SPORT RELIEF

We set out to raise as much money as possible to help buy mosquito nets for children in Africa, and stop the spread of the deadly disease Malaria. One net costs just £2.50! So, we set out to work hard. We have raised £240 so far..... and counting!

- We had a bake off, baking lots of delicious cakes and selling them.
- We had a football tournament.
- We worked hard all week on the exercise bikes and attempted to cycle from school to Africa - that's over 4,100 km! We are still working on this, but we are nearly there!
- We had a fun sports afternoon with competitive games and a Sport Relief quiz.

## SPORT RELIEF BAKE OFF



## STAFFING UPDATE

- We are pleased to tell you that Miss Kennerley has given birth to her son Harley. We wish her well and hope she enjoys the rest of her maternity leave.
- Ms Murphy will be leaving to take her maternity leave in the next few weeks.
- You may remember that Mr Lyons was seconded to another school to be their Interim Headteacher for a year. He has now been appointed the permanent Headteacher of Oakfield Lodge School in Crewe. Well done - our loss is their gain!
- Both Mrs Mangan and Mr Crosbie have now retired from their Learning Facilitator Posts. They have both worked at our school for many years (37 years between them!!). We wish them a very happy retirement and thank them dearly for their many years of hard work and dedication to our school.
- Congratulations to Miss Rachel Millsip who has been appointed as our new administrator in the school office.
- We are sad to see Mr Shinks leave us at the end of this term. He has decided to embark on a very exciting lifetime journey to travel the World while he is still young! We wish him well on his new adventure and look forward to hearing all about his travels.
- We are pleased to have commissioned a part time CAMHS post to work one day a week at Meadow Park. Dr Melissa Smith is a Clinical Psychologist and she will be providing a regular CAMHS service to a targeted group of pupils and their families.
- We have increased our commissioning arrangement with the Council to appoint a 0.5 Educational Psychologist Post. This means that Dr Louise Knox will be working with us for half of each week.



## STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Staff have been busy taking part in a whole range of training and development activities, here are just a few-

- All staff - Team teach training, Online PREVENT awareness safeguarding training
- Mr Marshall & Miss Cleary - Safer recruitment in education training.
- Miss Kelly - Attachment disorder training course.
- Mr Langlois, Miss Brennan, Mr Jones and Ms Murphy - Supporting pupils learning course.
- Miss Clarke - Child sexual exploitation training & keeping safe and trauma conference
- Mr Marshall & Miss Parle -PREVENT anti extremism awareness training.
- Mrs Gallagher & Miss Gaunt -Administering medication course.
- Mr Langlois, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Jones - First Aid training course.
- Miss Griffiths & Mr Worsley - Food hygiene training course.
- Moderation of pupil progress in partnership with Oakfield Lodge School.
- Miss Cleary & Miss Sankey - KS2 writing moderation and SATs.
- Mrs Gallagher, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Wright—Autism training
- Middle leadership training programme - Miss Kiernan, Miss Regan-Hammond, Mr Jones
- Miss Cleary, Miss Parle, Mr Riley, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Gallagher, Mr Langlois, Miss Kelly, Mr Strevens, Mr O'Brien, Mr P Jones, Mr J Jones, Miss Clarke - Defibrillator training
- Miss Kelly, Mr Strevens, Miss Gaunt - Early Help system training





**EXAMS**

**Exams season is now here! Some exams have already been taken -**

- Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 English - Reading
- Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 English - Writing
- Functional Skills Level 1&2 ICT
- BTEC Applied Science - Principles of Science

**The following exams are coming up soon -**

- GCSE Art & Design - Mon.18th April to Fri.22nd April
- Certificate in Preparation for Working Life Papers 1 and 2 - Fri. 13th May
- Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 ICT - week beginning 16th May.
- BTEC Applied Science - Principles of Science - Monday 16th May
- Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 English - Reading - Fri. 20th May
- Functional Skills Level 1 & 2 English - Writing - Fri. 20th May
- GCSE Maths Foundation / Higher Paper 1 (non-calculator) - Thurs. 26th May
- GCSE English - Tues. 7th June
- AQA Level 1 and 2 Certificate - English Language Paper 1 - Tues. 7th June.
- GCSE Maths Foundation / Higher Paper 2 (calculator) - Thurs. 9th June
- AQA Level 1 and 2 Certificate - English Language Paper 2 - Fri. 10th June
- BTEC Sport Level 2 Online exam - week beginning 13th June
- GCSE Home Economics : Childcare - Mon. 13th June
- GCSE Catering Unit 2 - Mon. 13th June

**WITH PARENTS**

A huge thank you to all our parents / carers for continuing to work with us for the benefit of your children. Look out for news about the following that you may be interested in.

- Time out for ADHD course for parents
- Parent pamper sessions with your child and our therapy department
- Autism awareness session
- Advice clinic with our Educational Psychologist
- Keeping your child safe online session
- Child sexual exploitation awareness session

We can assist with transport to and from sessions.

**OR call Mrs Rooke for more information about how to take part.**



**SCHOOL TRANSPORT UPDATE**

We are pleased that the new transport contract in place since September is generally working well. We are in the process of working with Knowsley Council to review the current arrangements. Please be aware that this may lead to some changes.

**QUICK NEWS**

- We have replaced our old people carrier with two brand new 7 seater vehicles. These now compliment our fleet of 3 mini-buses.
- We are planning to move the main car park from the rear of the school site to the front. The old car park will be converted into a new outdoor play area for pupils.
- Thanks to all parents who completed a satisfaction survey.



## OUR NEW WOODLAND CABINS

We are quickly running out of space in school. We have converted our old meeting room into a learning space and have had two new rooms built to provide us with some much needed additional space.

We are now the proud owners of two lovely wooden cabins, which are based in our woodland. One is a meeting room and the other is a room for pupils and families to meet with visiting professionals. We hope you enjoy using them like we do.

## BRITISH THEMED WORLD CAKE DAY!

We had a 'British Theme' to celebrate World Cake Day in February. Each class had a challenge. With just £15 each class was invited to bake a cake with a British theme. Here are the four winning cakes, as voted by our pupils. We all had a real treat sampling all of the cakes after!

Class ENDEAVOUR - Fish & Chip Cake



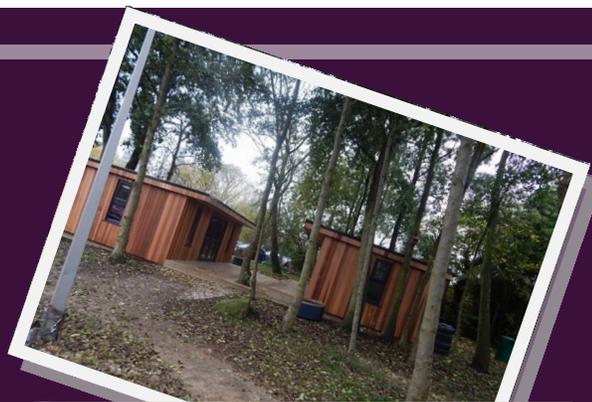
Class HONOUR - Union Jack Cake



Class SPIRIT - Roast Dinner Cake



Class LIBERTY - Teddy Bear's Picnic Cake



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