



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week across the Federation as our children continue to follow our RESPECT code in every aspect of school life. It certainly makes choosing who will receive Headteacher awards a very tricky job, so many to choose from.....I have the same problem when choosing the tidiest classroom, well done everyone!



Christmas Cards



A number of children have sensibly asked whether they will be allowed to send Christmas cards to their friends this year.

The answer is yes but delivering them will be slightly different this year. Each class will have a post box where the cards will remain until Friday 11th December (last day for BAWB Christmas Post). We can then deliver them to the children the following week.

Send a Cow charity



If you would prefer to donate the money you would usually spend on cards to a charity, Benjamin and his family have a suggestion: *'Would you like to support a wonderful charity called Send a Cow? The Send a Cow charity is a charity that will send a cow, chicken, sheep or even a tree to someone in Africa. My family have been supporting the charity every time we do an online shop for fruit and vegetables. You do not have to donate much but every little penny counts to giving a new life to a family. Once a cow has been sent, some of the organisers will help to train the person that receives the cow to milk it, breed it with other cows and create fertilizer for crops. Their left-over milk and fertilizer will be given to the locals. This year it would be nice if you donated some money to this charity to help people all over the world to have a better life.'*

If you would like to donate to 'Send a Cow', please send your donation into one of our three schools before the end of term. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal 2020



Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Across the federation we raised an amazing £346.30. This will go directly to supporting the men and women of our Armed Forces, both past and present.

Goodbye Alice

At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to our cook at Askrigg School, Alice Bell. Alice has many other talents and is looking forward to exploring new ventures. We would like to thank Alice for all of the wonderful meals she has cooked over the two years and for supporting our children during forest schools too.



We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Kathy Haygarth as a midday kitchen assistant, starting in January. Mrs Haygarth will be collecting hot lunches from our kitchen at Bainbridge (cooked by Gillian Alderson) and serving them to the children at Askrigg.

We will be trialling this lunchtime service until the end of the Summer Term.

Bainbridge Nursery Virtual open day!



Staff at a small Dales primary school are planning an open day with a difference for parents of prospective nursery and reception pupils.



A warm, virtual, welcome to parents for village schools' open day - Richmondshire Today

What a task it must have been to organise a virtual open day so well done to all those involved and here's to hoping it brings plenty of interest and hopefully some new applicants that we can welcome in to our federation family. We are

pleased to share some screenshots of a wonderful story about our open day that has been written for Richmondshire Today and shared on their Facebook page. Great publicity for our wonderful Federation.



Down to work: busy bees in Bainbridge school



By Betsy Everett

Not to be outdone by a global health crisis, staff at a small Dales primary school are planning an open day with a difference for parents of prospective nursery and reception pupils.

<https://www.facebook.com/644525922365534/posts/1929329577218489/?d=n>

Christmas Parties – Friday 18 December

We will be holding 'Bubble Christmas parties on the last day of term. Children can come in party clothes (with appropriate footwear and warm layers for break times).

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to join in with the party food, please let one of the Admin offices know as soon as possible. Lunches for KS2 children will be charged via Parentpay at £2.80.



Flu Immunisation survey



The Childhood Immunisation Team write:

'We have set up a QR code system and a web link to gain feedback following our visit to your school to administer the flu vaccination'.

We have set this up in the hope that parents can scan the QR code or access the web link and assist their child/children to answer the short survey on their experience of their vaccination with our nurses. It is a very short survey and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. The questions are aimed at primary school and year 7 children. Younger children may need more support from a parent/carer.' Please find attached with newsletter QR code.

Welcome to the world

We are over the moon to have heard from Nic and family about the arrival of their newest addition. Huge congratulations to them. Estella was born last weekend, we have already seen some gorgeous photos of her and can't wait to meet her.



Spring Term Menu



Attached to the Newsletter is the lunch menu for the Spring Term. Please **only** return the form if your child wishes to have the baked potato option by **9th December**.

Library books

Please can we ask that parents double check for Library books at home and return as soon as possible. It's important we get all books back to have a nice full library of choices for the children. West Burton Library will be open again soon!!



Polite notice

Please can we remind anyone dropping children off and collecting their children from Askrigg School that the times are from 8.35am-8.45am on a morning and 3.30pm at the end of the day.

Lost PE zip-up

Maciek's PE zip-up hoody has zipped off somewhere last week. Please could you check it hasn't cheekily zipped to your house instead of his. Thank you.



This week's awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Sammy
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Connor
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Beatrice QB
Tidiest Classroom Award	Merlins
Best Class Attendance	Robins, Owls, Swallows and Skylarks

Have a lovely weekend

E. Harrison

Eleanor Harrison

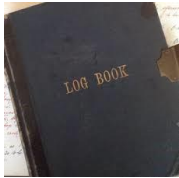
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Maxine Price



Pupil of the week

Pupil of the week, Robins	<i>'It's been super hard to choose this week but I thought Martha for fabulous writing.'</i> Mrs Johnston	Pupil of the week, Merlins	<i>'Pupil of the week this week for Merlins goes to May for showing 100% effort in her assessments this week.'</i> Mr Greenway
Attendance (WC 16.11)	100%	Attendance (WC 16.11)	99.47%
Pupil of the week, Owls	<i>'Owls pupil of the week is Ellie for her effort in writing, working hard to write her own Jack and the Beanstalk story.'</i> (see her proudly sharing her work in the class photos) Mrs Harrison	Pupil of the week, Skylarks	<i>'My pupil of the week is Lizzie for keeping going and working hard, even though she was feeling a bit fed up!'</i> Miss Collins
Attendance (WC 16.11)	100%	Attendance (WC 16.11)	100%
Pupil of the week, Swallows	<i>'William is my pupil of the week. For putting lots of effort into his writing and presentation of his poem on trust.'</i> Mr Scrafton		
Attendance (WC 16.11)	100%		
Pupil of the week, Golden Eagles	<i>'This week's pupil of the week for golden eagles is Holly for working hard in her reading all week.'</i> Mr Greenway		
Attendance (WC 16.11)	98.26%		



From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section.

This week's is from **West Burton's** log books:

19th November 1952 – *School closed until Mon. 24th Nov. by order of N.R. Ed. Committee, as the new boiler is being installed.*

28th November 1910 – *A very wet and stormy morning. As only one child was present registers were not marked until afternoon, when six children attended.*

EYFS News column

Quote of the week,

William, "Mrs. Johnston, I'm tired from this busy day. Shall we go home now?"

Mrs. Johnston, "Well it is only lunchtime William. Let's keep going a little bit longer."

And that's how our children develop resilience (as praised by the Ofsted man this time last year). You will be pleased to know William rallied and was fab in PE and maths before going home for a well-earned rest. I shared this with you all just so you know how busy the children are. Just like the scientists at Oxford University and Astra Zeneca who have been working around the clock to produce a cheap vaccine for the **whole world**. Doesn't it make you feel proud to be British? Resilience is such a valuable quality.

Don't we all feel very excited about the vaccines? Let's keep going, just like our children. We can do this, the end is in sight xxx

Wasn't it great to see on display in Sycamore via Facebook, all the lovely Lockdown work that our children did in the summer. Jemima's mum said it was very much enjoyed by residents who have been missing children. Funny to think some will have been to Bainbridge school as a child!

This week our calculations have involved the wonderful number 5. We have made some great recordings of how to make 5 using open ended investigations.

Many of us have been very excited about writing this week, which is great because next week we need to write to Santa. Apparently he is Covid safe and getting ready to deliver the presents. Who has their decorations up? A massive 'well done' to whoever has done the decorations on Bainbridge green. They look beautiful.

We have enjoyed our emotion bingo, sharing stories and thinking about how we feel and how others might feel. In collective worship we have been thinking about promises. I can't share because they are secret but I will tell you they reflect love of neighbour and love of self with warmth and generosity thrown in.

Mr Bullock says the Robins are a really strong cohort for PE skills. He is very proud and impressed with their balance, strength, developing skills and listening. Well done Robins. Every week we spend a great deal of time outdoors exercising. This keeps us fit and ready to crack on with Christmas.

Let the glitter and fun begin!!

Askrigg News column

This week the Merlins have been busy with assessment week. We have had a reading, SPAG and maths test. In geography this week, we went out around Askrigg to do some fieldwork. We had to locate all the parked cars in Askrigg and plot them on our map. This was very tricky but we enjoyed it.

In history we did some independent research into the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Some people looked at make-up, sport, pyramids and lots more.

We have also been learning our Christmas carols for our carol service in music this week.

Olivia said "I enjoyed doing the fieldwork in geography,"

Amelia said "I enjoyed PE we did long and short distance running."

Alice "I liked doing our Egyptian information texts, I looked at the Valley of the Queens."

West Burton Newsflash

This week has been incredibly fun. On Monday we did forest schools, made dens, and toasted marshmallows over a fire. After that, we did geography, and played 'You're only safe if,' using compasses.

We found out that this week was test week, we did our grammar test on Tuesday. Here are some quotes from the pupils:

"I enjoyed forest schools and made a Roman," said Beatrice.

"I enjoyed science, playing with sand to investigate whether it was a solid or a liquid. Everyone disagreed about it but we decided it was a solid," said Lizzie.

"I enjoyed making dens in forest schools," said Harry.

"I enjoyed building dens with my friends," said Ben.

We are all looking forward to Christmas and the holidays. On Tuesday, we found out that we will be singing Christmas carols in the village.

Ben and Benjamin

BAWB PTFA News



PTFA Meeting Dates

Wednesday 20 January

Times and links for the meeting to be shared at a later date.

Quiz Night – 6 December at 6pm.

Christmas Shops in School

Askrigg – 10 December

Bainbridge – 14 December

West Burton – 16 December

Children will be able to purchase gifts for their parents/grandparents as a surprise on Christmas Day!

Any questions, please talk to Steve Bowen, Karen Raven, Deb Wood or Beth Daley.

Community News

The Open Pantry

The 'Open Pantry' is still operating but not from our Church Buildings. If you or anyone you know, requires help in anyway please contact us and we will respond in complete confidence

Rev Dave Clark 01969 667553 office@upperwenben.org. Donations can be left in the box on the Vicarage drive, Burterset Rd, Hawes or can be collected from your home.

Forest schools/PE Days

Forest Schools	
Class	Day
Robins (YR)	Wednesday
Owls (Y1)	Tuesday
Swallows (Y2)	Monday
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Monday
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	Friday
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Friday
PE Days	
Class	Day
Robins (YR)	Wednesday
Owls (Y1)	Wednesday
Swallows (Y2)	Thursday and Friday
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Thursday and Friday
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	Monday and Friday
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Monday and Friday

Children will attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they will attend in PE kit (with long trousers if required) and wearing suitable footwear. On Forest schools days If the weather is looking unfavourable, pupils are welcome to take waterproofs and wellies for their Forest Schools session. Please can this be in one bag with their name on it.

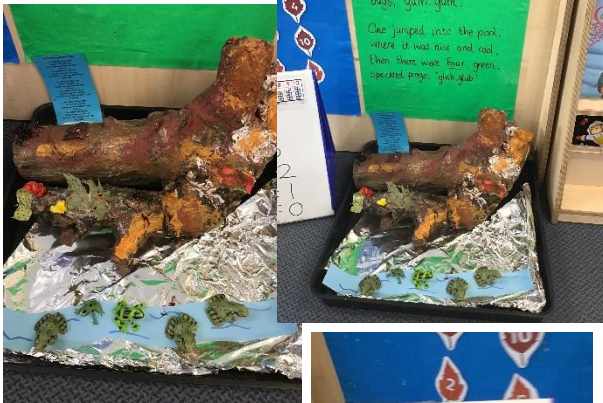
Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday		After school sports - finished	
Tuesday			Tuesday Team (see newsletter 2 for more info)
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
06.12.20	PTFA Quiz – 6pm – See BAWB PTFA news for more info		
08.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Skylarks & Swallows		
09.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Robins & Owls		
10.12.20	Christmas Dinner – Merlins & Golden Eagles		
11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day		
15.12.20	Panto Film – The National Elf Service		
18.12.20	Christmas Party Day and Break up for Christmas		
04.01.21	Training day		

Robins

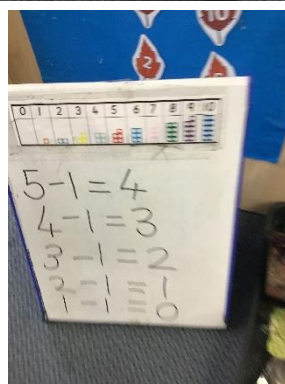
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in maths ...



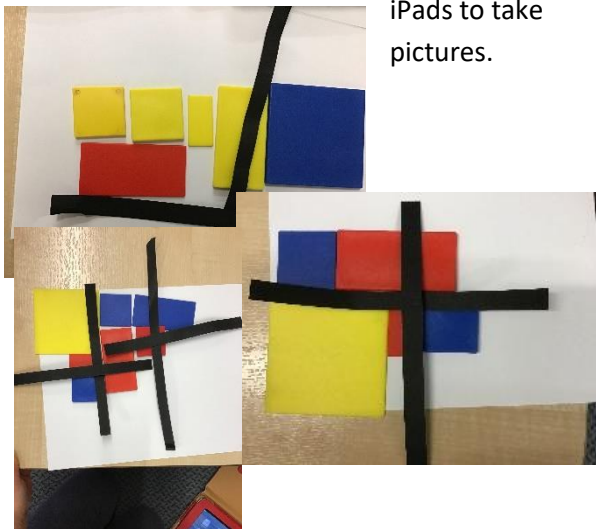
Every class needs a ladder bridge to
get over the lava. Watch out for trolls!



We have used squares
and rectangles to
make pictures in the
style of the artist
Mondrian. We used



Reception
made a chart
of the fruit
they wanted.
We estimated,
counted,
matched
numbers and
compared
quantities.



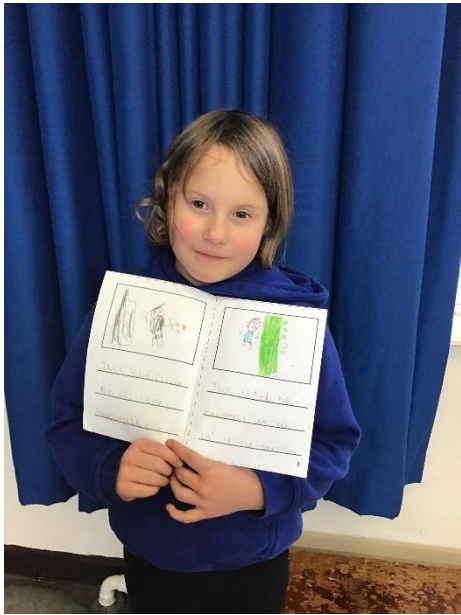
iPads to take
pictures.

Matching 5



Owls

A great tale of Jack and the Beanstalk ...



We have really loved using the school library again, the children take the responsibility of looking after their books very seriously and really enjoy choosing any book they wish. Thank you to Mrs Iveson for helping our children to access the Library.



Hockey skills were developed in PE this week, the Owls enjoyed their lesson in the Autumn sunshine.



Book reviews:

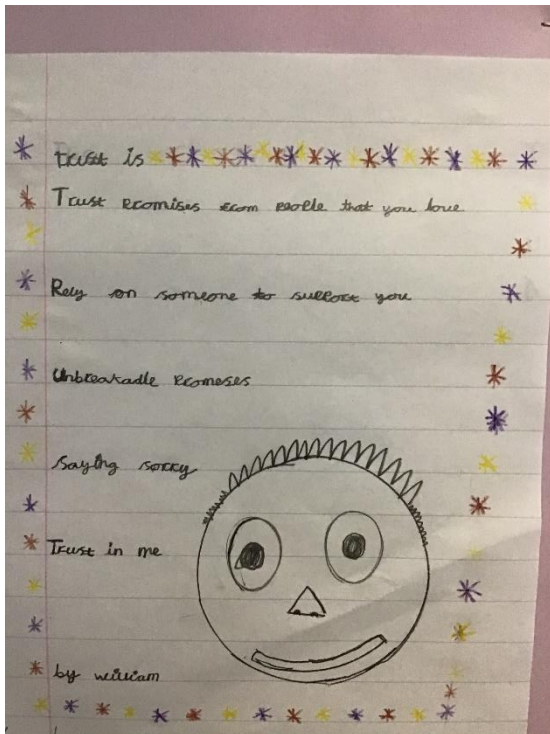
'It was just really good' SL

'I liked the bit where the fishermen caught the fish not Suki the seal' SC



Swallows

William's trust poem.



Forest school fun



Exploring atlases in geography



Skylarks

We have been doing tests this week so there aren't many interesting photos from our class work! However, we all enjoyed letting off steam in the playground.

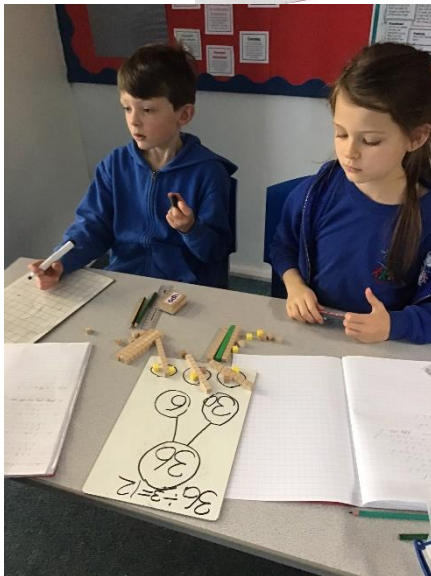
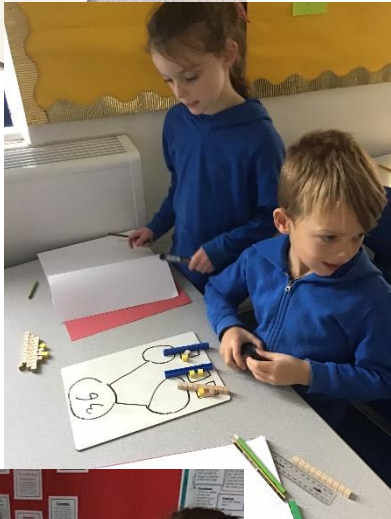
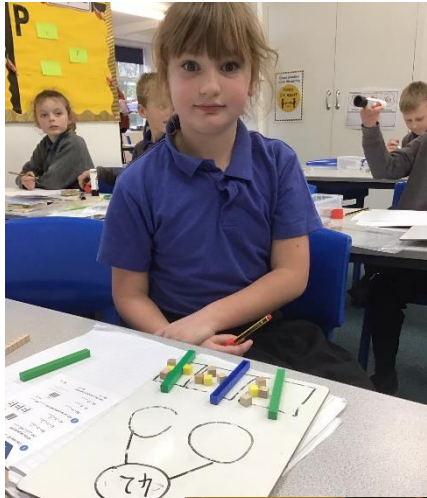


We have also been doing some science experiments on solids, liquids and gases. We held chocolate in our hands to see if it would melt - we even got to eat some afterwards.

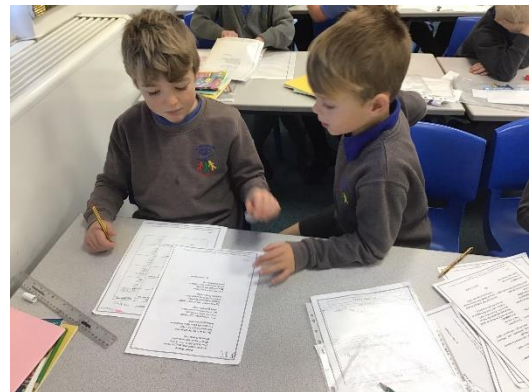
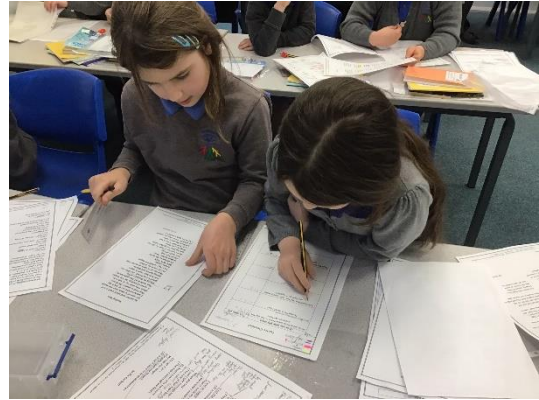


Golden Eagles

Working on division using concrete resources to support our understanding.



Sharing and learning our free verse poetry in English.

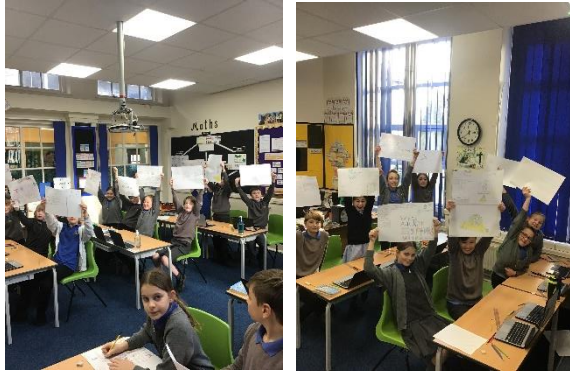


Carol singing and posing for photos!



Merlins

Creating non-fiction texts about the Ancient Egyptians using independent research and looking at a theme of the children's choice.



Time to shine! Learning lots about rocks and minerals.



Geography fieldwork. Collecting data around Askrigg on parked cars. We will later add this data as a layer to our base maps.

