



The BAWB Federation Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

11.09.2020, Edition no. 1

Dear All,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely Summer. What a fabulous return to school we have had. Wednesday was super and it



was so lovely to see everyone again after such a long time apart. Thank you to the pupils and staff for having such a positive attitude to their return and also thank you to you as parents for taking note of our rather comprehensive information regarding school opening. The joy of having 3 buildings is that we can manage our 'bubbles' without tight regulations and metres of tape and arrows everywhere. Each building has more than one entrance which we are fully utilising. It saves our children and staff having to have too many instructions about where they can be and when. Transport seems to be running quite smoothly now that we have been running for a number of days, thank you for your patience.

We are limiting visitors into our schools but please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

We are presently working on ways of sharing and celebrating our school work with you all as parents and as a community.

Headteacher Awards and Pupil of the Week certificates will be up and running once we have had a full week in school. If we were to choose anyone this week it would be incredibly hard, we are proud of everyone!

Best wishes to our Year 6 leavers 2020



We hope that all of the New Year 7 pupils have had a great start to secondary school. We have been thinking of them as they start the next stage of their education. I

am sure they have all made a wonderful first impression and their families very proud.

Home to School transport

A huge thank you to not only the parents for sticking with us whilst we organised our bus routes to accommodate everyone but to Mrs Gurden and Mrs Raven for taking a lot of time going through and ensuring each and every child makes it to their taught school each day - it was not an easy task but we feel we are nearly there!



Please could we reiterate that parents **must** apply to County if they wish their child to be transported from home to school so that a bus pass can be allocated. School are not responsible for this transport. Parents should not approach the transport provider directly as this puts them in an awkward position and has insurance implications. Our providers are very accommodating and will do their best to assist, but County must be informed and permission sought, before a child can use home-school transport.

Contact details for County transport are:

School Transport Team

North Yorkshire County Council

01609 780 780 / 01969 532363

schooltransport.services@northyorks.gov.uk

www.northyorkstravel.info

Child Illness

The procedures for dealing with any type of illness including suspected Covid are the same as always. If a child becomes ill we will isolate them from the other children and immediately contact parents. We would hope that you would be able to come immediately to the school to pick up your child. If they have suspected COVID we would ask you to take them to the nearest testing centre, if this is not possible then we have a few tests available in school that you could use and post.



WE WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERING COVID TESTS TO OUR PUPILS.

Contact Details



Please could parents ensure that we have up to date contact details for your children. School needs to be able to contact you or one of your alternate contacts should the need arise, in an emergency or if your child is sick. It is vital that we have this information.

Forest Schools

We are sorry for any confusion about what to bring for Forest Schools. 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.

Home-School link books

As we are asking that the children bring in as little as possible between the school and home we have asked that home-school link books do not go between. Should there be any information that parents feel teachers/staff need to know then please email through to bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk and the admin team will be passing on information to the relevant people.

GNAAS Collections - 21 September

A reminder that the Great North Air Ambulance collections will be taking place at all three schools on the morning of 21 September. Please bring your bags of clothing, bedding, curtains, towels etc. on the day and leave outside the school on the day as we cannot accept them into school prior to this date. GNAAS will also accept mobile phones and printer ink and toner cartridges but these must be placed in a separate bag. We will be sending bags home with the children.



Music Service: Instrumental Tuition

Please find attached to the newsletter this year's North Yorkshire County Music Service information about what instruments are offered and how to apply.

Richard of Impressions – Individual School Photos



Richard will be in our schools on Wednesday 7th October to take individual photos of the children. Due to the current situation he will not be taking photos of siblings together – it will be individual photos only and they will be taken at taught schools. Thank you for your understanding.

Milk – Over 5's

Please let one of the school admin team know if you wish your child to take milk. The cost is £1 per week and is payable via ParentPay.

Well-being

We are delighted that the children have enjoyed their first few days back in school. It has been a long time since we have all been together and for some this is their first experience back in school.

We are very aware that school closure will have had a huge impact on all of our children and want to ensure we support them with the transition back into school.

All staff are completing well-being evaluations for every child in their class, reporting to ourselves and Alexa Barber (SENDCo) so that we can begin to put support in place.

Well Done Hermione!

Miss Collins writes ... *'One of our pupils has been recognised in an international art competition! Hermione, from Skylarks, was awarded runner up in the Linnean Society portrait competition for her wonderful collage of a racoon. She will receive an art kit and a certificate. Her art work will also go on display at their museum in London. The Linnean Society has also sent certificates for the children whose work was displayed on their social media at the end of last term; these will be awarded in assembly in the near future!'*



Class timetables

Attached to the newsletter are the class's timetables for parents to have for information.

Awards

Awards will be back again next week. We will be awarding pupil of the week each week announced on Friday in the newsletter and a celebration will be had on the Monday in the class bubble for the selected child.



Have a great weekend,

E. Harrison

Eleanor Harrison

M Price

Maxine Price

Robins

Please send any pictures you'd like to be added to columns to
BAWBadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk



Lovely to see our new outdoor ride on and toys getting some use a big thank you to Mrs Gurden for taking time to build them ready for the start of term!

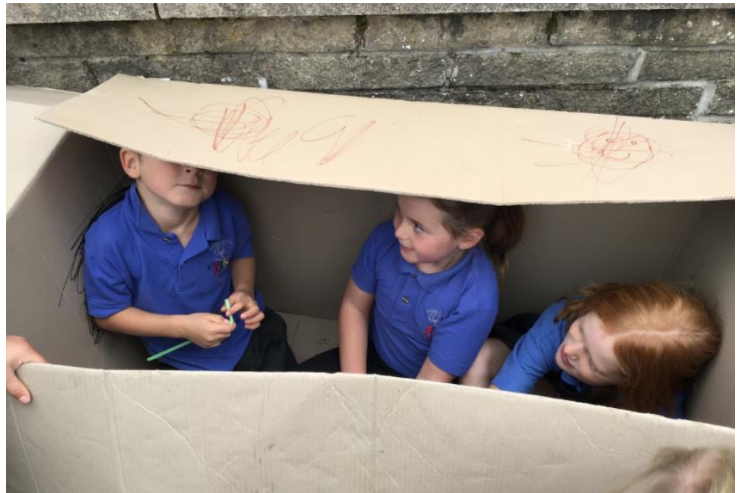
A big well done to Oscar who is pedaling independently at just 3 years old!



Owls

Please send any pictures you'd like to be added to columns to
BAWAdmin@b-a-wb.co.uk

'We are really proud of the Owls, they have settled straight back into school life with such energy and excitement. They are kind and helpful towards each other and certainly love getting creative. Mrs Harrison, Mrs Donno-Fuller and Mrs Robinson are very lucky and can't wait for more Owl adventures next week.'



Swallows



Year 2 have worked on Jackson Pollock inspired action and drip painting.



Mr Scrafton and Miss Labbate have shared items about themselves with Swallows.



Swallows new Superhero display board!



Please send any pictures you'd like adding to our columns to
BAWBadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk



Skylarks



Merlins



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 **Askrigg's** log books:

14 September 1984: Most children went to West Burton to see a performance by Harrogate Theatre in Education. Mrs Smith was in charge of the party. The children enjoyed the light hearted entertainment by a cast of two very much. Mrs Joyce Horner, the caretaker, has been told that she must retire on her 65th birthday, which is imminent. Mrs Paula Hague has been appointed to succeed her. A presentation was made to Mrs Horner. She was given some decorative plates and jug which she had chosen and a bouquet and card signed by all the school.

15 September 1915: In spite of the attraction of a travelling circus, the attendance today has improved. The scholars were allowed to leave half an hour earlier this afternoon.

EYFS News Column

I don't think we have ever had a school start without a single tear shed before. I cannot say that there were not sobbing parents at home or work but there were certainly no tears at school. Instead, there was an overwhelming atmosphere of JOY

- Joy at seeing our friends and colleagues again.
- Joy at having a delicious roast chicken dinner
- Joy in playing parachute games, reading stories, reciting number rhymes and learning new listening skills.
- But most of all, JOY at discovering new tractors and cars to play with. Complete with petrol pump, road signs and traffic lights.

What a wonderful start to the year. Long may it continue.

I would like to ask for conkers, acorns and all thing autumnal to enrich our learning. It may be a little early but please keep your eyes open – thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend. We can't wait to start another week on Monday. Let's hope the novelty hasn't worn off on us all!!

- Mrs Johnston

Askrigg News Column

What a week!

The Merlins have returned to school this week with great energy and enthusiasm. We have spent much of our first week back doing mindfulness activities to try and help ease any anxiety that the children may have with school

being slightly different. The Merlins have truly been a credit to the school this week with how responsible and mature they have approached any new school measures.

Here are some of the activities we have been up to:

The Merlins spent a morning making these beautiful mandalas, whilst sampling some classical music. These will be used to create a wonderful display in school showing how individual and special we all are.

We have also introduced our new topic (Ancient Egypt) and began by playing some games and sports from 4000 years ago.

Also linked to our new topic we learned about Tutankhamun and his discovery by Howard Carter. The Merlins enjoyed designing their own death mask to be fit for a pharaoh!

*Please see KS2 Gallery for pictures of above activities

- Mr Greenway

West Burton News Column

On Wednesday, it was our first day back because Monday and Tuesday were teacher training days. We started reading Harry Potter and we made broomsticks and wands and also painted them. Some new children joined called Jessica, Katie, Alfie and Zoe.

Thia said, "I enjoyed making my wand – I called it Patricia!"

Abigail said, "I enjoyed my first day back at school."

Lizzie enjoyed making the broomsticks.

We've also been making globes and creating patterns on them with water, paint and salt. We did our rough one on Wednesday and then the final version on Thursday. They looked really good.

Zoe said, "I enjoyed doing art."

In the afternoon, we did P.E. and music and we've also been doing lots of circle time games like passing a smile!

- Katie and Abigail

BAWB PTFA News



21st November – Christmas Fair, Askrigg Village Hall – to be confirmed.

Community News

13th September 2pm – Comedy Show – Askrigg

Family friendly outdoor show behind The Crown Inn, Askrigg – Free entry however donations are encouraged – bring picnic blankets and chairs. Acts include Jamie Sutherland, Tatiana Kundyk and Henry Prince of Clowns

The Open Pantry

Available at St Oswald's and St Margaret's Churches. Food and toiletries available for those in need.

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)	Tuesday and Wednesday
Owls (Y1)	Tuesday and 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.