



Dear Parents, families, and community,  
 We have enjoyed a busy week and the weather has certainly shown some signs of spring. I think this, combined with Boris's 'light at the end of the tunnel' announcement, has given many of us a renewed sense of optimism and hope. Hang on in there...!

**Back to school arrangements**

We are working hard behind the scenes to get everything in place for our return to full school opening on March 8<sup>th</sup>. As well as ensuring that our environment is Covid-safe for larger groups, we are planning some special sessions to reintroduce our children to life in school with full classes. This will include some much-needed PSHE and PE, plus some assessments nearer to Easter so that we can plan our catch-up sessions in line with the government funding that schools receive. If your child is likely to need catch-up support, we will be in touch with you personally, after our assessments. We will send more detailed information next week about the start on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and we hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are.



**A beautiful song of hope...**

You may have had the opportunity to see Debbie Allenby's wonderful arrangement of 'Hope' from the 'Virtual Dales Children's Choir, featuring a number of BAWB pupils. The video, apart from spreading a wonderful message and providing us with much-needed hope, is helping to raise money for 'YoungMinds' – a mental health charity for young people. Please visit Debbie's 'Just Giving' page if you can. At the time of writing, she was at 90% of her target amount!



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hopeburnsbrigtly>

From Debbie on the 'Just Giving' website:  
*Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page. This amazing virtual children's choir came about during the most recent lockdown. After writing a song about Hope and the future, I knew it would be fabulous to have children's voices singing the message. In these difficult and times that we have been through, we have all had our own challenges to face, but particularly children and young adults. After gathering a group of enthusiastic volunteers online and running a series of Zoom workshops, the choir all recorded themselves at home and sent their separate videos to me to patch together. They were thrilled with the result and a few tears were shed by proud parents. Please give if you can to the fabulous*

*charity, YoungMinds. The demand on children's mental health services have already increased massively in the past year and I think it will be very much needed for years to come. Thank you so much. x*

**Forest School Area at Askrigg**

We feel really fortunate that we are able to keep the grounds of Askrigg School open when school is closed, for the enjoyment of the wider community; this is something that the Yorebridge Educational Foundation is keen to maintain. During the holiday, it was evident that people had used our Forest School area, which is wonderful. Please may we remind you to leave it as you find it so that we can maintain a safe and tidy area for our children to use during school hours.



**Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is an exciting opportunity to join our group of skilled and dedicated governors who work hard with the school's leadership team to shape the direction of our schools. If you might be interested, with absolutely no obligation, please contact me for a bit more information.

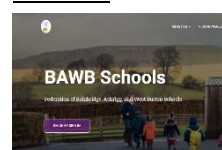


**No Screen Friday – 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Next Friday, the last day of our lockdown arrangements, will be a no-screen day with lots of creative and active activity suggestions for you to enjoy as families. No work will be set by or expected from school. Members of staff will be available in the usual ways if you need them but we politely request that you keep communication to a need-only level because our staff will be working hard to get the school environment ready for Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, in line with updated guidance and a new risk-assessment from the local authority.



**Website**



Please continue to check out our new website which we keep adding to and updating. New this week: parish council news pages (in the 'community' section), a West Burton 'Meals on Wheels' info page (also in the 'community' section) and a 'latest news and notifications' ribbon on the home page. Here you might expect to see current info and important updates. If you have any

suggestions or feedback about the website, please do not hesitate to contact me. Photographs throughout will be updated as restrictions allow.

### **BAWB PTFA**

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by email closer to the time. We'll discuss how to manage our annual Easter egg competition and look forward to planning some in-person events soon - is it too soon to think about our Christmas fair?! We hope to see you there – all are welcome!

### **Calling all Robins!**

We are really looking forward to welcoming the Robins back in school and are already putting our plans in place to re-start our reading. We will be able to access the school library on a Wednesday, after the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Please can we ask parents to remember to bring back their child/ren's library books so they can be swapped each week. Many thanks for your cooperation.



This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, taught at Bainbridge	Oscar, for a remarkably positive, confident, and enthusiastic start to school.
Headteacher's Award, taught at Askrigg	Harvey, for a positive attitude and a well-mannered approach to school life.
Headteacher's Award, taught West Burton	Theo, for being fantastic in discussions, especially during collective worship: making insightful comments.







Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Harper'.

Charlotte Harper

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Harrison'.

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance
<p>Robins</p> 	<p><b>Oscar</b> for sharing well on Monday and listening carefully and joining in with lots of the sessions Owls were doing as well. – Mrs Johnston &amp; Mrs Harrison</p>	NA
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Owls pupil of the week is <b>Ellie</b> for her enthusiasm for learning in all curriculum areas – Mrs Harrison</p>	NA
<p>Golden Eagles</p> 	<p>The pupil of the week for the Golden Eagles is <b>Jocelyn</b> for excellent effort throughout lockdown. – Mrs Richards &amp; Miss Collins</p>	NA
<p>Merlins</p> 	<p>The Pupil of the Week in the Merlins is <b>Caelan</b> for taking more responsibility for uploading/completing his work and even showing his peers how to use Teams more effectively - Mr Greenway and Miss Collins.</p>	NA
<p>Swallows</p> 	<p><b>Rafael</b> is definitely my pupil of the week, for amazing scientific investigation into the workings of a heart. (picture in Swallow gallery) – Mr Scrafton</p>	NA
<p>Skylarks</p> 	<p>My pupil of the week in the Skylarks is <b>Harry</b> for showing great enjoyment for all his subjects and producing some really high-quality work. We particularly liked his poem written in the shape of a tank! – Miss Collins</p>	NA

# Robins



Ben spread cheese on crackers and cut tomatoes and then made his lunch into a smiley face.



Archie introduced us to his newborn baby - he does not want one in this house as they "don't sleep, cry, poo in their cots and smell"



'Archie read the Fat Cat on the Mat - very exciting when the chicks hatched!'



Aidan has been doing some phonics and counting logs going in to the bunker.



Archie had a productive day working on his 2-D shapes

After reading all about the heart and blood last week Rocco looked at what the heart actually looks like (using a sheep and ox heart).



# Owls

Many children have enjoyed spring walks in the sunshine this week looking for signs of spring and new life. Aaron was particularly excited to see a calf born on his farm.



Maths has seen lots of work on volume and capacity.



There have been some wonderful homes made for the animals we have been researching as part of our science unit, Riley made the home for a shark.



# Golden Eagles



Amelie enjoying the snow during half term



Fred enjoying some sledding in PE

Arthur preparing ceramic pieces for his mosaic in history



Henry with his excellent 'hat hanger' that he made for DT



Dylan with his lovely fish mosaic



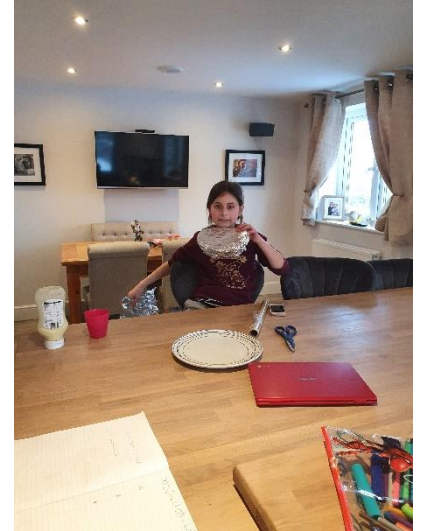
Isaac and his sister Eva with their ice art

# Merlins



Clari helping with the sheep

Olivia enjoying making a musical instrument



Eva enjoying a winter walk



William enjoying some snowboarding in PE



Magda doing some cycling for PE



Clari helping at her mum's office

# Swallows



'James's history was to make a cup and ball... of course we had to make 2!'

'Rafael is currently reading 'Kays anatomy' book. He finished reading

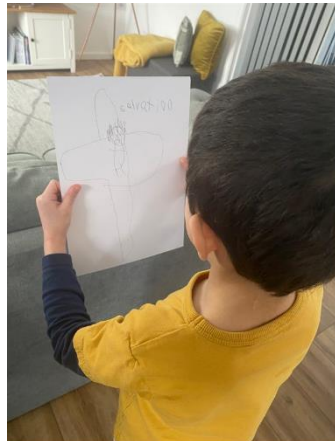
all about heart and blood last week so we looked at what the heart actually looks like (we had sheep and ox heart) looked at the size of them, what it looks inside, thickness of the walls of actual heart and blood vessels, it was fun.'



James has done a shape hunt round the house – I wonder how many shapes he could find?



Oliver's drawing of the Christian concept of Salvation.



Lydia's representation of the Gospels.



Abe, Hugo and Jacob's recreations of toys from the past.



Lily's Spring walk to spot evidence of new life and think about what this means in the Easter story.

Lily-Anne's fact sheet on the basic needs of dogs.



James and Archie's home-made bread rolls.



# Skylarks



Alfie with some amazing crystals he grew for science



Benjamin and Lara the cat enjoy some reading together



Beatrice enjoying her reading bingo activities



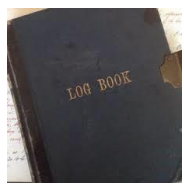
Zoe making a lava lamp in science



Ben enjoying a winter walk

Thomasina's half-term DT project





## 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 **Bainbridge's** log books:

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878** – A great many are absent from school with bad colds and whooping cough

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1897** – The Rev'd Whaley visited the school on Monday afternoon. Half day holiday given on Thursday afternoon as a tea festival was held and the new classroom opened.

## Robins and Owls News

Oh my word! Is **March 8<sup>th</sup>** a more exciting date than 25<sup>th</sup> December? I think it could be.

We are all so happy about your imminent return.



Hang in there the last days will whizz past.

And another exciting thing is to think that in the summer at the end of term we **can** have a whole BAWB assembly. All of us together. Yes all of us. Children, parents, staff. How wonderful xx



Have a wonderful weekend everybody. Love from Robins and Owls xxx

## On-site Learners news

This week the in school learners have had another busy week. We have enjoyed it and we have completed many of the tasks on Teams. For English, we have enjoyed going outside to collect some inspiration for our shape poetry. In maths, we have been really trying to secure our times tables knowledge by working on aspects of our times tables we find tricky. We even made books to help us remember our target times tables. French has been good fun as we played games to help us remember the names of parts of the body. Lots of us enjoyed animating our names in computing. We are really looking forward to our walk on Friday and are hoping for good weather. We are going to try and find a geocache. We are going to combine geography and our PE challenge as we try and use map skills whilst upping our mileage. We have also really enjoyed continuing with our art project at the moment where

we got to add our chosen topic to our matchbox art. Music was great this week to as we got to make our own music online.

Everyone in school is looking forward to the return of a friends when it is safe to do so. We are missing them greatly.

Merlin Bubble

## Off-site learners News

Here we are at the last week in February; as the days lengthen the crocuses and daffodils are beginning to appear.

Who doesn't love a bit of music? Our pupils certainly do! They have been enjoying composing their own tunes using the Incredibox app. Watch out Ed Sheehan! We have some budding musicians in our midst. Music has provided a great therapy for many of us throughout lockdown.

RE involved drawing around your feet then cutting out the template. You then had to write on it ways in which you could be helpful. What a lot of kind, caring children we have. We would encourage dads, mums and carers to check out the assignment as we had children offering to do all manner of household chores.

A big word throughout the pandemic has been HOPE. For PSHE, our pupils were recreating the word using a variety of mediums: pens, Lego, wool and even spaghetti (not cooked!) A beautiful array of HOPE was achieved, sending out such a powerful sentiment to us all.

English, oh the English has been a joy to read. The children have produced their own shape poems often including similes and metaphors. They evoked such visual images of the subject within their poems. Henry said, "I enjoyed doing the shape poem. Mine was a tree."

Hadrian's Wall featured in history and PE. What a lot of fascinating facts the children have learned. Did you know the Romans introduced fast food to Britain? And no, it wasn't pizza! Next week is our last one (hopefully!) of online learning and we also have World Book Day on Thursday to look forward to. What fun!

Dylan said, "I always struggle with times tables but I have had fun learning them this week by making a times table book and I learnt the 8 times tables fast on the website."

Antoni said, "I was busy learning my times tables this week. I really enjoyed my maths this week."

Children have also made the most of their half term break. Magda even entered some competitions. "I have been doing some drawing competitions during half term, I designed a colourful kitchen and a mouse jumper. I wrote my shape poem about daffodils. I enjoyed doing my windsock in science too." Abigail said, "I enjoyed getting my first lambs this week and over half term."

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### Dates for the Diary

Easter Egg Decorating Competition: March – dates and deadlines to be confirmed  
 PTFA Meeting: Thursday 11 March at 8pm

## Forest Schools and PE

Class	Forest Schools	PE
Robins	NA	Wednesday
Owls	NA	Wednesday
Golden Eagles	NA	Friday
Merlins	NA	Friday
Swallows	NA	Thursday and Friday
Skylarks	NA	Thursday and Friday

Children should attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they should 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.