



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

*Mid-Dale Excellence in Education*

Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear Parents, families, and community,  
It is difficult to believe that we are coming to the end of the first half of this term. I continue to be hugely impressed by your hard work and commitment. Keep going everyone – there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it is shining brightly.



I would like to thank all the members of staff in the BAWB Team who are working so hard in incredibly challenging circumstances and making themselves available at night and weekends to support children learning from home. What a great team!

### Live Class Calls

We eagerly await news from the government about what returning to schools might look like, and when it might be. In the meantime, we continue to offer our tailored remote-learning package and thank you again for your commitment and hard work. In order to 'balance' the fact that our in-school learners have more face-to-face time with a teacher, our weekly class calls will focus on home learners only for the next few weeks. This should provide a smaller and more personalised forum for engaging with their teacher.



### World Book Day



Calling all readers ... and I know there are lots of you out there!

Our schools need YOU to do a sponsored read / listen over half term. All you need to do is read a little bit (or

listen to a little bit) of a book every day of the holiday and record it. Your efforts could help us to raise some money for new books in our schools. Please see the sponsored read letter attached to this newsletter - it has everything you need to get going.

If any friends or families would like to make a donation, they can do it via our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bawb>

However, don't worry if it is difficult to find people to sponsor you, you can still take part and will still receive a certificate if you complete the challenge.

Thank you very much to Dales Books who have organised this challenge for us in preparation for World Book Day on March 4th. They have also helped us with a Reading Bingo challenge and lots of other lovely activities which we will let you know about after half term.

We will also be having a dressing up day on World Book Day for all our learners, whether at home or in school. We would like you all to dress up as heroes as we think you have all been real-life heroes during lockdown!

### Great North Air Ambulance Collections – Date for the Diary



GNAAS will collect your used clothing and ink cartridges from all three schools during the morning of **Monday 19 April**. Please note that we cannot currently store any items in school and would ask that you

bring your bags to school on the morning of the collection.

### Covid Vaccination Scam – Please be aware

North Yorkshire Police have advised of emails 'doing the rounds' which appear to be from the NHS inviting the recipient to register for a Covid vaccination. These are 'phishing' emails which ask you to input your personal details, security information and more importantly your bank and card details. The emails claim that your bank details are necessary to verify your identity. Please remember the Covid 19 vaccination is free and you will not be asked for payment. The NHS will never ask for your bank details. If you receive such emails you can forward them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and then delete from your inbox. Please pass this message on to friends/family etc

### Wonderful World Assemblies

From YDNP: *Come and join us for our weekly mindful assemblies for primary schools, via Zoom.*

*To help with children's mental health during and post lockdown and help them connect with nature, the Yorkshire Dales National Park is offering weekly assemblies which all*



primary school children (and their parents if they wish), can join in from home or at school.

The assemblies will be live at **9.15am on Wednesdays** - a great way to start the day. The first one will be **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and will run at the **same time every week until the Easter holidays**. They will last about 15-20 minutes and will include some elements of mindfulness, a chance to connect with nature and ideas for an activity the children can do during the day, to get them outside and appreciating our wonderful world.

If you would like to join us, please contact us to be given the zoom link ([learning@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:learning@yorkshiredales.org.uk)). The session will be run with stringent online safeguarding protocols in place (further details will be sent when you request the link).

I do hope your children will be able to join us and take a quiet 15 minutes out of their day to reflect on **our wonderful world**.

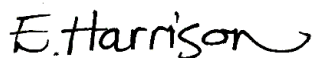
May I wish you all a peaceful, healthy, and happy half-term break. We hope you enjoy your sponsored read!

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, taught at Bainbridge	Douglas, for a wonderful story based on Percy the Park Keeper's 'A Snowy Night'.
Headteacher's Award, taught at Askrigg	Katie, for a positive approach to learning and a good attitude towards addressing lockdown challenges.
Headteacher's Award, taught West Burton	Lily-Anne, for great perseverance with MS Teams - working hard on her assignments and overcoming technical difficulties.

Have a great weekend!



Charlotte Harper



Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance
<b>Robins</b> 	<b>William S.</b> for super enthusiasm with his maths this week and for always being kind. - Mrs Middleton	NA
<b>Owls</b> 	<b>Elsie</b> is my POW for embracing home learning from writing letters to tricky calculations, all with a great big smile (see pictures) – Mrs Harrison	NA
<b>Golden Eagles</b> 	<b>Katie</b> from Golden Eagles for taking responsibility and helping others - Mrs Richards and Miss Collins	NA
<b>Merlins</b> 	<b>Eva</b> from Merlins for handling lockdown in a cheerful and mature manner - Mr Greenway & Miss Collins	NA
<b>Swallows</b> 	<b>Jacob</b> for showing great effort and enjoyment in all of his home learning and fantastic perseverance with his reading. – Mr Scafton	NA
<b>Skylarks</b> 	<b>Archie</b> from Skylarks for doing lots and lots and LOTS of amazing work! - Miss Collins & Mr Scafton	NA



# Robins



Joey enjoyed the dinosaur theme.

Proof from Lizzy that writing practice can take place almost anywhere!



*'We made Rosiesaurus cupcakes and nests!'*

Archie had a go at making his own word search.



Pippa worked on this utterly amazing cake! I imagine it was as yummy as it looks.



This den even had board games!



*'We went to river where we searched for minibeasts (found some under the stones)'*



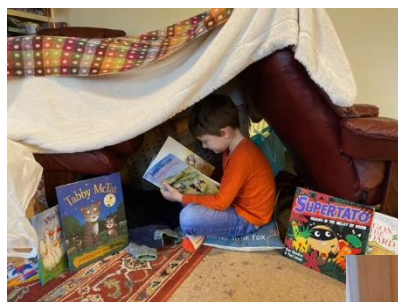
Aidan Has used lots of colourful blocks for his tower challenge.

Ada completed the Den challenge for No screen day.





# Owls



The den building has gone down a treat and what a good selection of books to read.

Some lovely art work has gone in to this family tree.

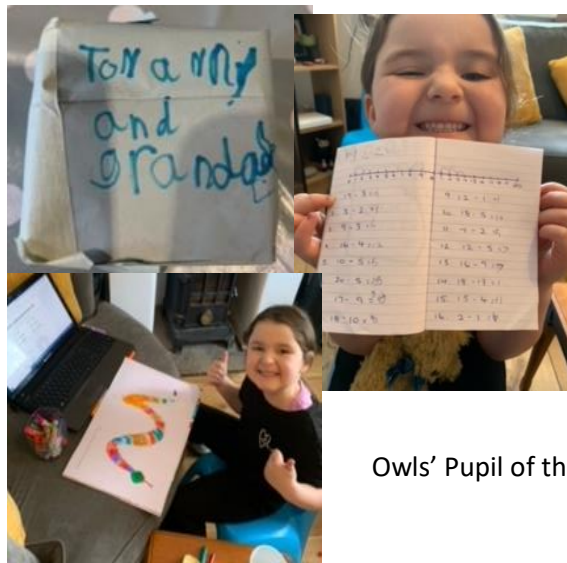
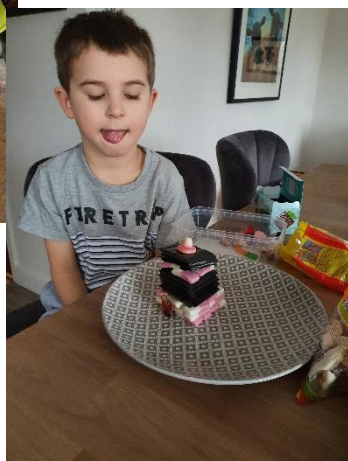


Joseph's board game has given him a chance to work on writing lots of numbers!

Lots of cozy looking dens!

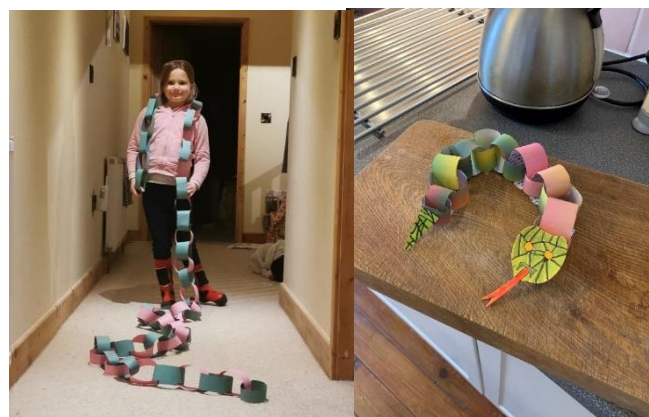


The tower challenge completed with sweets. Yummy!



Owls' Pupil of the week

These are some examples of the snakes the children have made for their science work on reptiles this week.



Douglas's textile work for Mrs Robinson.



A few of the Owls' scavenger hunt items.



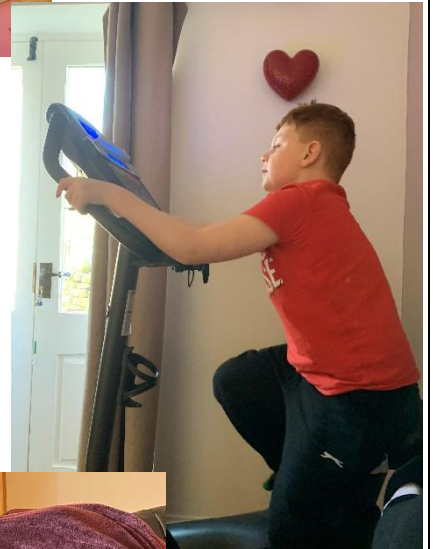
# Golden Eagles



Dylan sawing wood for his bird feeder on No Screen Friday and Dylan with his finished bird feeder



Georgie making a beautiful skiing mosaic in history.



Henry getting some super exercise indoors.



Eliza with her tower for No Screen Friday



Gabriel with his miniature scrapbook for art



Isaac and Eva enjoying their reading den for no-screen day.



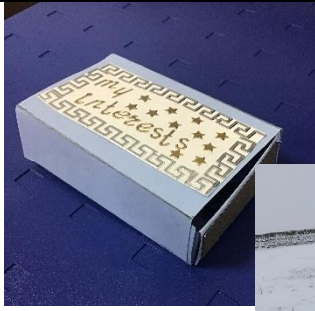
Some fabulous bakes by Holly!

*'Dec loved helping his big brother with his food homework this week, making an apple crumble!'*



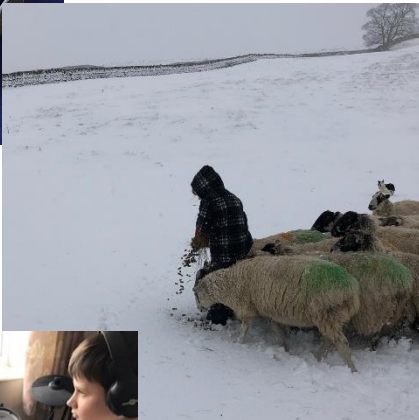


# Merlins



Matchbox art.

Amelia helping the feed the sheep.

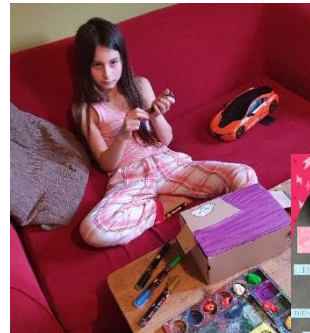


Caelan enjoying an online music lesson

Clari and her family enjoying a winter walk

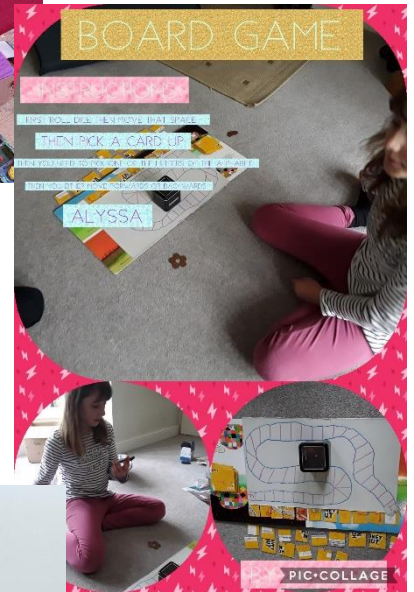


Clari visiting a local mosaic with her family



Olivia enjoying her DT task

Alyssa making a board game for No Screen Friday



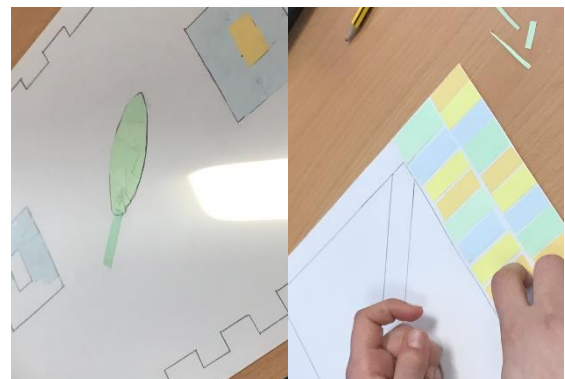
Eva enjoying the great outdoors during No Screen Friday



William enjoying some baking during No Screen Friday



Some Roman mosaics being done in the Merlin bubble.





## Swallows



Rafael spent his no screen day with lots of Lego with a great effort for the tower challenge!

Tristan has been reading to his brothers.



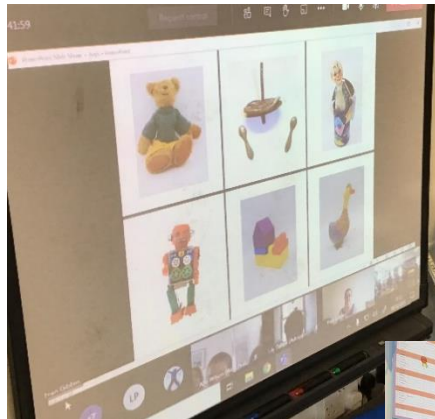
Abe's fantastic finger knitting for art and textiles.

Hugo's bird feeder.



Lily-Anne's reading den.

The swallows bubble ventured out on no screen day down to West Burton Falls. They picked up dropped leaves and materials to see if they could identify the tree they had fallen from. Once back from their very cold excursion they continued on with the many challenges set by our staff. There built a tower using the crates in the playground which ended up taller than Mr Scrafton! A huge effort went in to a water obstacle course with buckets and drain pipes and many other items. It was very successful and gave the bubble plenty of outside time.



Swallows went on exciting virtual tour of Discovery Museum that you can read all about in the on-site learner's news column.

Lily's superb finger knitting.



James' building block tower fell before mum could take a picture.

Lily-Anne's yoghurt pot tower at a very impressive height.





## Skylarks

Beatrice enjoying a winter walk.



Zoe with her DT project.



Benjamin wrapped up well in the cold weather.



Lizzie with her art project.

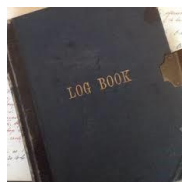


Thia doing some measuring for maths.



Beatrice and Benjamin enjoying No Screen Friday.





## 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:

**W/C 2 February 1999:** Mrs Peggy Hewitt (poet) worked with children in school as part of a Dales Millennium activity.

Informal Open session held in school to give the children an opportunity to show their work to their parents.

## Robins and Owls News

Despite this half term being a relatively short one, it feels like it has been a long time since it started. But finally, we have made it to half term and I think we can say that we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. And what a fun holiday week it will be with Valentine's day and Pancake day.

Our final week of this half term has been blessed with glorious weather. Admittedly it has been cold. So cold that Declan has put on long trousers and left his shorts at home. Yes! That cold! But it has not held us back in our outdoor pursuits. We are on the whole very well wrapped up but I am including a couple of videos about dressing for weather. Obviously I don't want to teach you how to suck eggs but they are quite useful videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ac-2alyt2k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmbnAUCkAA>

I have been very impressed with how well the children are dressed and the joy they have got out of their long walks but a couple of pointers I would suggest is

- Remember a spare pair of gloves
- Extra pairs of socks on feet
- More than one top layer – a warm snuggly coat and a waterproof jacket – remember we do have waterproof jackets in school
- Footwear – snow boots are better than wellies when it is this cold. Or fleecy wellie liners/thermal socks will help

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I am looking into school purchasing some products and I don't expect you to buy new things but I thought I would share some options.

It was rather wonderful to see some of you on our Teams get together. It was quite emotional and we will do this more often. Thank you again to Mrs. Gamble who is currently working on Nursery access to Teams.

So have a well earned rest and we look forward to being a week nearer to your return,

Love you lots Owls & Robins xx



## An exciting virtual museum tour...

### Swallows' Virtual Museum Tour

On Monday afternoon, the Swallows took part in a virtual museum tour of the toy section of the Discovery Museum as part of their history topic - Toys Our Grandparents Played With. The children were very excited about their virtual tour, having recently had a fantastic (virtual) visit from Mrs Stone, who spoke to the class about the toys that she played with and answered the children's questions about her toys.

The Swallows had a fantastic time: pretending to be old toys; searching for different toys in the galleries; going on a scavenger hunt to find different materials toys are made from; identifying the sounds toys make and describing old and new toys.

The Swallows were very grateful to Mrs Fran Gibbin for showing them around the museum and Mr Scrafton was very grateful that no-one was sick on the virtual bus! Here are some quotes from our children:

Lydia "I really like all the toys the bright coloured ones and even the dull ones."

Rafael "I really liked the optical illusions."

Caleb "It was really good, my favourite toy was the dog-bear."

James "I really liked spotting the animals in the gallery pictures."

Otis "I really like seeing all the Victorian toys."

Abe "I enjoyed trying to work out which toy made which noise."

## Off-site learners News

We have made it to the last week of this half term. Hasn't six weeks flown by?

We are so impressed with the continuous standard and effort the children put into their work. Thank you also to the parents for providing the resources required by the children to complete their tasks and the support they need to succeed.

In English, our children have enjoyed becoming journalists and making up amazing news articles about the strange happenings in their toy cupboards. We have also been using the First News ihub, which has proved popular.

William said, "I really liked doing the First News ihub because I now know things I did not know before."

Lots of children have also enjoyed the addition and subtraction focus in maths.

Isaac said, "I loved doing my maths with addition and subtraction."

Alyssa said, "I loved doing addition in maths. I have also been learning some map reading skills."

Lots of pupils have making mini feasts as part of the PSHE assignment. Well, the feasts have been restaurant standard, watch out Jamie Oliver! Pizza has featured heavily but oh, the snacks! We were positively drooling!

History was another hit: to create your own mosaic. What an array of pictures were created with a variety of materials used: paper, card, glass beads even Hama beads.

In RE, paper chains were made bearing respect messages, some were short and sweet others were very long chains suitable to use for decorating your house!

Magda said, "I liked doing RE, I did the paper chain. I also liked doing the mosaic for history and doing the addition in maths. Addition is one of my favourite things in maths."

If anyone has any worries about being burgled, fear not! Our classes have been busy 'building' burglar alarms in science. I'm sure orders could be taken.







William created his burglar alarm on Minecraft. He said, "I liked creating electric circuits of my own."

Many children have also been working hard at their PE. Benjamin said, "Our PE lesson was running up & down the hills in the snow yesterday afternoon & it was freezing cold!"

Beatrice said, "I enjoyed making my DT design this week."

Remember next Tuesday is Pancake Day, we have lots of experts in our midst. So enjoy your pancakes and your half term holiday.

## 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.