

Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

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Dear Parents, families, and community, Another busy week across the Federation. It's hard to believe that we are entering the final week of the Spring term.

Assessment

Our teachers are busy preparing for assessment week next week. All children from Y1 upwards will undertake assessments in maths, reading, and grammar. There may be some children who do not sit the 'formal'

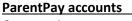


reading assessment i.e. those who are currently engaged in the Read, Write, Inc programme. This is in line with our clear philosophy that children should only be asked to independently read material that they are competently able to decode. We will share the outcomes of the assessments prior to your parent-teacher consultation after Easter so that you can ask any questions during that meeting. In addition, the outcomes of assessments will help us to shape our 'catch-up' provision as we identify gaps in children's learning.

You may be aware that the Government has abandoned statutory testing (SATs) this academic year. We are still required to formally assess children but our official data will be submitted as teacher assessment. The exception to this is the Y1 phonics screening test which will still go ahead.

It's Red Nose Day!

Today there has been great excitement as we have dressed to make our friends laugh, wearing the funniest clothes we can put together! In our classes we have been collecting jokes building up to the giant joke-off today!



Once again we are rapidly approaching the end of the term! Please can you log into your child/ren's ParentPay account and



clear all outstanding debts for their meals and milk. We are acutely aware that the past 12 months have been extremely challenging for us all, please do let us know if there may be any delay in this process - we will work with you in any way we can.

Wherever possible please can accounts be cleared by **Friday 26**th of March.

If there are any challenges with the system, account activation codes required or discrepancies on your child's account, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gurden anytime at admin@bainbridge.n-yorks.sch.uk Thank you.

ML Sports and Fitness Easter Holiday Camp

Please find attached to the newsletter a flyer containing information on Easter holiday camps put on by ML Sorts and fitness at Richmond School.

Cycling for all

YES @ Areté Learning Trust in conjunction with the Big Lottery Fund will be hosting six-week cycling programmes for all abilities. For further details please see attached flyer.

Calling all Owl Parents!

'On Wednesday, all the Owls visited the school library and chose some fantastic stories to take home and share with you. Please could we ask that you have a really good look for any school library books at home and return them as soon as possible. Many thanks, Mrs Iveson.'

Teacher Recruitment

We were delighted to receive some excellent applications and will be interviewing candidates next week. We will of course let



you know the outcome of this as soon as we are able.

Farewell to Space Mission

You may be aware that we are engaged in a curriculum development project with excellent, robust support from the education team at the Diocese. This has led to us evaluating, celebrating, reviewing, and modifying lots of our practice so that we can be confident that our curriculum is contemporary, engaging, and aspirational.

For some time, we have been questioning the impact of our Space Mission. Whilst some children really enjoy it, for others it serves a constant reinforcement of a perception of failure. For this reason, we will end the Space Mission as we break for the Easter holidays. Obviously, the rigour of the mission will not be lost: key concepts and instant recall facts will be part of the daily

maths lesson, with a more individualised approach to suit the needs of **all** of our learners.



Arrangements for After Easter

There may be some slight changes after Easter in terms of staffing (no change to the main structure) as we welcome back some members of staff. We will confirm details with you at the end of next week (including Forest School and PE days etc), and will send complete timetables after Easter.

Class Structure for September 2021

We have begun early discussions about the structure of our classes from September. It is anticipated that we will be able to maintain the same structure as this year, albeit with some staffing adjustments. We



may move teachers depending on the outcome of our teacher recruitment process, which is underway as I write. More to follow...

Parent-Governor Vacancy



Thank you for expressions of interest in this position (please see our website for more details). We will begin the nomination and election process after

Easter.

Easter Egg Competition Reminder

A reminder from last week's newsletter about the annual Easter Egg competition run by the PTFA: Children are encouraged to design and make eggs as normal but,



instead of sending them into school, please send a photo of the creation. You may do this either as a hard copy, or via email to the admin@ address of the school where your child is taught. There will be a rosette for the winner and a runner-up for every class. The deadline for sending your photo is the end of the day on Wednesday 24th March. The PTFA will also be generously gifting an Easter egg to every child in school! Thank you from all of us and we can't wait to see this year's amazing eggs!

Growing up Lesson

'If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, please have a look at the 'Growing Up' letter that has been sent out with this newsletter. It has lots of information about the Growing Up lesson, which will be happening in the first week after the Easter holidays. Thank you, Miss Collins.'

SumDog Victory...

Wow... out of more than 6,000 classes who entered the Sumdog national maths contest, Swallows came 80th!



What makes this truly amazing is that it was all through Swallows' independent learning at home!
What a wonderful result – well done all!

This week's awards from the Headteacher:					
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	William, for being so respectful when coming to Miss Harper's office: knocking politely and demonstrating excellent manners.				
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Joseph, for showing resilience in his learning and succeeding because of this.				
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Callum, for making fantastic choices in relation to his learning: After phonics he sought a friend to continue practising with and at the end of the day he chose to continue with his maths problem solving activity that he started earlier in the day.				
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks				
Best Class Attendance	Robins, Owls and Golden Eagles				

Have a super weekend!

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Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance w/c 08/03
Robins	Seth for improving listening and independent skills. – Mrs Johnson	100%
Owls	My pupil of the week is for Maisie for her thoughtful responses in circle time, offering ways to support her peers. – Mrs Harrison	100%
Golden Eagles	Pupil of the Week is Martha. – Mrs Richards	100%
Merlin's	Pupil of the week for the Merlins goes to Olivia for great persistence and resilience in maths. – Mr Greenway	94.21%
Swallows	This week's pupil of the week is William : For fantastic work during science week. – Mr Scrafton	
Skylarks	Skylarks The Pupil of the Week for Skylarks this week is Beatrice for her hard work in reading and lovely manners at all times. – Miss Collins	

Robins







Having so much fun drying out the parachute.

What a beautiful place we live in.



Composition of 10 and subitising - We have some fab counters that are different colours on each side. We dropped 10 onto a plate and made a calculation to match the number of each colour.





Finding letters in the sand and matching them. Then we can count how many we have.

Robins have been making hot cross buns.



Dough Disco!



Owls

This week we have been enjoying creating giant local maps with a key in geography.





Virtual Yoga



The Owls have concentrated so well to produce lovely sewing. They have thoroughly enjoyed the activity and shown brilliant independent working to do their fabulous stitches.





Colorful artwork



Golden Eagles





Golden Eagles enjoying their Red Nose day activities







Merlins

Investigating different biomes around the world.

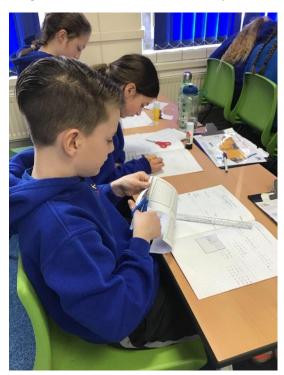


Forest schools in the glorious sunshine.





Using visualisation in maths to solve problems.



Attempting to draw Ariel view maps of the school site before completing some orienteering.



Swallows

Setting up our "eggsperiment" - observing over time how eggs in different liquids change and what effect toothpaste has.



Working together to create graphs as part of our mindful maths.





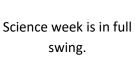
Zoom Yoga.



Using secondary sources to research exotic animals and their young.



Fair testing: Is this a fair competition?



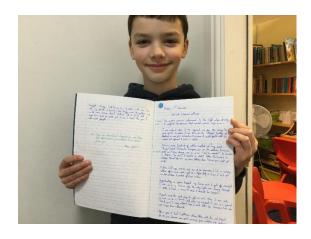


Skylarks

Toby using natural resources to make numbers.



Benjamin feeling very proud of his explanation text



Making use of the lovely new stage in the West Burton playground



A very bendy Beatrice!



Fun in the sun



Alfie enjoying some maths in the sunshine





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:

March 14th 1990 – The children who are going to London visited Hawes School for a briefing this morning.

March 21st 1994 – Class 2 attended a dance workshop at Askrigg School

EYFS News

We have had a wonderful week. The joy of routine and structure has blessed us all with an aura of energetic calm and happiness. We are making rapid progress and at one point this week I am sure 100% of children were in the correct place at the same time!! Woo Hoo!

We have been very busy: drawing tulips, making hot cross buns, going for long walks, enjoying stories (with added squeals of delight to show our true appreciation), but mainly digging and pouring mud and water in several places. We like to transfer our wonderful concoctions from one muddy puddle to another and add lots of dinosaurs to the mix. Then imagine our delight as we progress from stomping to sitting in the mud. As the weather has been so glorious we have not had our over trousers on – so apologies for the messy uniforms. But flour, dough and mud should come off with a good soap powder and you could see the mess as a badge of achievement, plus additional laundry must be better than home schooling.

Our emotions board has been in full use this week with everything from happy through to concerned and tired. Obviously we follow all these feelings up. So, Sammy was cross because his model was broken. He was very mature and told us it was an accident so maybe we need to put up a disappointed label. Lizzy was concerned because she is worried she will be late for school but we said "Don't worry. We will always wait for you." Several children have chosen tired but soon we will have our Easter holiday. Many children have chosen happy. We also want to add joyful, merry, hopeful and sorrowful to the board because we have been using these words in our learning through the Easter story and our 'Hop Little Bunnies' rhyming book. We must also add **PROUD** to the board. Sophie and Ben are now pedaling their bikes independently. We are very proud of all our little cyclists and spend a great deal of time biking. Visitors are impressed with their level of skill at such a young age.

One more week before the holiday. We really hope the weather continues to improve and we can return fully rested and eager to crack on. We are aiming high and are looking towards a 'Tidiest Classroom Award' in the new term. We think we might manage it if Miss Harper is in on a Monday at Bainbridge and she does her inspection before the children arrive – wish us luck!!

Much love as always, Robins xxx

Askrigg News

This week we have enjoyed science. We went back to our experiment to observe how our nails had changed over time. So far there is no rust on any of the nails but we will be checking for any changes over the next few weeks. In English this week we have been gathering content on 'how vaccines work' in preparation for our own explanation texts. We are all experts on vaccines now so if you've got any questions, ask the Merlins. In maths we have worked on lots of problems this week. Lots of us enjoyed our make 100 trial and error style question. There was lots of great mathematical thinking and problem solving on show. We enjoyed forest schools on Tuesday which was really nice. We finished off our bookmarks this week in DT they are all so different and really creative. In Geography, we have been looking at the different biomes of the world.

William "I really enjoyed the maths challenge, I even took it home to solve because I was determined to get the answer!"

Alyssa "I liked finding out more about vaccines and how they work this week."

Amelia "I enjoyed looking for changes on our nails. There were no signs of rust yet but we are going to keep looking."

West Burton News

The second week back from lockdown after Christmas has been fun.

In computing, we were learning about emails. We had to reply to an e-mail Miss Collins sent us and then we had to send two e-mails to two friends. We learnt about email safety and all our emails can only be used in our own class.

On Tuesday afternoon, we did RE and we went on a video call with Rev Dave. He told us about how Easter eggs represent the tomb that Jesus was put in before he rose from the dead. The tomb was opened and the Easter egg opens and it's hollow in the inside so it opens just like the tomb. "I thought RE was fun because we got hot cross buns," said Beatrice.

After that, we did geography outside in the sun identifying clouds. I found a Cumulonimbus (and a lost pencil!). Maeve said, "I liked looking at the clouds in Geography."

When we did English, we learnt about explanations. We had a text to look at and to find some things that you could use for a different explanation text.

When we did Maths, some people learnt complements to 100 and some of us learnt about multiplicative and additive relationships. "I liked learning about complements to 100 in maths," said Thomasina.

On Wednesday morning, Miss Collins chose the RESPECT ambassador. This term it is Beatrice QB.

By Katie and Benjamin.

BAWB PTFA News



<u>Minutes of Meeting – 11 March</u> – Please find the Minutes attached to the Newsletter.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 26 April at 8pm – online.

<u>Christmas Fair</u> – Hold the Date – Saturday 27 November – Askrigg Village Hall

Community News

Bainbridge Christmas Lights – Easter fun for Children and Adults

We are holding an Easter trail for primary school children and a quiz for teenagers and adults. Everyone welcome. On the 27^{th} March we will be on the green in the village from 10.30am - 11.30am selling the Easter trail sheets and Quiz sheets. Each sheet will be £1.00. We will also be holding a raffle with the chance to win a baking box from The Millrace Teashop and some small hampers of goodies. How to complete the trail and when to hand in your trail and quiz sheets will be explained to you when you buy your sheets on the 27^{th} March.

Forest Schools and PE						
Class		Forest Schools	PE			
Robins		Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri	Wednesday			
Owls		Wednesday	Wednesday			
Golden Eagles		Tuesday	Monday			
Merlins		Tuesday	Monday			
Swallows	-	Resumes after Easter	Wednesday & Thursday			
Skylarks		Resumes after Easter	Wednesday & Thursday			

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.

	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						
Tuesday	After school clubs will resume after Easter holidays.					
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton			
19.03.21	Comic Relief/Red nose day (see newsletter 9)					
21.03.21	Census day					
w/c 22 nd March	Assessment week for Y1 children upwards					
25.03.21	Deadline for PTFA Easter egg competition (see newsletter 9)					
26.03.21	Break up for Easter Holidays					
12.04.21	Teacher Training day					
19.04.21	Great North Air Ambulance Collections (AM)					
w/c 19 th April	Parent-Teacher Consultations via telephone or Teams (parent preference) – details to follow					
03.05.21		Bank Holiday				