



Dear Parents, families, and community,
 In many ways it feels as if we have only just started this term, yet here we are entering the Easter holidays. Despite only having been back for a few weeks after lockdown, it is clear that our children (and staff) are ready for a much-earned break. What a wonderful few weeks we have had with all of our children in school. We thank you all for your part in helping to keep everyone safe.

Minute's Silence



On Tuesday at 12pm, we joined the nation in a minute's silence to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown and to remember all those who have suffered as a result of Covid-19. This time last year, I'm sure none of us expected that we would still be in a partial lockdown, remembering the devastating impact of this virus over the course of the year.

Our love and prayers go to all of those who have suffered illness and loss during this time, and our hugest thanks to all critical workers who have helped the nation battle through the most challenging health crisis of our time.

Easter Egg Competition Winners

What an eggs-travaganza! Thank you all so much for your eggs-ellent entries which were incredibly hard to judge! An eggs-tremely tricky decision indeed, but here are the winners who will be in receipt of a fabulous rosette to mark their achievement:



	Winner	Runner-Up
Robins	Aimee	Ed
Owls	Jake	Joseph
Golden Eagles	Eliza	Sasha
Merlins	Eva	Ralph
Swallows	Hugo	Lily D
Skylarks	Abigail	Thomasina

*Please see class gallery for pictures of winner and runner up eggs.

Many thanks indeed to the PTFA for their generous gift of an Easter Egg for every child, plus providing the rosettes for the winners – a lovely treat to take home at the end of term.

Recruitment

We are delighted to announce that we had an extremely positive and heartening experience in our recruitment process this week and have secured a great new appointment to join our team. More details will follow. Our new teacher will start later in the summer term and, in the meantime, we are really pleased that Ms Richards will continue to teach the Golden Eagles.



Assessments

Our children have been so busy this week with their reading, maths and grammar papers. We will have data to share with you in due course as we analyse their papers. Well done to all of the children for being so resilient and positive about their tests!

Parents' Consultation Meetings



Information about how to book your parents' evening appointment has been shared this week – we really look forward to talking to you about your child's progress. More information will be shared with you prior to the meetings.

Changes after Easter

As we welcome back Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Baldwin after Easter, we have made some minor changes to staffing and have also made provision for Forest Schools at West Burton. Please see an accompanying summary of the key changes. Detailed class timetables will follow after Easter.

Summer Term Menu

A quick reminder that our summer term menu went out on Monday this week with the jacket potato options – Please return as soon as possible. We have attached with the newsletter the Free School Meals application form for those who believe they may be eligible.



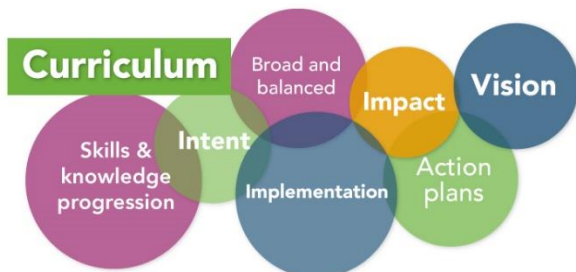
Special Diet Forms

Please note that the special diet form for children who have allergies or food intolerances has been updated and supersedes any forms we currently hold. If your

child falls into this category please could you complete and return the attached form so that our cooks have an up to date record.

Monday 12th April...

...is a training day for our staff. This term, we are prioritising curriculum development, led by excellent school improvement advisers at the diocese, and will be continuing this work on the training day.



Uniform (including PE)

Please see an attached summary of staffing and PE sessions for next term (detailed timetables to follow after Easter). Please [click here](#) to re-familiarise yourselves with our uniform policy which also includes information about our PE uniform. Whilst we remain flexible where children have grown out of uniform during lockdown, we would like to see children in BAWB uniform wherever possible. Where this is not possible, we kindly request that parents contact school to inform us, before we pick this up directly with children. Many thanks for your support.



Bike Maintenance

Following on from the work Stage 1 Cycles have done servicing pupil and school bikes, this week, the staff at Bainbridge School have received training on bike maintenance. This is to ensure our school bikes are checked regularly, keeping our budding cyclists safe at all times.

Thank you to Helen and the team for all they do for our schools, it is very much appreciated.

Red Nose Day 2021

BAWB Federation raised a massive £145 across all three schools. Thank you to all that donated - the money goes towards an amazing charity. Please see the attached Thank you note to schools from Sir Lenny Henry.



Art Lessons

Mrs Alderson (Art and DT leader) writes... 'After Easter, all the KS2 children across our federation will be working with plaster in their art lessons. This can be quite messy and so it would be ideal if you could send your child into school with an oversized old shirt or long-sleeved top to keep their uniform clean. Thank you.'



A big Thank You.....

Goes to the Bell family for all their assistance transporting tonnes of gravel to the back of Askrigg school for Poppy's Garden. We couldn't have done it without you.

Clubs after Easter







Subject to demand, and being able to secure our providers, we intend to resume after-school clubs after Easter. We will send information and sign-up forms in the first week back, aiming for a start in the second week.

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	Sylvi, for a constantly positive and well-mannered approach to all aspects of school life: a great role-model.
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Isaac, for engaging really well in maths this week and confidently answering some challenging questions.
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Beatrice QB, for writing a lovely poem during her free time at home. We have been doing poetry during guided reading and it inspired her to write her own poem at home.
Tidiest Classroom Award	Swallows
Best Class Attendance	Swallows & Golden Eagles

Wishing you all a restful, happy, and spring-like Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 13th April.

Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance w/c 15/03
<p>Robins</p> 	<p>Martha, for setting such a super example on our walk to church on Wednesday morning. She was helpful and responsible. Well done Martha! – Mrs Middleton</p>	<p>99.17%</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Pupil of the week for Owls is Isla for being responsible and mature during our walk to the church, helping the younger children through the stiles and supporting them. – Mrs Harrison</p>	<p>98%</p>
<p>Golden Eagles</p> 	<p>Arthur has been chosen as pupil of the week this week for his resilience shown during the assessments. – Mrs Richards</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Merlins</p> 	<p>Pupil of this week for the Merlins goes to Eva for a mature approach to school life and for always showing respect for her peers. – Mr Greenway</p>	<p>97.89%</p>
<p>Swallows</p> 	<p>Theo is my pupil of the week. For amazing perseverance all week and fantastic effort in our geography project. – Mr Scrafton</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Skylarks</p> 	<p>My pupil of the week is Alfie for working independently for extended periods of time, showing responsibility for his own learning. – Miss Collins</p>	<p>96.67%</p>

Robins



Before and after ...
All our digging and weeding has paid off. Beds ready for planting after Easter.

What a view. We have walked to Gill Edge, admired the view, found some bones and climbed trees.



How many robins can you fit in one tree?



Owls and Robins walked to church.
We listened to the Easter story,
hunted for bunnies and palm crosses
and tucked into hot cross buns.



William found a large stick during Forest Schools that looked, "just like a Diplodocus".

Easter egg winners:



Owls

Here are the Owls and Robins looking great for Comic Relief!



This week the Owls have had a busy week, finishing their art and textile work on birds, thank you Mrs Robinson for creating these lovely displays.



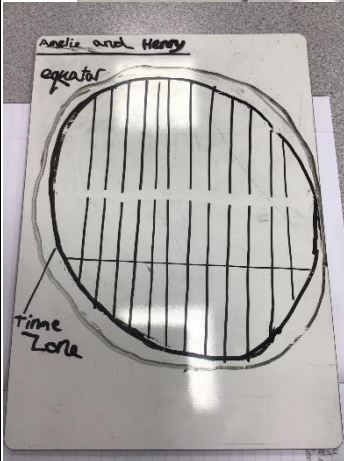
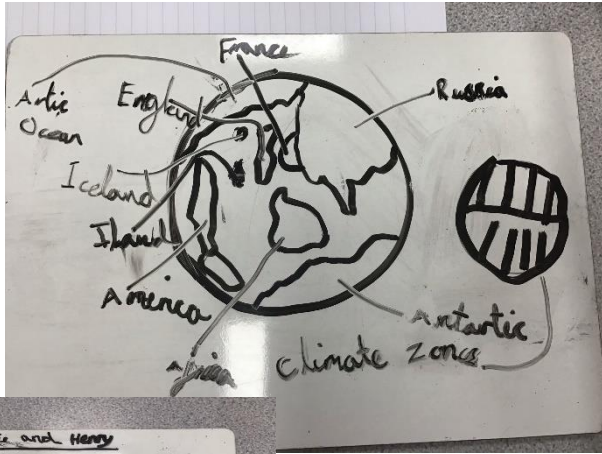
Wednesday was a day enjoying the outdoors. Thank you to the Robins for inviting us to join them on their walk to Askrigg church. This was followed by a lovely sunny forest school session with Mr Stokes.



Easter Egg winners.



Golden Eagles



Easter egg winners.



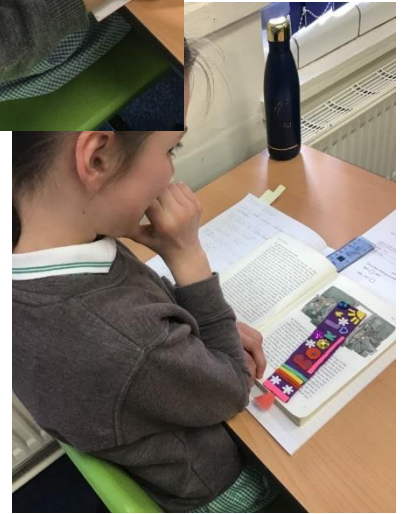
eggstra tierd - mum looking after her mini eggs!

Merlins

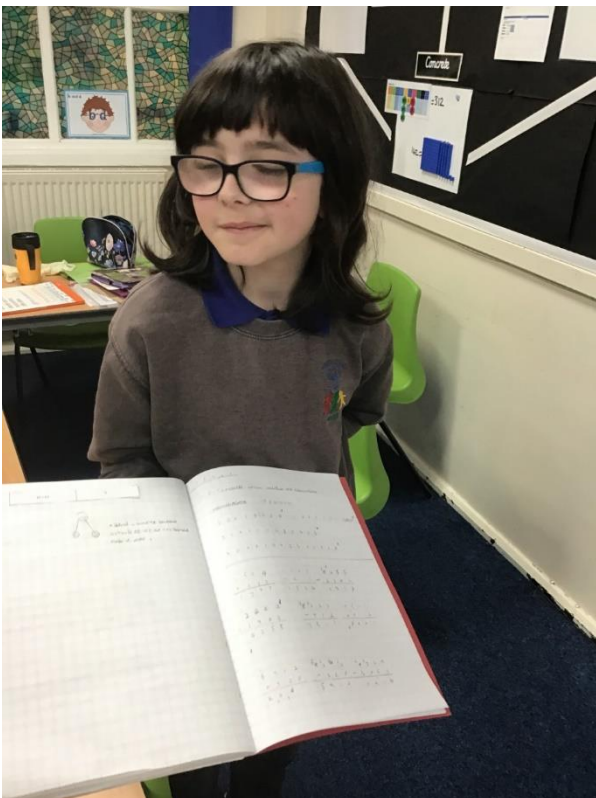
Doing our remote yoga lessons in the hall.



Two of our brilliant bookmarks.



Working hard in maths.



Easter egg winners.



Swallows



Easter egg winners:



Skylarks

Beatrice looking for tardigrades in science



Using up some excess energy after a grammar test!



Kirsty with her circuit in science

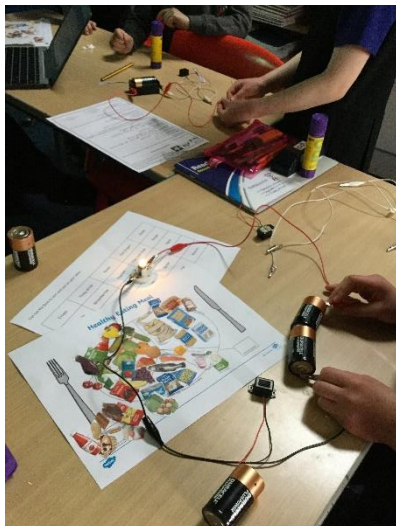


Lizzie, Katie and Maeve enjoying a beautiful day at West Burton



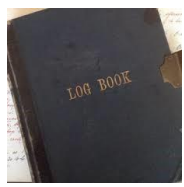
Hermione & Maeve jumping for joy - are they excited about assessment week perhaps?

We had a challenge to make the bulb shine more brightly



Easter egg winners:





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:

21.03.1933 – As there were no children from Bishopdale yesterday owing to the epidemic of whooping cough I advised the bus driver, W Meggison, that it was no use going until enquiries were made as to when any child would be fit for school.

31.03.1987 – Several children took part in the tournament of song and did well.

EYFS News

What a week! How do we fit it all in? We have made chocolate nests, explored 3d shape and pattern, written about the Easter story and walked for miles. And I mean miles.

On Monday we went to Gill Edge on a hunt for frogspawn (with a pause to climb trees). We didn't find any but we do now have some in school. And as always, despite watching frogs develop every year, we are still as excited as if it were the first time. On Wednesday Owls and Robins walked to Askrigg church and back. In fact, it would be fair to say we jogged back so we weren't late for lunch. Whilst we were at church we talked about how people celebrate Easter and the importance of the celebration for Christians. We had a palm cross and Easter bunny hunt, followed by eating hot cross buns and sharing the Easter story. It was a wonderful morning and many thanks to Rev Dave and Stephanie for preparing the church according to Covid rules. We were so proud of all our children but especially our 3 year olds who walked all that way without any grumbles or hesitancy. The couple that grew weary were given piggy backs by Mrs Gurden.

PE and Forest schools in the wind has been fun. The vegetable garden is looking fab and ready to be planted up after the holiday.

All of this learning and enrichment is achieved through wonderful teamwork. So a very big

Thank You to everyone for going the extra mile metaphorically as well as physically:

Mrs Iveson, Mrs Wheeler, Mr Stokes, Mrs Gurden, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Johnston

Askrigg News

This week has been assessment week across the federation. The children were introduced to online tests for the first time and even though they were tricky to get used to the children have all worked hard to show off their learning. As well as assessments this week the children have been making bookmarks in DT. There is a great range of ideas and designs on show. The bookmarks certainly look professional and are being used at home and in school. The children have enjoyed PE, forest schools and yoga this week on top of all their other written work. In the Merlins class, we're about to write our final draft of our explanation texts, which I can't wait to read! In

Geography we continued looking at the worlds biomes and began to look at how climate change may impact each biome.

We have also enjoyed making our entries for the egg competition out of school and are looking forward to hearing who the winners are.

A great first three weeks back by all the children at Askrigg. You have worked hard, enjoy your Easter break and be ready to come back for lots of exciting learning in the summer term!

The Merlins

West Burton News

This week has been a fun week for the Skylarks. We have been revising some work on circuits that we did during lockdown and we had to make a bulb shine brighter and create a working burglar alarm.

"I really enjoyed doing the circuits because you put different wires together," said Toby

Benjamin and Beatrice's dad had also made us a really interesting video about tardigrades. Did you know that you can even find tardigrades in the Yorkshire Dales?

In English, we have been writing explanation text but we have also been doing some reading and grammar tests. We have done tests in maths too.

In PSHE, we learnt about balanced diets and had to work out how the food we had eaten that day would fit on a healthy eating plate.

"I enjoyed doing the healthy eating plate," said Thia.

"I really enjoyed doing the healthy eating plate," said Thomasina.

We have also been doing some virtual yoga.

"I loved doing yoga," said Zoe.

By Zoe & Lizzie

BAWB PTFA News



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

Christmas Fair – 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 27th 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 27th March.

Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance – Summer term classes now available to book – see attached flyer.

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre – To celebrate British Science week the community centre is launching their own science project called bat to the future! From now until 31st October, anyone or any family with a young person under the age of 26 can hire out our bat detector kits to help you explore and discover bats living near you for FREE! We have two kits available so contact admin@leyburnartcentre.com or call 01969 624510. Launching in May we will have our bat box kits free to all young people aged 11 to 19 years old. See Leyburn Arts and Community Centre Facebook page for more details.

Forest Schools and PE				
Class		Forest Schools	PE	Yoga (not full PE kit required just suitable trousers)
Robins		Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri	Wednesday	NA
Owls		Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Golden Eagles		Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday
Merlins		Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday
Swallows		Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday
Skylarks		Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday
<p>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.</p>				

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 clubs will resume after Easter holidays.		
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
w/c 22 nd March	Assessment week for Y1 children upwards		
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 shared this week.		
03.05.21	Bank Holiday		