



Dear Parents, families, and community,
Another busy week across the federation has seen a visit to the woods, scientific field trips to the West Burton waterfalls and the creation of incredible unbalanced sculptures in our art lessons. All this wonderful work in our foundation subjects is the result of our training and hard work on our curriculum – great that it is resulting in such super experiences for the children. This work took another step forward this week as the result of a visit from one of our Diocesan advisers. The adviser worked with each of our subject leaders and gave us lots to think about and work on. Exciting times!

Maths – Ready to Progress?

Your children may have told you that we are doing maths in a new way at BAWB. On training day, we introduced a style of teaching maths that is designed to help children catch up and to ensure that they are ready for their next stage in their school career, whether they are moving up a year group, key stage or even moving onto secondary school. Focussing on the DfE's Ready to Progress criteria, we are working hard to ensure our children have the key skills and knowledge they need. We also do weekly quizzes and review lessons designed to help teachers to individualise their lessons and fill in any gaps that have come about as a result of the disruption caused by Covid. Children have been responding to the changes really well and it has been exciting to see their progress.

Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership Logo

Competition

A message:

“Last month the Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership was launched - as a coalition of interested parties, that collectively aim to develop a road map for the district to achieve net-zero carbon.

Symbolically, as we set off on our journey to reduce local greenhouse gas emission, we would like to invite children to design a logo for the Partnership. The winner will be selected by Richmondshire Councillors at their Climate Change Working Group meeting in late May and we then plan to use it, credited to the student and their school, on our website and all communications materials.

We would be delighted if you would be interested in participating in our logo challenge, entries for which would need to be submitted by email by the 18th of May.”

Competition brief and information sheet is attached with the newsletter.

Cycle Club

Last chance for pupils in Merlins, Golden Eagles, Skylarks and Swallows to sign up for Cycle Club, commencing on **Thursday 6 May** at Askrigg. If you wish your child/ren to take part, please give your consent by completing the form:

[Cycle Club](#)

Plant Access



Mr Stokes writes
‘Beginning next week are playground improvement works at both Askrigg and Bainbridge. These have been planned to cause the absolute minimum of disruption to the school day, although the following will apply;

Work at **Bainbridge** will be on Wednesday and Thursday, please be aware of any works traffic and please do not double park

outside school as this will reduce the available turning circle for vehicles.

Askrigg improvements start on Tuesday for up to 9 days. Initially an area will be cordoned off for heavy equipment parking, although the size of this will hopefully reduce as the week goes on. Please do not park across the ‘gap in the wall’ as it will be needed for the shuttle buses and work vehicles to turn safely. The red areas on the photo are the initial no parking areas, which will hopefully reduce as quickly as possible once I have spoken to the workmen. Parking will still be available along the area marked in green.

I can see how crowded this will make our already busy car park, and anticipate your patience and understanding as we improve our children’s playtime experience.’

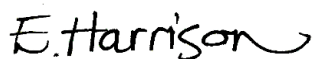
We are really looking forward to seeing similar playground improvements take shape at West Burton in the near future – watch this space!

| This week's awards from the Headteacher: | |
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| Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge | Myles for his beautiful handwriting. |
| Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg | Harvey for a mature and responsible approach to his learning. |
| Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton | Archie for taking the responsibility to learn a new skill at home |
| Tidiest Classroom Award | Owls |
| Best Class Attendance | Swallows and Golden Eagles |







Have a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend,



Charlotte Harper



Eleanor Harrison

| | Pupil of the week | Attendance w/c 19/04 |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| <p>Robins</p>  | <p>Rose for enjoyment of school and helping others. – Mrs Johnston</p> | <p>90%</p> |
| <p>Owls</p>  | <p>My pupil of the week is Charlie for effort and enjoyment during our visit to Freeholders Wood, answering questions using wonderful vocabulary. – Mrs Harrison</p> | <p>99%</p> |
| <p>Golden Eagles</p>  | <p>Pupil of the week is Jo for trying so hard in maths and really concentrating. She is also trying really hard with her English and is being very organised and tidy. – Mrs Richards</p> | <p>100%</p> |
| <p>Merlins</p>  | <p>This week's pupil of the week for the Merlins goes to Amelia for her outstanding contributions to English this week. Sharing fantastic ideas with her group and showing real enthusiasm in her drama. – Mr Greenway</p> | <p>98.95%</p> |
| <p>Swallows</p>  | <p>POW: Hugo. For fantastic effort and improvement in his handwriting. – Mr Scrafton</p> | <p>100%</p> |
| <p>Skylarks</p>  | <p>My Pupil of the Week is Thomasina for her unfailing kindness and for always putting maximum effort into all she does – Miss Collins</p> | <p>98.89%</p> |

Robins

Owls and Robins went to Freeholders Wood in Aysgarth



We have been using shapes to make pictures.



Builders making our outdoor area even better.



Owls

In Science we have been exploring micro habitats in our local environment, I was very impressed by how the children listened to instructions, rolling back logs carefully to ensure they didn't injure any creatures or damage their homes....Douglas continued his learning at home and shared this picture.



Straight off the bus and looking for bugs! We found beetles and worms.



In History we have been learning about farming in Wensleydale in the past and learnt how to make butter by hand, without any mixers or machinery...it was hard work!



"We loved tasting our butter we made ourselves"



Thank you to Mrs Johnston for organising a wonderful visit to Freeholders Wood at Aysgarth, we had a fantastic morning on Monday exploring the woodland on a treasure hunt, listening to the sounds of nature and making special people from clay to look after the woods once we had left.

Charlie *"We got to do lots at Freeholders Wood"*

Sylvi *"I loved doing the fire at Forest Schools"*

Rene *"The fairy fires were great"*

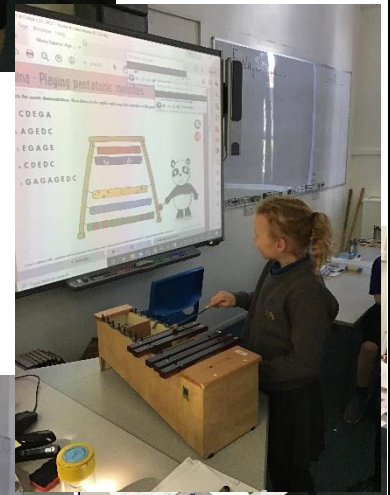


Golden Eagles

We have been very focused in English this week doing our own research on the Amazon Rainforest. We will present our information to the class.

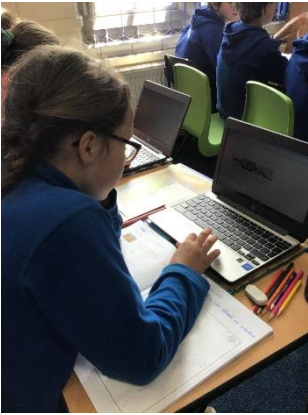


In music we had a go at playing a melody with the pentatonic scale.



Merlins

Investigating and plotting the major cities in India in Geography.



Using drama to retell a story in English.



Knot tying in forest schools.



Virtual yoga.



Swallows

Making butter the old-fashioned way in our history lesson. The finished product, a perfect lump of butter floating in buttermilk!



Swallows enjoying a quiet reading session.



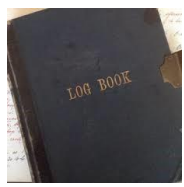
Skylarks

We went to the waterfalls in West Burton to look for living things in science. The flowers were all coming into bloom and we found an amazing crayfish under a rock. The children were fascinated by it all.



We are creating unbalanced sculptures in art this term and have now begun the structures that will help our designs stand up. Soon it will be time to get the Modroc out - it could get messy!





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:

30.4.1999: The Wensleydale Football Festival was held at Askrigg School.

30.4.1880: Attendance still very thin and irregular – many children absent and those present troubled with bad coughs. Routine same as last weeks. Lost four scholars on account of the family leaving the neighbourhood in search of work.

EYFS News

If you went down to the woods on Monday
You were sure of a big surprise.....

For every infant that ever there was had gathered there for certain
Because that's the day the little ones had their Forest Walk.

You should have seen them gaily gad about
They loved to play and shout
They never had any cares
At 12 o'clock their teachers and helpers
Took them back to school
Because they were tired little lovely ones.

So that was Monday morning. We spotted all sorts of plants and evidence of animals and spring but the highlight of the morning was making clay faces to keep an eye on the woodland. If you visit Freeholders Wood this weekend, look out for them.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed £2 to the cost of transport. You can still contribute via your parent pay account or in cash. Along with a contribution from the YDNP it really helps us to make these trips possible.

Meanwhile, back in class we have been writing about frogs and tadpoles and making wonderful shapes on geo boards and with our big sparkly shapes. We have made obstacle courses linked to shape description and had lots of parachute fun.

The caterpillars are growing rapidly and the tadpoles have watched the builders put up the new gazebo and relocate the climbing frame from the field.

The letter sound tray for nursery currently only has some moss in it so we will continue with that alongside this week's new letter sound 'a'. As mentioned last week, encourage your child to find objects or say words that begin with 'a' – and 'm'.

We are making large quantities of beautiful butterflies for the classroom, investigating printing and symmetry at the same time. Favourite stories this week have included What the Ladybird Heard and Pig in the Pond. We can't wait until we can make a paddling pool in the hot weather. It has gone a touch cooler but we really needed the rain. We are hoping to find our favourite mud patch is no longer dry next week.

Happy Bank Holiday Weekend xx

Askrigg News

This week at Askrigg has been another busy week. We have really enjoyed our English lessons this week as they have been around drama. We are going to make a dramatic book trailer to try and interest readers to try a story from our new class text.

In maths we have been working hard on place value this week.

In science we have looked at how to classify animals and made a classification key.

In geography this week, we looked at some of the major cities in India and plotted them on our maps. We then investigated why these settlements are important to India.

We enjoyed art this week and continued towards making our unbalanced sculptures.

We also enjoyed a shorter yoga session (we were late!) but it was still fun. We are looking forward to doing PSHE and history later in the week too.

Merlins x

West Burton News

On Monday, we went to the West Burton waterfalls. We were trying to find living things and their habitats and it was fun. We saw a lot of creatures and Thomasina found a crayfish. When we came back, we did Science and did a test on living things and their habitats.

Jessica said, "I enjoyed going to the waterfalls."

Thia said, "I liked going to the waterfalls and finding animals."

Kirsty said, "I enjoyed science when we were finding creatures."

On Tuesday, we did English and we read the book called "I was a RAT". We all wrote a diary from the point of view of one of the people in the story.

Beatrice said, "I enjoyed doing the dairy writing."

In maths, we all did different tasks and we worked through them at our own pace.

On Wednesday, we had a nice lunch, it was the best lunch yet.

So, we enjoyed going on the walk to the water falls, we enjoyed doing our maths work and we enjoyed everything this week!

By Katie and Maeve

BAWB PTFA News



Thank you to all who attended the meeting on 26 April. The Minutes are attached to this Newsletter.

Date of Next Meeting: AGM – Tuesday 22 June at the Falls Coffee Shop, 7:30pm.

Christmas Fair – Hold the Date – Saturday 27 November – Askrigg Village Hall







Community News

Libraries Re-open!

Mrs Gurden writes ...'Did you know local libraries are back open NOW? Browsing limited to 10mins with the need to sanitise and adhere to all Covid guidance. There is also still their select and collect service available. Hawes library have a twitter page @LibraryHawes and there is a general Community Office Facebook page with all the Hawes information. North Yorkshire Libraries have social media profiles on various platforms.'

For details of services from your local library find out more from our [Library and Record Office services during Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) page](#), or check the Facebook page or website of your local community library for further information.

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  | Tuesday & Wednesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Golden Eagles  | Tuesday | Monday | Wednesday |
| Merlins  | Tuesday | Monday | Wednesday |
| Swallows  | Thursday | Thursday | Wednesday |
| Skylarks  | Thursday | Thursday | Wednesday |

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 – under the schools where they take place

| | Bainbridge | Askrigg | West Burton |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Monday | | | After school Sports (Skylarks and Swallows) |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | Cycling club (open to A and WB) | |
| Friday | | | |
| Date | Bainbridge | Askrigg | West Burton |
| 03.05.21 | Bank Holiday | | |
| 31.05 – 04.06 | Half Term | | |
| 26.07.21 | Teacher Training day | | |
| 27.07 – 06.09 | Summer Holidays | | |
| 07.09.21 | Autumn term begins | | |