



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 great to be back with you all this week. Many thanks for your messages of condolences and kindness over the last couple of weeks. It really is good to be back.

Not only is it wonderful to see our developing curriculum being delivered with such enthusiasm and energy, but it's also great to see the gradual introduction of some extra-curricular activity too. Exciting times ahead (cautiously).



Uniform

May I remind parents of our uniform policy which can be found [here](#) on our website. The aims of our policy are as follows:

- To set a high standard of presentation for pupils at school
- To make clear to the whole school community the expectation of uniform at The BAWB Federation
- To promote a sense of pride in the federation
- To have a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school
- To develop a sense of community and belonging to the federation



We appreciate your support in returning to our high standards of presentation after a post-lockdown relaxation in recognition of the difficulties we faced in sourcing uniform.

Healthy Eating



Our healthy eating policy can be found [here](#) on our website. Please note that we have recently reviewed this policy to ensure that we take into

account any special circumstances. We try to follow Local Authority guidance where possible and appreciate your support in encouraging our children to make good choices to achieve a healthy, balanced diet.

Website, and THANKS!

May I remind you all that our new website continues to evolve (www.b-a-wb.com). We are just about to do a second review based on feedback we have received. If

you have any comments, please send them directly to me (Miss Harper). May I take this opportunity to thank The Elm House Trust, via Mrs Jane Ritchie, who funded the new website and its development over the next couple of years. The overarching aim is to really bring together all of our communities together and to help us feel collectively proud of our schools.



Parent Governor Election

We have a parent governor vacancy! Being a governor is a really rewarding experience and we encourage you all to consider whether you might have some valuable skills (and time) to contribute to the work of our highly-skilled Governing Board. Please find more information accompanying this letter and a nomination form. The deadline is Friday 21st May. Please do contact me if you have any no-obligation questions/queries.

Dales Community Pop Choir

On 14th and 15th June our KS2 children will be taking part in singing workshops as part of the *Dales Community Pop Choir* outreach programme. The children will then be invited to make an individual



clip of themselves to share with Debbie Allenby – to be stitched together to form part of a big community compilation. We are really excited and privileged to be involved with this. More details to follow nearer the time.

Power of Reading

Miss Collins writes ... You may remember at the beginning of the term that we announced the launch of Power of Reading – a new and exciting approach to teaching English. This week, I had the opportunity to see it in action across our KS2 classes and it was wonderful to hear the children talking with enthusiasm and expertise about their English work. I was even treated to a poetry recital in the Golden Eagles classroom! The children read out their own poems to the class and they were full of emotion, ambitious

vocabulary and evocative imagery. Well done Golden Eagles!

India

A number of our children have expressed concern about the terrible situation unfolding in India currently, particularly in KS2 where the geography unit is all about India. On Monday, we discussed the situation sensitively with all the children during Collective Worship and thought about how we could help. As our Christian vision is based on the story of the Good Samaritan, we feel it is important to support our children to help neighbours who are in need, wherever they might be. We have decided to raise money for Oxfam India Covid appeal and each class is now thinking of some fundraising ideas which we will share with you in the near future.



Bikeability

We are really pleased to be working with Stage1Cycles to deliver Bikeability Level 1 and 2 to our Year 5 and 6 pupils. You will receive information today with dates and the option to book a bike and helmet (if required). Our thanks to Helen at Stage1Cycles for organising and delivering these vital sessions.

This week's awards from the Headteacher:	
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	Sidney, for always looking smart and making a huge effort to present his work neatly too.
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Antoni, for taking responsibility to ensure he is always smartly dressed.
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Lily D, for always being smartly dressed and putting lots of effort into her presentation. She is also very polite, always remembering her please and thankyou's.
Tidiest Classroom Award	Merlins
Best Class Attendance	Robins






Have a lovely weekend,



Charlotte Harper



Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance w/c 26/04
<p>Robins</p> 	<p>Theo for effort & enjoyment. Working hard to write his surname. – Mrs Middleton & Mrs Johnston</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Pupil of the week is Nico for effort with his writing, improved handwriting and writing longer sentences independently. – Mrs Harrison</p>	<p>97.5%</p>
<p>Golden Eagles</p> 	<p>Golden Eagles POW: Eliza for great attitude to learning – Mrs Richards</p>	<p>99.58%</p>
<p>Merlins</p> 	<p>This week the Merlins pupil of the week goes to Magda for her excellent attitude to learning, always setting a fantastic example to everyone in school. – Mr Greenway</p>	<p>99.47%</p>
<p>Swallows</p> 	<p>Tristan For amazing effort with his handwriting and fantastic contributions to our class discussions. – Mr Scrafton</p>	<p>99.44%</p>
<p>Skylarks</p> 	<p>Thia is my Pupil of the Week this week for working hard in all her subjects, particularly maths. Also for smartness: she always dresses in correct school uniform and presents her work very carefully too. – Miss Collins</p>	<p>99.41%</p>

Robins



What a wonderful pattern Ed has made.

and here is Eli's



We've made a castle.



Gymnastics

Ben and Rosie making symmetrical butterflies.



Making meadow pictures.



Owls

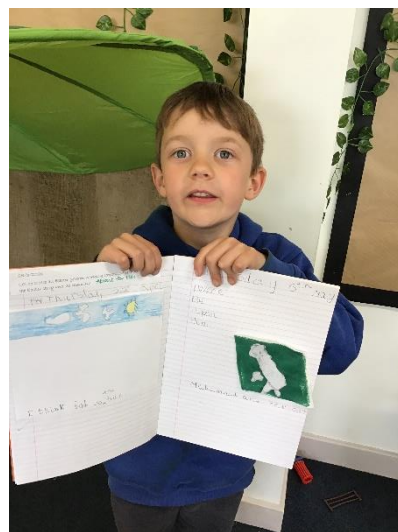
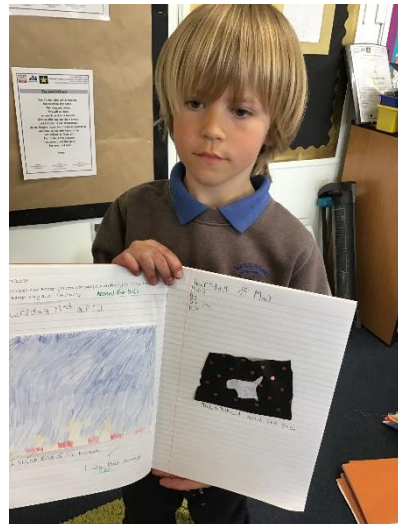
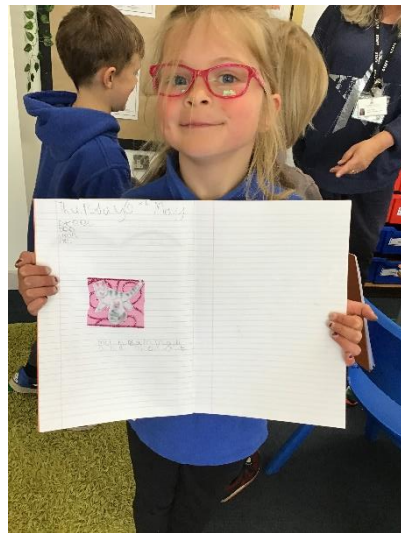
The Owls have been trying incredibly hard with their handwriting and presentation, making sure they sit smartly to help them to form their letters correctly. We are so proud of their beautiful handwriting.



Art this week has seen the children creating their own printing tile using shells to create patterns in the plasticine, loading with colour then printing.



In RE the Owls have been listening to the story of Muhammad and the Cat, recreating the image of the cat on his robe, using fabrics.



Golden Eagles

Science - searching for living things



enjoying our yoga session.



Merlins

An example of one of our book trailers.



Using visualisation in English.

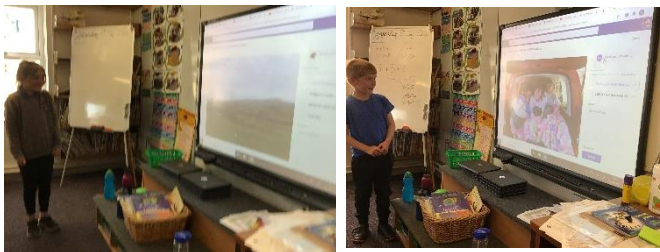
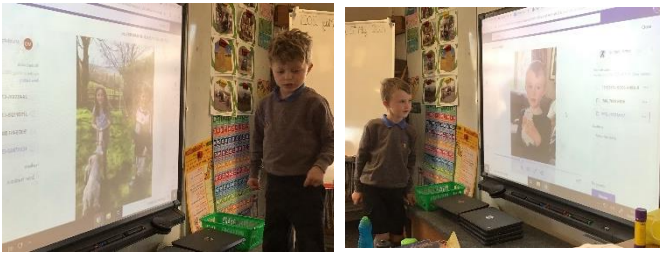
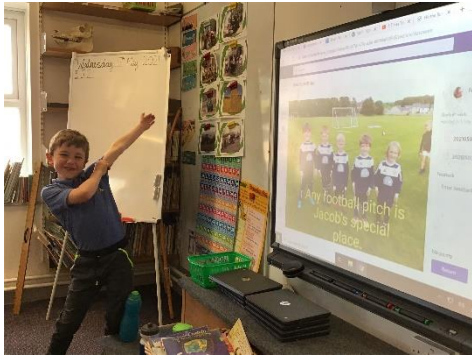
Another fantastic forest schools session.



Looking at invertebrates and their characteristics.

Swallows

Swallows talking about their special places, objects or people in RE.



Using old and new photographs to investigate how Wensleydale has changed over the years.



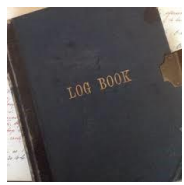
Ice in May!



Skylarks

The Skylarks had a wonderful time in Forest Schools yesterday, despite the rain. They made pewter, which links to our history learning about the Anglo Saxons.





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:

May 15th 1914 – attendance very poor many children suffering from mumps especially in the infant class and standard 1

May 9th 1979 – a clothing stall was held in aid of school funds. The school raised about £15

EYFS News

This week the caterpillars have nearly all turned into chrysalides so we will be putting them into the butterfly net and keeping our fingers crossed. It all seems to be happening so quickly. We really do understand the butterfly life cycle now and have started writing about it in little booklets.

The tadpoles slow right down in the cold weather and then start swimming energetically when the sun is shining on them. It will be a long time before we have froglets I think.

Helen Pollard came to develop bike skills at different levels on Tuesday. If your child joins these groups, please send them in with gloves as it is still quite cold.

The children have made charcoal with Mr Stokes and then used it to create drawings, which we think is pretty cool.

In maths we have made First, Then and Now stories using mini people and buses. This is forming the basis of simple calculations whilst reinforcing number bonds to 10, counting and subitising skills.

We are part way through meadow paintings and we have done some marble rolling painting. It was great fun and required teamwork. It also required the best part of an afternoon cleaning up the equipment. But give children a washing up brush, a bit of squeezy and lots of water and they get the job done.

We have been reading a poem called What am I? It is all about feeling contented, so we added the word to our emotions board.

We have also enjoyed our weather board where we can pick pictures and words to match the weather of the day. As you can imagine it is a very mixed bag. Sun and sleet. We will have to make a hail picture.

Let's hope it is warmer by the weekend x

Askrigg News

The Merlins have had a short but actioned packed week. In English this week, we have really enjoyed making our book trailers (see picture gallery). They are really dramatic and would definitely make you want to read the book.

Maths has seen us continue our work on place value, looking at decimal numbers and their values.

In Science this week, we went on a hunt for invertebrates around the school grounds. We looked at their characteristics to decide if they were an insect or not. We then chose an insect we would like to draw a Devon Bliss style image of to help identify it.

In Geography, we were interpreting data about the quality of life in India and how this information is collected.

We have also enjoyed forest schools where most of us finished our carving that will make the mould for our jewellery.

Merlins x

West Burton News

Hello, this is the West Burton Newsflash. This week has been a 4-day week because on Monday it was a bank holiday so we didn't go to school.

Abigail said, "I enjoyed getting my chickens on Sunday. I got 6 but 1 of each breed and I had my first egg an hour later."

Toby said, "I liked going with my dad to get some cheese during the bank holiday."

Maeve said, "Thomasina's mum offered to look after me and Thomasina and I played scrabble."

On Tuesday, we did French and we learnt what England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland were called in French.

We did Science as well and we grouped different animals like, for example, vertebrates or invertebrates.

In R.E., we read a quote from Corinthians in the Bible and wrote how many times the word love was in the text and we also had to write why we thought it was in there so many times.

In Computing, we did this simulation called Locked Out on Purple Mash and we had to find all the possibilities to get back in the house.

Jessica said, "I liked Maths because it helped me."

Zoe: "I liked reading 'I was a Rat' with the class."

By Abigail and Lizzie

BAWB PTFA News



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
17.5.21	Y5/6 Bikeability at Askrigg (AM)		
18.5.21	Y5/Y6 Bikeability – Level 2 West Burton (All Day)		
19.5.21	Y5/Y6 Bikeability – Level 2 Group A Askrigg (All Day)		
24.5.21	Y5/Y6 Bikeability – Level 2 Group B Askrigg (All Day)		
25.5.21	Y5/Y6 Bikeability – Level 2 Group C Askrigg (All Day)		
31.05 – 04.06	Half Term		
14-15.06.21	KS2 Dales Community Choir Workshops		
05.07 – 16.07.21	Y6 Transition Days - TWS		
12.7.21	Y6 Transition Day – Richmond School		
12-14.7.21	Y6 Transitions Days - SFX		
26.07.21	Teacher Training day		
27.07 – 06.09	Summer Holidays		
07.09.21	Autumn term begins		