



Dear Parents, families, and community,

Without Covid, this week would have been KS1 and KS2 SATs week. Who feels sad that we are missing out on them?

It is important to be aware, however, that teachers are still required to make summative assessment judgements, based on statutory criteria, to form an internal data-set for our schools. This will not be reported externally this year.



Another super week in our busy schools. So much happening within the curriculum and beyond...

Cycling

It is a pleasure for us to be able to offer cycling across our schools as part of our curriculum offer (in the form of bikability at KS2 – a nationally recognised accreditation). Wonderful to see some of our youngest children enjoying their balance-bike and early pedalling sessions this week. Thank you to StageOne Cycles for their continued provision of excellent cycling opportunities.



September 2021



Our leadership team is busy finalising details about September (which members of staff will be working where, etc.) and we will get this information to you before half term. In the meantime, we are aiming to achieve the same

pupil structure as this year:

- All EYFS children @ Bainbridge (Robins)
- All Y1 children @ Bainbridge (Owls)
- All Y2 children @ West Burton (Swallows)
- Y3/4/5/6 children of West Burton @ West Burton (Skylarks)
- Y3/4 children of Bainbridge and Askrigg @ Askrigg (Golden Eagles)
- Y5/6 children of Bainbridge and Askrigg @ Askrigg (Merlins)

Look out for more details to follow.

The Story of Schools



The Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes will re-open with a special exhibition telling The Story of Schools in the Upper Dales. The

exhibition will open at DCM on 17 May, and run until 18 July 2021. It marks the culmination of a project run by The NASH in partnership with the museum, and funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. For full details please read attached document.







This week's awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	Libby, for being a kind and helpful, always making good choices, a great role model.
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Jo, for a positive attitude to school life, always smiling and ready to learn!
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Rafael, for smartness – always being ready to learn and well presented.
Tidiest Classroom Award	Swallows
Best Class Attendance	Swallows

Have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance w/c 03/05
Robins 	Aidan for enjoyment in our Forest Schools sessions. He is always so enthusiastic and helpful. Thank you Aidan! – Mrs Middleton & Mrs Johnston	97.92%
Owls 	Owls pupil of the week is Matilda for her fantastic work on subtraction equations in Maths. – Mrs Harrison	94.38%
Golden Eagles 	Pupil of the week for Golden Eagles: William for making a fantastic effort with his handwriting and improving and developing an enthusiasm for reading. – Mrs Richards	98.96%
Merlins 	This week's pupil of the week for the Merlins goes to Olivia for always having a smart appearance and for always wanting to improve her work. – Mr Greenway	96.05%
Swallows 	POW: Otis for fantastic effort and enjoyment in music. – Mr Scrafton	100%
Skylarks 	My pupil of the week this week is Lizzie for enjoyment. She thoroughly enjoyed acting out the part of Mr Tapscrew during our 'press conference' and gave some very tricky answers to the class journalists! – Miss Collins	97.06%

Robins



Charlie Has decorated his binoculars, mounted his pony and ridden off bird spotting.



We love our new gazebo



Rocco Has made Mrs Iveson a bouquet of flowers. She looks very happy. We think she deserves them!



Busy at the salon after lockdown.

Learning to negotiate space and meet without colliding.



Mrs Gamble has given us her old sand pit so we are transferring the sand. It has a lid. Thank you!



We have been investigating how big we can make our splash. We have discovered that the bigger the stone the bigger the splash.

Then we discovered that the higher we drop the stone the bigger the splash.

Then we decided to try adding more water to see if that made a bigger splash.



What beautiful bugs



Owls

As part of our Science looking at micro-habitats, we made bug hotels and palaces for mini-beasts. We used different materials because different creatures need different environments.



Golden Eagles

PE



Merlins

Observing insects closely, inspired by Levon Bliss in Science.



Drama and hot seating in English.



Yoga



Swallows

In RE the Swallows brought in pictures of special places, people or objects and explained why they were special.



The Swallows respectfully examined objects sacred to Muslims.

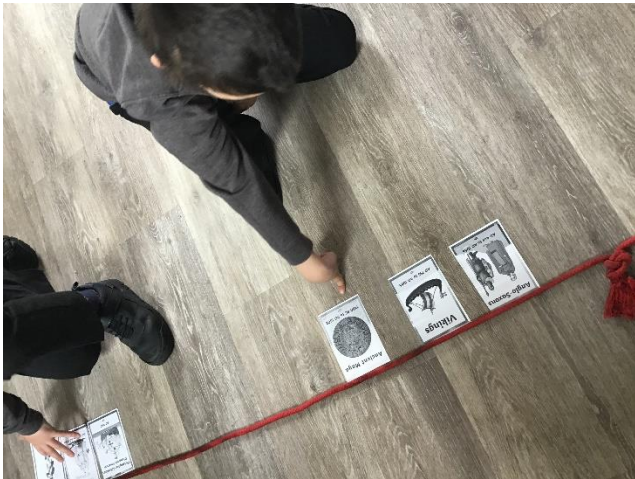


Making micro habitats for mini-beasts.



Skylarks

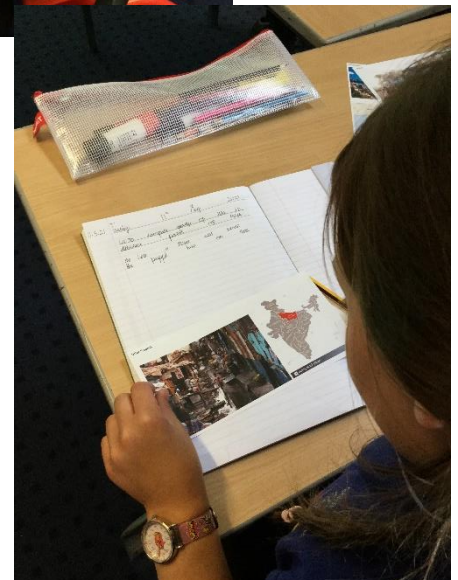
In History, we have been creating timelines

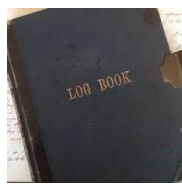


In English, we held a press conference. The children posed as characters from the story 'I was a Rat' and we interviewed them for the newspaper articles we are creating.



In Geography, we have been using statistics to find out about the quality of life in different parts of India and we also looked at some images from different areas of the country to help us work out what life might be like there.





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:

10-14.05.2000 - SATs week. KS1 + KS2 have done SATs this week. Y3, 4, & 5 have done optional year tests.

08.05.1874 - Attendance today 21. Many of the children gone down to Leyburn fair. Discipline of the elder children becoming worse, shall have to use stricter means.

EYFS News

With the easing of lockdown restrictions, the early indications are that business is booming in the EYFS. The florist/garden centre is very popular with many purchases of high end bouquets and seed sales are through the roof. Obviously our love of gardening remains high and Mrs. Wheeler has been impressed at the amount of digging taking place, with pauses only to observe an array of minibeasts that have turned up.

And as for the hairdressers – well just you try and get an appointment. Although the children are more than happy to use their left hand for one customer and their right hand for another, there are still quite a few clients to get through.

All these activities involve money and opening times, counting and conversation. Lots of conversation but alas no talk of foreign holidays.

We did have an interesting talk about what the children want to be when they are older. We were very impressed with their choices which were varied and uninhibited by gender stereotypes. And of huge significance, was the fact that they were all jobs that give back and support the community, assuming the footballer is modelled on Marcus Rashford and Elsa doesn't cause bitter winters.

But we had several vets and firefighters, a doctor, police officer, rocket mechanic, bin woman, lorry driver, builder, spy, Spiderman, train driver and butterfly astronaut (your guess is as good as mine!) amongst others. Obviously, the teachers are very excited about the future when they can say, "Oh yes, I taught Spiderman to read."

Whilst we are on the subject of reading.....PLEASE READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN. Read their school reading books, share their library books. Seek out more books. Write your own books. Books are beautiful. Our children think so and love to share. We love the detailed feedback some of you give in reading records but if you don't want to write anything just date and initial. If finding time to read together is tricky for any reason, please get in touch and we can sort out a plan.

Have a wonderful weekend (to include some reading) and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.....HUGS
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Askrigg News

The Merlins have had an action packed week from start to finish. We have enjoyed our Science particularly where we have been looking at the work of microphotographer Levon Bliss. We have been looking at an insect and understanding why each minute feature helps us categorise and identify them.

In Maths, we have been working on different objectives this week trying to improve our understanding of addition and subtraction.

In English this week we have been doing more drama. This time working on hot seating to question a character in role from our story. We will be using this to write a letter next week. In geography this week, we have looked at comparing school in India and the UK. There were some differences, but we were surprised by how many similarities there are.

In Art this week we started using our modroc, this was quite a messy job, but good fun. We also enjoyed our weekly yoga session too.

Merlins x

West Burton News

This week in Maths we have been dividing 100, 1000 and 1: it is easier than you think!
Thia said, "I enjoyed Maths because we are learning a new subject."

We are reading 'I was a Rat' in English and we are going to create a newspaper. We had a press conference on Wednesday! Some people were reporters for the newspaper while others were characters from the book we are reading; everyone has a different role. We must make some quotes for our reports and we also wrote a letter to the Judge to say why he should not kill Roger, the main character, and we had to make it persuasive.

In Science, we had to sort different living things in groups: we sorted plants into flowering and non-flowering and then we used classification keys and sorted animals into groups like vertebrates and invertebrates. Hermione said, "I liked doing the science and while doing it there was lightning and a big thunder storm with hail." Abigail said, "I enjoyed the thunder storm on Monday."

In French, we learnt how to say countries like Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Great Britain and the United Kingdom and we learnt that French people often don't pronounce the final letter on a word if it is a consonant.

By Benjamin and Jessica







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

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
<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 – 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		