



Dear Parents, carers and community members,  
As we approach the end of this very busy and happy half-term, we reflect on the incredibly strange start that we had to this year, and how lovely it feels to be back to some kind of normality in school. As I spend time unpicking our pupils' assessment results, and talking to teachers about how to effectively support our learners, it is becoming evident that our children are settling back into the routines of school, and recovering from some of the social and emotional impact of lockdown. We hope to continue to see more evidence that our catch-up arrangements and our developing curriculum offer addresses the gaps in learning and continues to deliver a rich experience for our children. Thank you for your continued support.



### Reading Deep-Dive

As part of our curriculum development work with our diocese, we had a full day on Wednesday at Bainbridge and West Burton exploring and evaluating our reading provision with two school improvement colleagues from the diocese. The day was called a 'deep dive' into reading provision and mirrored the approach that an Ofsted inspection would take, though perhaps even more thorough. We are delighted to report some extremely positive findings: that our Read, Write, Inc programme and our new reading approaches further up the school (especially 'Power of Reading') are having a hugely positive impact on our children. Our diocesan colleagues return next Wednesday to complete the deep dive at Askrigg.



### Pen Licences

It has been wonderful over the last couple of weeks to be presented with some excellent examples of consistently good handwriting. To receive a pen licence, children have to demonstrate to the headteacher that:



- they have joined handwriting that is of a consistent size and orientation.
- Their handwriting is of an equally high standard across the curriculum – in all of their books.

I am delighted to present a pen licence to Isaac, Sam, Georgie, Sasha, and Amelie. Well done all of you!

### Bikeability

Wow! Our Y5 and Y6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability sessions this week with Helen and team of Stage One Cycles. All children have taken part in the level 1 session and some have had their level 2 sessions (more to follow next week). The children have shown incredible resilience in some heavy rain showers but have learnt a hugely valuable life skill and had a thoroughly enjoyable time in doing so.



### PTFA Summer Raffle



The PTFA is looking for a person or two to coordinate the collection of luxury food and gifts to make up the hampers for the summer raffle. This would include organising collection of prizes, sale of tickets and drawing of raffle. Support is on hand from those who have run it before so don't worry, you wouldn't be alone! This is a nice opportunity to help the PTFA fundraise - without having to attend a meeting! If you'd like to help, please let Petrina Booth or Karen Raven know by the end of the half term break.







### This week's awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher's Award, taught @ Bainbridge	Myles, for exceptional <b>effort</b> in his learning, making super progress, and therefore experiencing such <b>enjoyment</b> .
Headteacher's Award, taught @ Askrigg	Isaac, for increased confidence, leading to him to take greater <b>responsibility</b> for his learning and therefore experiencing more <b>enjoyment</b> .
Headteacher's Award, taught @ West Burton	Zoe, for taking <b>responsibility</b> for her own learning: asking good questions to support her progress and therefore her <b>enjoyment</b> .
Tidiest Classroom Award	Skylarks
Best Class Attendance	Robins

Have a lovely restful weekend

Charlotte Harper

Eleanor Harrison

	Pupil of the week	Attendance w/c 10/05
Robins 	<b>Myles</b> for effort and enjoyment especially phonics. – Mrs Johnston & Mrs Middleton	<b>100%</b>
Owls 	My pupil of the week is <b>Douglas</b> for his effort and enjoyment in all areas of the curriculum. – Mrs Harrison	<b>98%</b>
Golden Eagles 	<b>Grayson</b> , for his effort with his homework as well as Maths. – Mrs Richards	<b>96.67%</b>
Merlins 	This week the Merlins pupil of the week goes to <b>May</b> for a positive approach to learning and for always having a smart appearance around school. – Mr Greenway	<b>96.32%</b>
Swallows 	<b>Harry</b> for putting lots of effort into his drawing and description of a food chain in science. – Mr Scrafton	<b>99.44%</b>
Skylarks 	My pupil of the week is <b>Hermione</b> for her effort and enthusiasm in reading. – Miss Collins	<b>96.47%</b>

# Robins

Splashing



Uh oh the way is blocked by a flood.



Here's the flood. It goes over our wellies.



Ready for customers in our Florists



Lots of filling, pouring and great team work!

Searching for treasure in the sand



Doing a brilliant job washing our 'pets'.

Working together to enjoy playing with the water and guttering.





## Owls

*The photos show another wonderful forest school session, this time making all kinds of creations from wood there was everything from cars to cameras. They used a wide range of skills...hammering in the nails was very popular!*



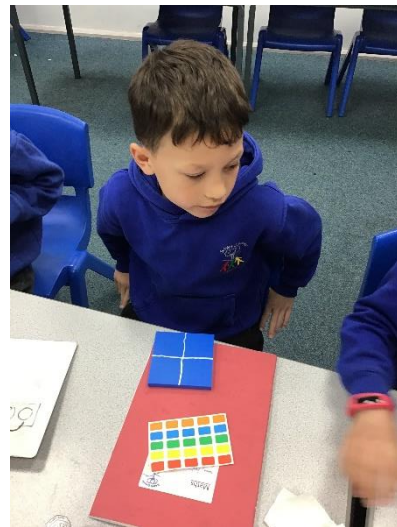
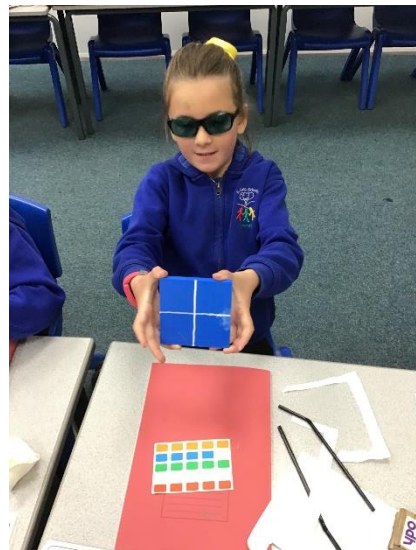


## Golden Eagles

Playing a melody in time to a song whilst the rest of the class are singing.



Counting in steps of 25 in Maths.



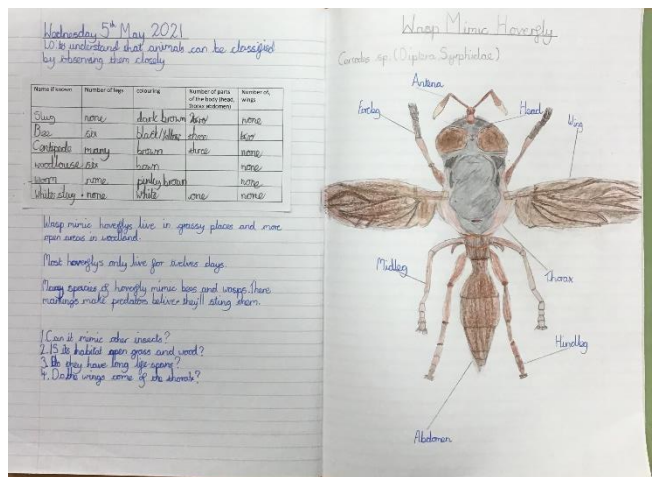
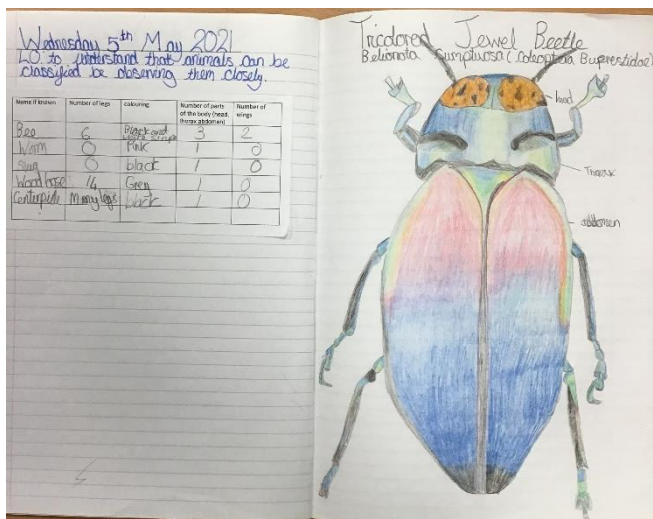
our poem about the Forest that we have learnt by heart





# Merlins

Levon Bliss style magnified drawings.



Yoga via zoom with Kate.



Unbalanced sculptures in art.



Forest schools at Askrigg.



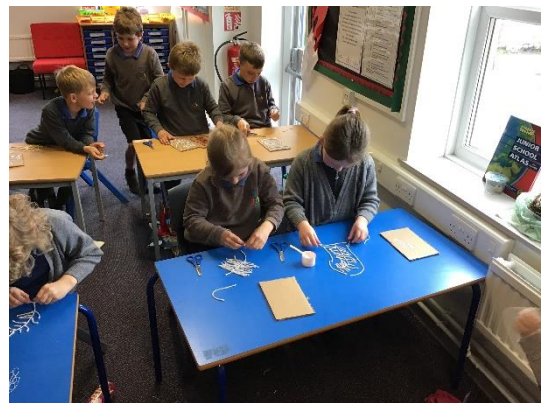


## Swallows

The Swallows chose their favourite books for our new reading display.



Creating printing blocks for our art-printing project.





## Skylarks

Learning about Moses and the burning bush in RE, using a red blanket and some branches to represent the fire and bush.



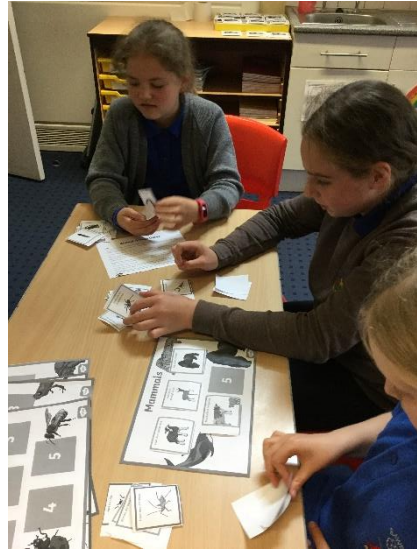
Toby acting out the part of Moses



Thia's Modroc frog turned out really well.



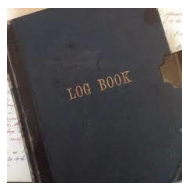
Classification work in science - we looked at the characteristics of different types of animals.



Thomasina's Modroc sculpture.







## 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:

**19 May 1977:** Ascension day. All the school went to Ripon Cathedral where the Eucharist was celebrated by the vicar. The children were taken round the Cathedral. We went to Studley Royal where we picnicked. Most of the children played rounders or other ballgames. A party of twelve walked to Fountains Abbey and were picked up by coach on the return journey.

**23 May 1941:** Visit of Mr Gray re evacuees. This afternoon Dr Pickles, the Medical Officer of Health for the district visited the school and rested those children who had previously been inoculated against diphtheria.

## EYFS News

At the time of writing, 2 butterflies have hatched. Alternative vocabulary to increase our lexicon might be 'emerged'. Yes, you can tell the 'visitors' who came to check on our reading were very keen to see how effectively we used vocabulary in the Early Years. And we were not found wanting. Mrs Middleton glowed (or radiated) with pride as Eli explained what metamorphosis meant and Rocco explained that he was contented and used alternative words to describe what he meant. But I think the visitors were most impressed when they were given a bunch of flowers from the florist shop. Impressed not by the welcoming gesture but by the use of the word bouquet.

Well done children. You make us proud. Always.

Anyway, back to the butterflies – they have beautifully patterned wings and we have mixed up nectar (sugar solution) for them to feed on. Maybe we will give them names, but we can't tell them apart so maybe not.

The puddles have been amazing. Really deep and super wet. Absolutely perfect.....at the age of 3,4 or 5. Actually, even the 50+ have enjoyed the water – from the sidelines. The only thing better than the puddles was the mud it created. What a mess.....I mean wonderful learning opportunity.

We looked at a delightful story in Maths called Grandpa's Quilt which showed us how you can move shapes around to create different shapes. We also investigated what we could do with a rectangle when we cut it into 2 equal right angled triangles. This was quite tricky but fascinating. Try it at home this weekend; sadly the forecast isn't great but at least we can eat out indoors now.

Lots of Love, Robins xx

## Askrigg News

The Merlins have had an exciting week which has seen us start our Bikeability sessions. These have been great fun and will help us to stay safe when cycling. We have more sessions next week, which we are all really excited about.

In English, we have been writing letters in role. We have just finished them, and they are very good.

In Art this week we got to finish off our unbalanced sculptures inspired by Henry Moore.

In Geography, we compared our housing to that of a traditional Indian village. As part of the lesson we did some architectural drawings of our homes.

In History, we looked at the Anglo-Saxon King Alfred the Great and tried to work out how great he was by looking at a range of historical sources.

In Science, we finished off our micro sculpture style picture of insects inspired by Levon Bliss.

Merlins x

## West Burton News

In English, we have nearly finished "I was a Rat". We have been writing stories, having press conferences and a court room. Now we are writing a newspaper about Roger the Rat.

We have also been doing Geography. We have been looking at maps and thinking about different parts of India and what is the same and different about life in India and Britain.

In French, we have been learning how to say different countries and some capital cities.

In Music, we listened to the song Squelch and sang some parts and enjoyed it.

In RE, we listened to two videos and made a burning bush and used a blanket for the fire and used a real bush for the burning bush and threw it up in the air. We didn't burn it though!

Lots of people liked Maths this week. We have been doing division and practising telling the time. Kirsty said, "I liked learning division in Maths." Thia said, "I liked telling the time in math because I didn't know how to before."

The Year 5 and 6 children have also really enjoyed bikeability with Stage One Cycles.

Harry: I liked bikeability because I got to go down hills and round cones."

Hemione said, "I liked doing the bike riding because it was fun and exciting."

Jessica said, "I liked riding my bike because it is nice to learn to be safe."



By Beatrice & Zoe



## 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

### 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**

	<b>Bainbridge</b>	<b>Askrigg</b>	<b>West Burton</b>
Monday			After school Sports (Skylarks and Swallows)
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday		Cycling club (open to A and WB)	
Friday			

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>	<b>Askrigg</b>	<b>West Burton</b>
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		
06.09.21	Teacher Training Day		
07.09.21	Autumn term begins		