

# Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



## “COMMUNIQUE”

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 No 1. Summer Term

### GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations go to a number of pupils who have achieved good behaviour certificates in recent weeks:

#### Bronze

Rhys Price  
Morgan Price  
Thomas Wilkinson  
Alice Bowe  
Poppy Atkinson  
Sidney Livingstone-Owen

#### Silver

Coleby Teague  
Monty Rowland-Hill  
William Bowe  
Amelia Alderson

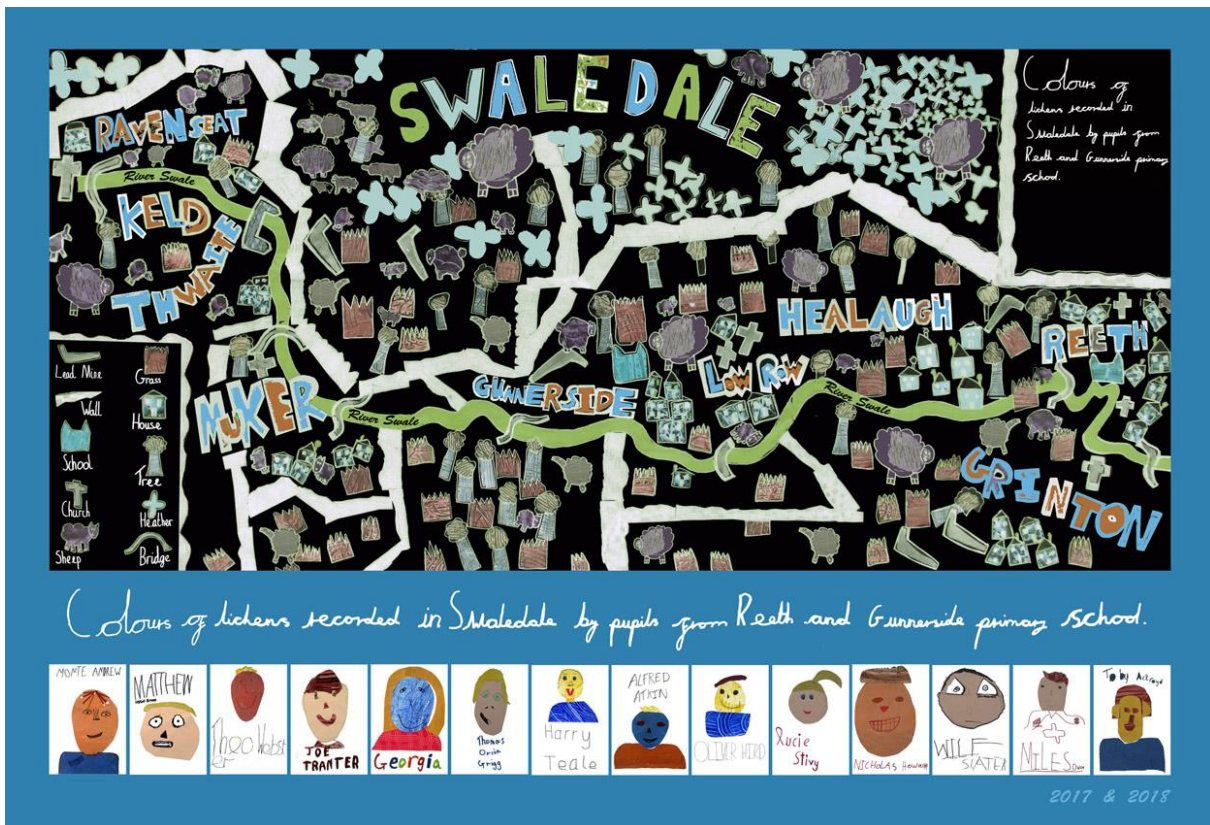
#### Gold

Hazel Tranter  
Brooke Madgwick  
Finn Jones  
Oscar Kendall  
Freddie Lundberg  
Amelia Atkinson



### LICHEN PROJECT

Recently, Year 5 and 6 pupils started work on a two-year art project called Fabric of Place that aims to represent the Swaledale landscape as a travelling indoor exhibition. Our pupils, in collaboration with artist, Joanne Kaar, have been studying lichens, making them from everyday materials and creating a map of Swaledale to record lichen species and their location.



**fabric of place** Please help our school gather data about lichens in Swaledale for 'Fabric of Place', a Chrysalis Arts community art project.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the words which best describe the lichen you've found:

white	cream	yellow	Leafy
orange	red	brown	Granular/Dusty
black	dark grey	light grey	Bushy
apple green	olive green		Like a Cup/Goblet
Other:			Crusty

Where is it growing? Name location:	Is it facing: North South East West	Is it on the: hill top valley floor hill side
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What is it growing on?  
Stone: natural or man-made  
Wood: tree or fence post  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it next to a busy road?  
Yes No

For more info about 'Fabric of Place' and lichens:  
www.....

Please return your completed card to:  
Reeth Community Primary School  
Healaugh Road, Reeth, Richmond,  
North Yorkshire, DL11 6SP

We now need your help to gather information about lichen in Swaledale. We would like you to explore and find a lichen and record information about it on the postcard sent home with this newsletter. The Year 5 and 6 pupils are confident working with 6 figure grid references, so feel free to include an exact location in this format or, alternatively, describe the place in words. There is also space on the postcard to draw, paint or use collage to illustrate the lichen you have found. It would be great to include some photos on the school blog, so feel free to send these into school too. Thank you for your help. If you would like another postcard, or know someone who would like to be involved, please just ask.

We will be using the postcards in September when Joanne will be working with pupils again, along with scientists as part of a fieldwork visit.

## **MATHLETICS – NOW FOR RECEPTION PUPILS TOO**

Mathletics is an electronic learning platform for numeracy. Each pupil has a username and password providing access to a large range of curriculum based maths activities and the chance to compete against pupils from around the world. Username and passwords can be found on the outer back cover of your child's home-school log book. Mathletics can be used at home on a computer – log in at [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk). iPad users need to download the Mathletics app and sign in there. If you have any questions about the resource please do get in touch.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS APPROACHING**

We have talked with pupils again this week about the Young Photographer Competition that Richmond Rotary Club has invited our pupils to take part in. The competition theme is 'A moment in time,' providing opportunity for entries over a wide range of interpretations. More information was included on our newsletter dated 6<sup>th</sup> February and this can be accessed via our school web-site.

The closing date is very soon so **if your child would like to enter please encourage them to get busy with their camera this weekend and e-mail their chosen photograph into school by Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**. We will then arrange for their photograph to be printed and entered into the competition. We look forward to seeing their digital interpretations of the theme!

## **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT – WHOLE SCHOOL COMPETITION WINNER**



Congratulations go to Joe Tranter who is the winner of our certificate competition. The first new star of the week certificates, designed by Joe, were awarded to pupils last week and more have been given out today. We have included a small picture of Joe's winning design, showing its celestial theme. Well done Joe!

## **STAFF TEAM**

Following a successful recruitment process we are pleased to welcome Mrs Gail Smith as our cook at Reeth School. Mrs Smith joined us after the Easter break, is settling in well and enjoying getting to know the pupils.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Rachel Fawcett as a full time teacher for our Year 1 and 2 Class. Miss Dinsdale will be returning to Gunnerside School, and Mrs Stainsby will return from maternity leave, joining Mrs Walker in the Early Years Class.

Sadly, at the end of the summer term, Janet Seymour will be leaving our school staff team to concentrate on her dance work and have more time available for her family. We will still be offering our after-school German clubs led by Janet, and she will continue to offer her independently run dance classes after school, so many of our pupils will still see her!

We are seeking two new Teaching Assistants to join our staff team from September. These posts will be advertised by the end of next week via the North Yorkshire County Council Jobs and Careers webpage: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23269/Jobs-and-careers>. We are always keen to help develop individuals with the right skill set and a passion for helping children to achieve their very best and invite interested individuals to look at the adverts and contact us at school to arrange a visit.

## **LUNCHTIME LIBRARY SESSIONS**



We continue to very much value the support from our parent volunteers who run our lunchtime library sessions for pupils at both school sites, helping the children to choose and borrow their books. It's great that some of these parents will be able to continue to offer help in September, but we need to add some new helpers to their team so that sessions can be organised on a shared rota basis to suit the individuals involved. If you are interested in helping us with our library sessions next year, please complete the reply slip and return it to school. A member of staff will then get in touch with further details. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.

## **SUMMER TERM EVENTS**

Dates of our summer term events are provided at the end of the newsletter and there is some further information about some of these below:

We will be running two Sports Events this year, one based at Reeth for our Early Years pupils (Reception and Nursery), and one based at Gunnerside for our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils (Year 1 to Year 6).

## **EYFS Sports Afternoon - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Along with school staff, our Year 5/6 pupils will be involved in helping our youngest pupils enjoy a carousel of different sports activities during the afternoon. Parents are invited to join us on Reeth

School Field from 1.30pm to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor fun with the children. There will be refreshments for adults and pupils and we will round off the afternoon with a couple of traditional 'races' for pupils who feel ready!

### **Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents and family are invited to join us on the field at Gunnerside from 1.15pm to enjoy the afternoon with us. Please bring your own portable seating or picnic blanket. Friends of the School are kindly providing refreshments.

Parents will be able to take their children home directly from Gunnerside at the end of the sports. Please complete and return the reply slip attached to this newsletter to let us know the arrangements required. Please return the slip to school before half-term so that we can finalise our transport arrangements, thank you. Usual end of day collection/transport times will apply to children not going home directly from Gunnerside School with parents.

We have recently purchased some Gazebos which we can use at both events to provide some shade, but please remember that if the weather is sunny there will only be limited little shade available, so please ensure that pupils and adults remember sun protection, but also bring a waterproof in case of showers!

### **Gunnerside Fridays**

Our 'Gunnerside Fridays', when all pupils in Years 1 to 6 will be based at Gunnerside School for the day, enjoying lessons and activities that the site is ideal for, have been arranged for the following dates:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Spiritual Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Science Day

On these dates all pupils will return to Reeth School for the usual 3:30pm Friday end of day time.

### **PARENT VIEW**

We always seek to evaluate our work and welcome feedback from parents. At the end of the school year there will be an opportunity, as usual, to reflect on the year and provide feedback through our questionnaire to parents. In the meantime, we would like to draw your attention to Parent View, which is part of the Ofsted website. It enables parents to share what they think about their child's school. The survey can be completed at any time and it would be really helpful to have some up to date feedback on the site. Parent View can be accessed via the link on the front page of our school website, or directly at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Thank you.

### **SUN PROTECTION**



The term is beginning to bring some good weather and we are keen for pupils to enjoy the outdoors as often as possible. We do of course need to be mindful of sunburn and associated risks to health. Please send your child with a hat and apply sunscreen before coming to school during the summer term. As the weather is sometimes rather unpredictable, you may wish to send in a suitable sunscreen (clearly labelled with your child's name) to apply during the day either themselves, if they are able to do so, or by an adult if they are a younger pupil. **Please complete the reply slip with regard to these arrangements.**

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby  
Headteacher

## DATES for your diary

### May

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> School closes for half-term



### June

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Day based at Gunnerside, all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Cluster schools KS2 rounders at Askrigg Primary (am) tbc

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> KS1 and 2 (Years 1 to 6) Sports Day at Gunnerside School. We invite parents to join us on the field at 1.15pm.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 6 Science session at Richmond School (am), details will be sent separately

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Hand-in date for Y6s Sinclair Essays – full details will be given to pupils soon  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> EYFS (Reception and Nursery) sports afternoon – 1.30pm – Reeth School Field. We invite parents to come along and join in with helping pupils enjoy the afternoon.

### July

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> SWAGG (local archaeology group) to talk to Yr 3/4 class (pm)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Science day based at Gunnerside, all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Pupil reports home to parents

We are keen to ensure that transition between classes is as good as it can be. This year we have arranged two days for our Year 2s to experience class life at KS2, engage in special activities and form relationships with their new peers:

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> and Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Reeth and Gunnerside 'Stepping-up' days. KS2 pupils based in their September 17 classes, with year 2 pupils joining them at Gunnerside.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> and Tues 11<sup>th</sup> EYFS taster sessions for nursery aged September starters, with Reception pupils spending time in the KS1 class.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4s depart for residential visit to East Barnby (3 days) (details sent separately)

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Last mountain biking session this term

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Service and Lord Wharton recitals, Gunnerside Methodist Chapel, 9.30am. All KS2 pupils. Parents and family are welcome to join us.

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Leavers' performance in Reeth Memorial hall, 6pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Leavers' celebration with Quaker quests, in Reeth School hall at 9.30am, followed by tea and cake for parents of leavers.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> School closes for summer holidays, 2.30pm

Additional dates may be included on future communiqués, as this term progresses.

### Transition dates for Year 6s

#### July

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> / Tues 4<sup>th</sup> A 'Meet the tutors evening' at Richmond School will take place for our pupils on one of these dates - details will be sent by Richmond School nearer the time.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> )

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> )

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> )

Block of 3 transition and induction days at Richmond School

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Disco at Richmond School for Year 6s

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Induction day at SFX School

**DON'T FORGET!**.....you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping on-line via:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside) and/or using the internet search engine of

[www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk). It costs you nothing but raises funds for Friends and makes a huge difference to helping with the cost of activities and resources in the schools. Thank you for your support.



**REPLY SLIPS**

**Sun Screen Protection**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have read the information about sunscreen application for the summer term.

I will provide sunscreen clearly named in my child's school bag for use if the weather changes unexpectedly and give permission for school employees to apply this if necessary.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent volunteer help with library sessions**

Name of parent \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping in a school library.

I am available to help at  Reeth and / or  Gunnerside

The days I am available to help are \_\_\_\_\_

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**KS1 and 2 Sports Day (Years 1 to 6) – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
**End of day arrangements required:**

Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

\* My child(ren) will travel home with me from Gunnerside School after sports day.

\* My child(ren) will travel back from Gunnerside School with \* \_\_\_\_\_ (other named person if not parent).

\* My child(ren) will require transport (arranged by the school) back to Reeth School for 3.40pm.

Signature of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*please complete/delete as appropriate)

***Please return to school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, thank you.***

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