



AN EXCITING CURRICULUM

We are always keen to make learning experiences in school as interesting, engaging and relevant as possible. With our schools in such a great location for education, we're keen to make the most of opportunities to enrich lessons with visitors to school and visits beyond the classroom. On Monday afternoon Year 3 and 4 pupils worked with staff from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. They completed a map study of the local river system, measured water quality and created a river in their classroom, modelling the processes of erosion, transportation and deposition. Pupils had a great time, reporting, “It was the best afternoon, ever!”

Later this week pupils will visit the banks of the Swale to complete artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. In other classes fieldwork visits are planned, with a visit to Bowes Museum scheduled for KS1.



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Rowan Wilkinson, Charlie Tranter, Rhys Hall, Isabel Bainbridge, Ellie Hughes, Eva Tweddle, Millie Darbyshire, Edith Livingstone-Owen, Milly Gale, Alice Bowe, Kiran Doughty-Coates, Miles Livingstone-Owen and Brooke Madgwick who have all received their bronze certificates in recent weeks.



Ruby Hird and Summer Jones have received their silver certificates. Maddie Tweddle, Alfred Atkin, and Violet Livingstone-Owen have each collected 60 good behaviour stamps, earning their gold certificates and a book. Well done to everyone.

EARLY YEARS CLASSROOM – OFFICIAL OPENING

We are delighted to inform you that Rishi Sunak will officially open our Early Years classroom. The event will take place on Friday 21st October at 11:40am, with lunch served for pupils, visitors and parents at noon. Parents of pupils in the new class are invited to join us for the occasion, along with Nursery pupils who do not usually attend on Friday mornings. Please complete the attached reply slip to confirm your arrangements.

BAGS TO SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

The Friends of the Schools are arranging another textiles recycling collection – clothes, bags, shoes – to raise money for the schools. **Please note that the company no longer accept bedding, towels or curtains.** Collection bags will be sent home this week and the collection date will be Wednesday 9th November, 9am from Reeth school only. If you wish to drop bags off at Gunnerside School the deadline is Monday 7th November. This is an ideal opportunity for a sort out before Christmas; do tell family, friends and neighbours, and let's see if we can make it another successful fundraiser! Additional bags will be available from school if required.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL MEETING

Our Friends extend a warm welcome to all parents, including those of our nursery aged cohort, to join them at their next meeting on Monday 17th October, 1.30pm at Reeth School. The group has achieved a huge amount over the years and is hoping to recruit some new members to ensure that this is sustained. The meeting has been planned during the school day, so that parents of younger pupils may find it easier to attend.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LUNCHTIME STAFF

In recent weeks Mrs Squires, Miss Bell and Miss Herrlich have joined our lunchtime staff team. Mrs Hodgson, cook at Gunnerside, and Miss Wilson, our new cook at Reeth, are also supervising playtime.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Our programme of afterschool activities continues after the half term break. German is on Tuesday each week at Reeth. Sport club is at Reeth after half term, with provision for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. On Wednesday cookery and art continue to be led by Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Bastow, with Mathematics on Thursday with Miss Dinsdale. As most of these clubs are the same as those provided this half term, there is no need to complete a reply slip for them – we will presume that your child(ren) will carry on after the break. Please contact the school office if your arrangements will change.

Please note that the last session of KS2 sport is next week. If you would like your child to join sport club at Reeth, please complete the reply form.

GERMAN LESSONS FOR PARENTS TOO

Pupils continue to enjoy after school language lessons on Tuesday each week. Several parents have asked if they can join the sessions with their children. We think this is great and would like to extend the invitation to all parents of pupils attending the lessons.

HARVEST SERVICE

Over the last few weeks pupils have been busy preparing for our harvest assembly. They have completed workshops with Reverend Janet, developing ideas to share, along with songs and prayers. The service will take place in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel at 9:30am on Thursday 13th October. We look forward to welcoming parents and family members.

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Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Oct

Tues 11 th	Parents' Evening
Tues 12 th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 13 th	9.30am - Whole School Harvest assembly for all pupils – Reception to Year 6 in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel with Rev Janet Park
Thur 13 th	Yr 3/4 River walk along river swale at Gunnerside, letters already sent home
Mon 17 th	Friends of School meeting in Reeth School, 1.30pm, everyone welcome
Thur 18 th	Yr 5/6 Boys Football at Leyburn Primary for a team of 8 players; letters already sent home
Fri 21 st	Early Years opening event, 11:45 am.
Fri 21 st	School closes for half-term
Mon 31 st	Staff training day

Nov

Tues 1 st	School re-opens
Thurs 3 rd	Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Bowes Museum, letters already sent home
Mon 7 th	Last day to drop off Bags 2 School at Gunnerside School
Wed 9 th	Bags 2 School collection from Reeth School only 9.00am
Fri 18 th	NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly for all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils
Fri 18 th	Flu Immunisations for Year 1,2 and 3, letters already sent home
Fri 25 th	NSCPP 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' follow up workshop for Year 5/6s
Fri 25 th	"Richard of Impressions" to take individual photographs at Reeth (am). More details will be sent nearer the time

Dec

Thurs 1 st	Advent assembly with Rev Janet Park for all Rec to Year 6 pupils.
Fri 16 th	Christingle service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm.

More dates will be sent to you as the term progresses.

