



CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their bronze good behaviour certificates this week:

Eva Reynoldson, Jenson Tyler, Sophie Rukin, Luke Williams, Jake Frankland, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Arlo Johnson, Alex Barr, Chloe Calvert, Fern Stainsby, Matthew Lea, Sidney Livingstone-Owen, Mathilda Townend, Faith Ackroyd, Poppy Atkinson, Daisy Richardson, Alice Botting, Charlie Tranter, Hazel Tranter and Freddie Lundberg.



Well done too to all other pupils that are really close to achieving their bronze awards. Keep up the good work everyone!

INTRODUCING WOW CARDS



In the last week we have introduced a new way to recognise pupils' achievements that **really** stand out. If your child brings one of these cards home, please do chat with them about their work or their action that has been recognised. Well done to Alex Shepherd who received the first WOW card for superb writing.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK & HAPPY SOCK DAY

We've been talking about wellbeing in assemblies this week as part of mental health awareness week. We starting by finding out what the bible tells us about this aspect of life:

'Do not be anxious about anything, but pray and let God know what you need help with. The peace of God will guard your hearts and minds.'

'Cast all your worries on him, because he cares for you.'

'Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

'Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.'

'Come to me, all who are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. I am gentle and you will find rest for your souls.'



We've also explored the five ways to wellbeing:

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And finally, well done and thank you to all pupils and staff that chose to wear happy socks today – they looked great!



COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Although in wider life beyond school we will see some further easing of restrictions from next week, the Local Authority has advised that all control measures currently in place as part of our Covid risk assessment as a primary school should continue at this time. We will let you know straight away if guidance changes, but until then please stick to the agreed system of controls we have previously shared with families.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

As you know, we were unable to visit High Borrans earlier this year due to Covid restrictions and we have recently heard that East Barnby is unable to host the residential we had planned for Year 3 & 4 pupils at the end of this term. We really value outdoor education and are working on alternative, local plans for this type of learning, with the aim being to make some provision for pupils in both Key Stage 1 & 2. We feel this will make an exciting addition to our work at school next half-term and will make a great reward for pupils that are working hard. We expect that the plans should be finalised in the next week or two and we will be in touch again soon when we can share these in full. Please note that all sessions will be fully funded by school, utilising the sport premium grant.

ELM TREES AT REETH SCHOOL

Sadly, it seems that the two Elm trees at the front of Reeth School have suffered significantly from the last two very dry spring seasons. The trees are currently showing no signs of life yet this year and some of the lower limb branches have already died. In the coming weeks these branches will be removed, in line with specialist advice. If the remaining parts of the trees do not show any signs of recovery by late summer, then we will engage with a tree specialist to have them removed.

STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We are currently in the process of recruitment for additional staff to complement our existing team. We will be in touch as soon as possible when we are able to update you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

We have been invited to take part in 2 local art and design projects. Class teachers have explained these to pupils today and an outline of the information which has been shared is included for your information below.

Project 1: Design a logo for a local environmental group



The Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership is a new group that has recently been established in the area. Its collective aim is to develop a road map for the Richmondshire district to achieve net-zero carbon and leave a sustainable future for generations to come. The partnership is keen to take account of the voices of young people and has invited pupils to take part in a logo competition.

Pupils are invited to design a logo that '*expresses their vision for effective action against climate change*'. This can be representative of the action(s) that they think should be taken, the outcome that they would wish to see, or simply the importance of a healthy planet. Pupils can make their logo on a computer, use paint or do a drawing. If your child would like to submit a logo design, they need to hand it in to their class teacher or e-mail it to the school office by this coming Tuesday, 18th May.

Project 2: Develop artwork for a local bus company



The Upper Dales Community Partnership runs public and school bus services under the name of The Little White Bus. These services travel over 500,000 miles each year in the local area. The partnership has launched a competition which invites children in the local area to design artwork, inspired by the phrase '*this is what the Yorkshire Dales means to me*', to apply to their newly purchased vehicles. There will be a different design for each vehicle and prizes for winning designs! Artwork from pupils needs to be on A4

paper in portrait orientation and accompanied by a few written sentences explaining their design and how it represents the Yorkshire Dales. If your child would like to submit a design, they need to hand their work into their class teacher by 30th June.

STORY OF SCHOOLS EXHIBITION



An exhibition featuring a spectacular 4.5 meter-wide photo mosaic and telling the story of schools in the Upper Dales through interpretation boards, photographs, film and oral history accounts is being launched on Monday 17th May and will run until 18th July at [The Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes](#). The launch coincides with the re-opening of the museum, with covid-control measures in place, after a six month period of closure. Advance booking is required. The exhibition 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](#).

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

The Swaledale Festival is hosting a free family fun weekend of outdoor workshops and activities on Reeth Green – Sat 29th May to Mon 31st May. A flyer with further information is attached with this newsletter.

NEW UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

Schoolshop, our online uniform supplier, has advised us that their cut-off date this year for orders to be guaranteed for delivery prior to September, is 29th July 2021. Early ordering, anytime from now, is encouraged. To place an order, visit www.school-shop.co.uk. There is no minimum order, however, orders below £40 have a £3.95 delivery charge. There is also a small returns charge of £2.85 per return.

With the help of the Friends of School we hold a stock of preloved items in good condition – mostly smaller sizes. If you would like to enquire about these please contact the school office.

If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary

May

Fri 28th School closes for half-term

June

Mon 7th School re-opens

