

# Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



## “COMMUNIQUE”

7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

No.3 Autumn Term

### GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Well done to the children who have received good behaviour certificates recently.



#### BRONZE

Marianne Skinner, Ryan Reynoldson, Alexandra Barr, Jake Frankland, Jamie Meffen, Arlo Johnson, Ben Guy, Robbie Wearmouth, Chloe Calvert, Hazel Tranter, Barney Walton, Daisy Richardson, Thomas Wilkinson, Phoebe Guy.

#### SILVER

Ruby Rukin, Ellie-May Teague, Brooke Longden, Mason Doughty-Coates, Charlotte Dixon, Thalia Calvert, Amelia Alderson, Barney Lewis, Annas Livingstone-Owen, Lewis, Alexandra Barr, Jake Frankland, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen.

#### GOLD

Sophie Rukin, Keane Patrick, Daniel Calvert, Arthur Pybus, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Monty Rowland-Hill, Morgan Price, Charlotte Francis, Alexa Stoddart, Amelia Hill, Charlotte Whitehead, Leo Atkinson-Iesini, Lucy Allison, Luke Williams, Jessica Rukin, Ellie Dixon, Faith Ackroyd, Ethan Tyler, William Dawes, Daniel Pearson, Jacob Coates, Emily Meffen.

### EARLY YEARS AUTUMN WATCH

In Early Years this half term pupils have been learning about autumn and the changes around us. The children used their senses on an autumn walk around school, smelling the leaves and hearing them crunch! They also did some barefoot walking, feeling the leaves under their toes. The class made leaf creatures inspired by the book 'Leaf Man' and used the digital microscope to look at them close up. They have also learned about animals that hibernate and have made bird feeders. During their learning about birds, the children became very interested in ostriches, and made a life sized model to see how tall they are. They decided that Steven was a good name and enjoyed having him in the classroom!



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Silly Socks Day' in aid of Children in Need. We raised £65.90 for the appeal.



## FRIENDS OF SCHOOL – SWEET LIKE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who was able to help make the Friends' recent fundraiser held at Reeth Memorial Hall a great success. Ticket purchases, donations and help from parents and the wider community were really appreciated. The event raised £386 and was a really enjoyable evening.



## YEAR 1 SOFT TOY SEWING PROJECT



Pupils in Year 1 have completed some super sewing and were keen to explain what they have been up to:

*'We started by looking at some toys to find out how they are made and to give us lots of ideas.'*

*'When we had chosen an animal, we coloured it in, using the same colour as the colour of the fabric.'*

*'We practised our sewing with Binca at first.'*

*'We wrote a plan to help us. We have spent 6 weeks working on it. We took our time.'*

*'We used chalk to draw around our animals on the fabric and then cut them out.'*

*'Sometimes we made mistakes but we got there - we're really pleased.'*

## YEAR 2 & 3 SCIENCE



Year 2 & 3 have been making wormeries:

*'We made a wormery because we have been learning about worms in science. We know that they don't have a backbone and wanted to see what they would do in the soil.'*

*'We put in a layer of soil, then a layer of sand, another layer of soil and then another layer of sand. We put some leaves and grass on the top.'*

*'The worms took the leaves and grass down through the soil. We can see where the worms have been.'*

## POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion has thanked us for raising £160.10 through your donations. Thank you for your support.

## YEAR 2 & 3 GEOGRAPHY



Year 2 & 3 have also been learning about our local area and recently completed a map walk around Reeth. They used their navigation skills to find businesses and services, including shops, the post office, the doctors and the fire station. They completed sketches and identified physical and human features of the landscape. Well done everyone.

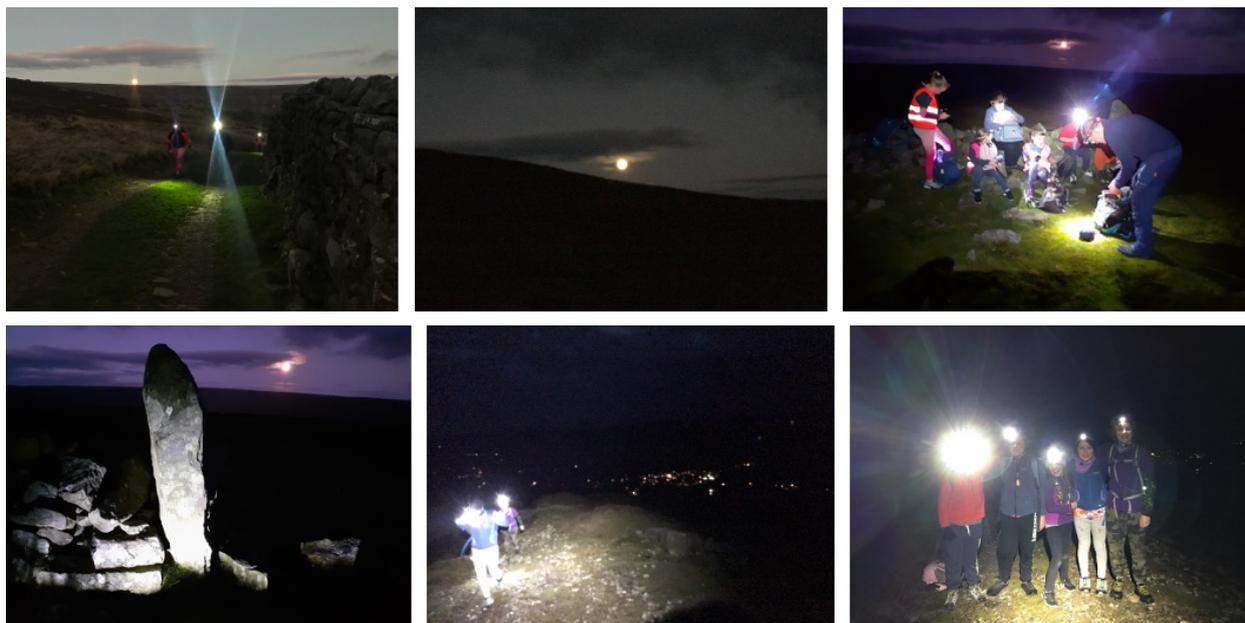
## KEY STAGE 2 TAG RUGBY



Well done to all pupils that took part in the rugby event last week. The staff were really impressed by the wonderful spirit in which the tournament was played. Quite a few of the referees mentioned how pleased they were by the way in which Reeth and Gunnerside pupils played as a team, embodying the spirit of the game. Mr Fremlin, as a spectator, was entertained by some fast, high-scoring matches with one of the teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league by just one point, after scoring almost 20 tries in 4 games!

## YEAR 5 & 6 FELL RUNNING IN THE DARK

Well done to everyone that has taken part in the after school fell running sessions. We've been offering these for a while now, in the first half of the autumn term and when pupils asked if we could carry on after half term – in the dark, with headtorches – we thought it was a great idea! We've had a fantastic time, making it to the top of Calver and up onto Fremington Edge.



## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Everyone at school has enjoyed the chance to get back to normal a little more this term. As restrictions have been reduced, we have been able to reintroduce whole school assemblies and we've particularly enjoyed being able to sing together again. Pupils are keen to contribute to their community and we plan to hold carol services in both Reeth and Gunnerside next week. Pupils will lead the singing, and it would be great if you could join in too! Everyone is welcome so please spread the word to members of the wider community. The friends of school will kindly provide mince pies and refreshments at both events.

Pupils taught at Gunnerside will lead a service there and pupils taught at Reeth will lead that service.

**Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 classes – Gunnerside Square – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm**

**Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 & 3 classes – Reeth Green, by the Christmas Tree – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm**

We hope that as many pupils as possible will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Pupils and staff are looking forward to Christmas dinner at Gunnerside on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and at Reeth on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. All pupils are welcome to dress in a festive coloured top or Christmas themed jumper for the day.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



**Reception and Nursery** pupils will enjoy their Christmas party on the morning of **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, followed by their Christmas dinner in school. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items. A letter inviting pupils who do not usually attend nursery on this day to join us for the morning and the party lunch, with collection at 1pm, will be sent home to families.

**Pupils in Year 1 and Year 2/3 Classes** will enjoy their Christmas party on the afternoon of **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at Reeth School after Christmas dinner.

**Pupils in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Classes** will enjoy their Christmas party on the afternoon of **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at Gunnerside School after Christmas dinner.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to extend an invitation to parents and family this year.

We expect the service to finish by approximately 2pm, when Reeth based pupils will be transported back to school for collection at the earlier time of 2:30pm. Pupils travelling home by school bus will also depart at 2:30pm.

At the service, we usually invite donations to the Children's Society, who organise the Christingle Services and support children that experience challenging circumstances. If you would like to make a donation please send this to the school office.

To encourage safety around lit candles, all pupils with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back. Our younger pupils will be using glow sticks in their Christingle oranges.

## SPRING TERM MENU

A copy of the spring term dinner menu for each site is being sent with this newsletter. Our school dinners are fresh, nutritionally balanced meals prepared on the premises each day. With the help of the catering team staff, who are keen to work with us to ensure that pupils enjoy their meals, our main courses are followed by the offer of a low-sugar home cooked dessert option on most days, as well as fruit or yoghurt. The service, provided by the Local Authority, does have a cost implication for our school, over and above the amount we charge to parents, and we are therefore keen to maximise the number of hot dinners served.

If your child opts to bring a packed lunch to school, please note that we are nut-free school and value your support in complying with this. Other guidance about school packed lunches is included on our school web-site.

## STAGE 1 CYCLES

Stage 1 cycles, based in Hawes, started an indoor biking session at the start of December – an ideal way to keep young riders active on their bikes during the winter months! With the help of funding provided by Cycling UK, sessions suitable for balance bikes up to beginner riders on pedal bikes are available every Saturday morning at Hawes Market Hall, from 10am to 10.45am. (No bigger bikes than 20" please). For further details, contact Stage 1 Cycles by phone - 01969 666873 or e-mail - [stage1cycles@gmail.com](mailto:stage1cycles@gmail.com). The provider also has a small number of 1:1 coaching sessions available until the end of December. These can be booked for a mutually convenient time.

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

### Dec

Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	'Flu Vaccinations for Years R-6 at both schools.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 class pupils in Gunnerside Square – 6pm. Everyone welcome.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner at Gunnerside School, followed by afternoon party for pupils in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Christmas party (morning)
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner at Reeth School, followed by afternoon party for pupils in Year 1 and Year 2/3 classes.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2/3 Class pupils around Reeth village tree – 6pm. Everyone welcome.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service – school closes at 2:30pm for Christmas

### Jan

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Training day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens