





GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Bronze	Thomas Wilkinson, Ellie Dixon, Sophia Guy, Alexa Stoddart, Jessica Rukin, Ethan Tyler, Reyoh Metcalfe, Ellie-May Teague, Alex Shepherd, Jessica Dawes, Arthur Pybus, Jacob Coates, Daniel Calvert, Kane Longden, Barney Walton, Barney Lewis, Eloise Francis	
Silver	Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Alexandra Barr, Poppy Atkinson, Ben Guy, Rhys Price, Charlotte Francis, Jake Frankland, Morgan Price, Alice Botting, Arlo Johnson, Fern Stainsby, Jamie Meffen, Abigail Sunter, Eva Reynoldson, Jenson Tyler, Keane Patrick, Lenny Haigh, Charlotte Whitehead	
Gold	... and a special mention to Luke Williams, the first pupil to achieve his gold certificate!	

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Pupils in both Key Stage 1 & 2 have enjoyed programmes of outdoor education in recent weeks. Year 1 and 2 have been canoeing, climbing and orienteering with Marrick Priory. They have also tried archery and have started to learn some bushcraft skills. Their first session was the first day back after half term, and led to some excellent written work in class the following day. The children learned from the experience:

‘I loved it because it made me feel better about the things I can do.’

‘I liked working in a team. They cheered me when I was on the climbing wall and were really supportive.’

‘I liked the climbing wall. I felt brave because I thought I was only going to go to the first step.’

‘I liked the balance beam because it taught me not to be afraid of heights.’

‘Going across the balance beam gave me confidence to do all my work.’



Pupils in Year 3 & 4 have had a super time in the last few days, stand up paddle boarding on Semerwater, biking the Swale Trail and climbing at Marrick Priory.



Having missed their visit to the Lake District in January this year, we arranged a week of adventure based learning here in Swaledale for our Year 5 & 6 class. They had a fantastic week, with an action packed programme that included canoeing, mountain biking, bushcraft, rock climbing, archery, problem solving, a walk through the mine workings of Gunnerside Gill and an overnight bivouac. Pupils rose to the challenge brilliantly - well done everyone!



Please do take a look at our school blog where you'll find lots of photos from the adventure days. The pictures can take a few moments to load, and a little patience may help initially, but work well after that.

COVID-19 RULE CHANGES

The government has confirmed that Step 4 of the Roadmap will go ahead on Monday 19th July. When schools return in September, bubbles and distancing will no longer be required and assemblies will be able to go ahead as normal. As our schools are open next week at the start of Step 4, and as pupils are familiar with our current arrangements, we will follow Department for Education guidance, continuing with existing measures until the end of the summer term. An exception to this is that adults on the school site will no longer need to wear a face covering from Monday. Parents are of course welcome to wear a face covering if they choose to do so.

SPORTS AFTERNOONS

We are pleased to let you know that all pupils will enjoy a sports afternoon, as detailed below, at the sports field in Reeth or at Gunnerside School. We will post pictures of the races on our school blog and look forward to welcoming parents to events like this next year.

Class / Key Stage	Date	Venue
EYFS	Friday 16 th July	Reeth Sports Field
KS1	Tuesday 20 th July	Reeth Sports Field
KS2	Monday 19 th July	Gunnerside School Field

Pupils will need:

- PE Kit
- Trainers
- Waterproof/showerproof coat
- Sun hat and sun screen

Harkers Coaches will provide transport for Early Years and KS1 to and from the sports field.

EARLY YEARS PIRATE DAY

As a grand finale to our class topic of pirates, we are having a pirate day on Tuesday 20th July - Arrr! Nursery and Reception pupils are invited to come to school dressed up as pirates, ready for a day of pirate themed fun. Please don't feel that you need to buy a costume – a stripy or plain t-shirt and shorts will be just fine. We ask that props, such as swords, are left at home.

LITTLE WHITE BUS COMPETITION

The Little White Bus is asking younger members of the community to design artwork to go on their new fleet of buses. We introduced the competition to pupils a little while ago, and it's now time to send in entries. Each design needs to be portrait and A4 in size and must be inspired by the phrase 'this is what the Yorkshire Dales means to me.' In addition to the design they would like each pupil to write a few words on why they chose that particular design. Please send in designs by Tuesday 20th July.

ROTARY CLUB POSTER COMPETITION

The Rotary Club of Richmond has invited pupils to participate in a poster competition to celebrate the COP26 Conference on Climate Change that will take place in Glasgow in November. The competition can be entered by pupils aged 10 to 12 years. The objective is to raise awareness of climate change by inviting children to design a poster to convey their message to the world on what needs to be done to make the world a better and safer place for their generation. Entries must be 2D, in monochrome or colour, and submitted on one page of A4 paper only. Work must be original and created by the pupil.

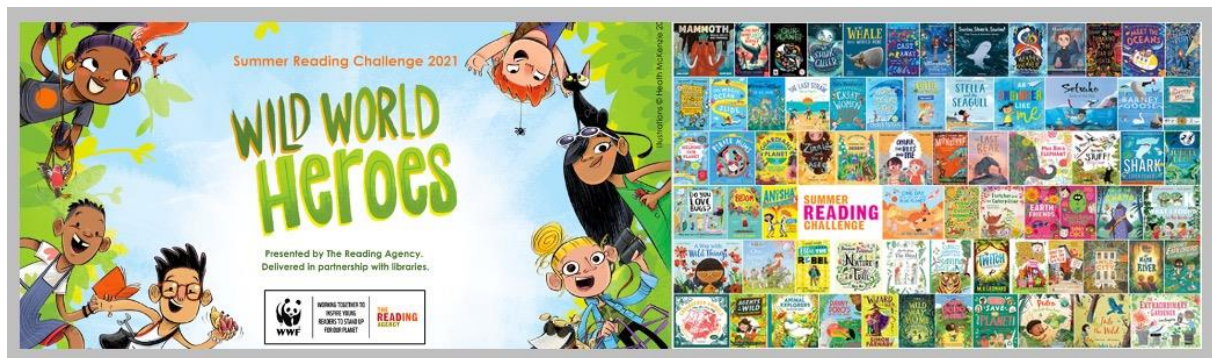
Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Creativity in approach
- Imaginative and innovative solution to Climate Change
- Clear, accurate and informative Content
- Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way

If your child would like to contribute, they should submit their design at school by Tuesday 20th July.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at local libraries during the holidays. This year the theme is all about nature and looking after the planet. The challenge is to read 6 library books of choice, collecting special stickers and prizes along the way. Everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in. The challenge runs until Saturday 11th September.



LEAVERS' SERVICE

Our leavers' service will be held on Monday 19th July at 9.30am at Gunnerside Chapel. Family members of Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend the event, although we ask that a maximum of two adults per pupil do so to comply with the church's risk assessment and guidance.

TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES

Transition to Nursery

We realise that pupils have not benefited from the taster day that we usually provide, but please be assured that each pupil will be well supported as they begin their school journey. We will arrange additional staffing in September to ensure that every pupil can work at their own pace as they grow in confidence and become familiar with the setting.

Transition to Reception

We know that nursery pupils will be looking forward to starting school full time in September. We encourage all pupils to attend full time as soon as possible. If you think that your child would benefit from part time attendance in the first week or two, then please let us know. We recommend completing all five mornings if this is the case, building up to full time by the start of the third week.

Transition to Year 1

On the morning of Monday 19th July, Reception pupils will join Miss Codman in the main school for a taster of life in Year 1.

Transition to Gunnerside

There will be an after school transition opportunity for pupils attending Gunnerside School in September on Monday 19th July at 4pm. Pupils and parents are welcome to attend.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

The North Yorkshire Music Service offers peripatetic instrumental lessons for KS2 pupils. For further information and prices, or to register an interest in having lessons for your child visit www.northyorkshireremusic.co.uk.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU – AUTUMN TERM

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, we are continuing to offer 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. We are pleased to continue to subsidise the cost of school meals from

the school budget, enabling the price charged to parents to remain at the current cost of £2.50 per day from September 2021.

Caterers publish their termly menus on-line just before the start of the new term: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24764/School-meals>. We use the 'single choice menu' but there are some small local variances, specific to our schools. A copy of the autumn term dinner menu for each site is being sent home with this newsletter.

SWIMMING LESSONS



As part of the PE curriculum, we plan to resume swimming lessons in September. We have arranged to swim for 6 weeks in the first half of the autumn term, and then for 6 weeks in the second half of the spring term 2022. The lessons will work towards pupils in Year 1 and above achieving a swimming distance of 25 metres, along with acquiring other safety and water skills in preparation for them being able to meet the national curriculum swimming expectations at the end of Year 6. Letters will be sent home towards the end of this term to the pupils involved. Lessons will start on Friday 10th September 2021 for some KS2 children and Tuesday 14th September 2021 for all KS1 children. Pupils will receive approximately 45 minutes of tuition in the pool. We will be using Richmond Swimming Pool for the lessons.

END OF SUMMER TERM FINISH TIME

Please note the earlier finishing time of 2.30pm on Friday, 23rd July, the last day of term. Home-school transport will depart from both sites at this earlier time.

Thank you all for your support over the course of the year. On behalf of all staff, we wish everyone an enjoyable and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming all pupils into their new year groups in September.

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Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



July

Tues 13 th	Spiritual afternoon for KS1
Thur 15 th	Spiritual afternoon for Yr 5/6
Fri 16 th	Sports afternoon for Early Years at Reeth MUGA
Fri 16 th	After-school activity clubs finish for the term
Mon 19 th	Leavers' Service in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel. The service will include Lord Wharton recitals from Year 6 pupils.
Mon 19 th	Sports afternoon for all KS2 at Gunnerside School
Tues 20 th	Sports afternoon for KS1 at Reeth MUGA
Thur 22 nd	Leavers' Celebration with Quaker guests – Gunnerside School field at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments and cake for parents of our Year 6 leavers.
Fri 23 rd	School closes for summer holidays, 2.30pm

Sept

Mon 6 th	Staff training day
Tues 7 th	School re-opens for pupils
Fri 10 th	Swimming starts (block of 6 weeks) for some KS2 pupils
Tues 14 th	Swimming starts (block of 6 weeks) for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils