

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 3 Autumn Term 2022

LEARNING AND EXPLORING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

We really value learning beyond the classroom and with our schools in such a wonderful location, we like to make the most of the opportunities on our doorstep. In the last few days, pupils from two of our classes have been out and about. Yesterday, Year 1&2 completed a woodland habitat study as part of their science learning this term. We have planned a series of habitat studies for all classes, with the aim being to enhance pupils' knowledge of the local environment. The visit was led by the Yorkshire Dales National Park, as part of the Tees-Swale Naturally Connected project. At the weekend, Year 5&6 pupils climbed Whernside, having planned their route and learned about navigation in an after school club with Mr Fremlin. They have also helped to improve our school grounds, as they work towards the John Muir Award. We hope that you enjoy looking through the photos of our adventures!

We have a busy schedule of Christmas events over the coming weeks - you'll find full details later in our newsletter. We very much hope that you can join us and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

As always, please do contact school if there's anything we can do to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Thursday 1st December



YEAR 1&2 WOODLAND HABITAT STUDY

Wednesday 30th November

Woodland habitat study



'I learned about the sycamore tree. I learned that the wider a tree is, the older it is. I enjoyed looking at the fox hair. My other favourite bit was looking at the badger holes.'

Charlotte

'Today we went to explore our local forest. I learned where badgers live. I learned that badgers are nocturnal. We found sycamore seeds. If you throw them up really high they spin like a helicopter. My favourite bit was breathing the fresh air.'

Abigail

'I enjoyed walking and finding lots of plants. My favourite bit was looking at the badger's home. It had two entrances. I learned that they make their bed with lots of colourful leaves so that it is warm and very comfy. We saw lots of colourful leaves from lots of big tall trees. My toes were cold but I kept going and I was resilient.'

Daniel

Today me and my friends went to one of our local woods and first we looked at a bit of tree stump and it was a micro habitat. That habitat would belong to a beetle or little worms and then I saw a bit of green stuff called raindeer food. Lighten it was very interesting. Then we saw this white stuff called thun guy. After that we went deeper into the woods and we saw some badger

holes and I learnt that they were called sets. Then we saw a stick with orange spots on them but I can't remember what it was called. Then we went back to school.

'It was very exciting looking at the badger holes. They are called sets. We saw about 3 or 4 of them. It was a very good walk.'

Jenson

'We used our sense to figure things out. We found bird boxes, sets, burrows and saw a rabbit. It was exciting, joyful and calm. We could smell the lovely clean forest air.'

It was a long walk and I was tired out but I was like Tigger and kept going. I didn't give up. I was really listening and concentrating. We picked up a can that someone had dropped, so that we can look after our Mother Earth.'

Leo

YEAR 5&6 WHERNSIDE WALK





GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children below that have received good behaviour certificates in recent weeks.

BRONZE	Amelia Hill, Lenny Haigh, Annas Livingstone-Owen, Eva Tweddle, Arlo Johnson, James Calvert, Harry Pybus, Fern Stainsby	SILVER	Rowan Wilkinson, Eden Frankland, Jenson Tyler, Thomas Wilkinson, Ryan Reynoldson	GOLD	Arthur Pybus, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Poppy Atkinson, Matthew Lea, Daisy Richardson, Raife Coates, Rosie Holliday, Tommy Wearmouth, Chloe Calvert, Luke Williams, Thomas Wilkinson, Cataleah Bovis, Eva Reynoldson, Abigail Sunter, Jake Frankland, Amber Williams
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REMEMBRANCE

Pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 led our Remembrance Service, delivering a powerful message of peace and hope. Many children had chosen to make a poppy at home, bringing these to the service and placing them together as a mark of respect. Thank you to everyone that supported the Poppy Appeal – together we raised £143.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone that supported our Children in Need fundraiser. Together we donated over £85.



SUPPORT SCHOOL THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk Amazon donates to our Friends of School account. If you would like to help support the Friends of School in this way when you shop, please use our specific organisation link below to shop at Amazon:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1048198-0>

Thank you for your support.

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REBOOT NORTH YORKSHIRE – recycle your unwanted devices

Reboot North Yorkshire provides recycled IT equipment and internet access to help people across the country stay connected. The scheme takes laptops, smart phones, tablets and iPads that are no longer needed by their owners and refurbishes them before they're distributed to those in need. These devices can support people to access vital services, help children do their school work and make sure people of all ages can stay in touch with friends and family. If you have a device that can be donated to Reboot North Yorkshire, you can find your nearest drop off point and more information about the scheme at www.rebootny.co.uk.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have a stock of good quality previously worn items which have been outgrown and donated. The items are stored at Reeth School where they are well organised to make it easy for parents to find the items that they need. Please do call by or contact us if you would like anything. Parents are welcome to make an optional donation to the Friends of School for second hand uniform.

AMENDED TERM DATES 2022 / 23

An extra bank holiday has been confirmed for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023. Our amended term dates are attached with this newsletter and are also available on the school website.



CAROL SERVICE

All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are leading a Christmas Carol service on Wednesday 7th December at 6:00pm in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel. Parents and pupils of all ages are welcome to come along and enjoy singing in the spirit of Christmas. Extended family members and members of the community are also most welcome to join us too. Song sheets will be provided and refreshments will be available. Please use the SchoolPing reply form included with this newsletter to let us know the arrangements for your child.

EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pupils in our Early Years' Class will be having their Christmas party on the morning of Wednesday 14th December, followed by a party lunch. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items. A SchoolPing message 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 12.30pm, has been sent to these families.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Governors are joining pupils at each site on Thursday 15th December to enjoy Christmas Dinner with them. All pupils are welcome to dress in a festive coloured top / Christmas themed jumper for the day.

KEY STAGE 1&2 CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year's Christmas parties will be held on afternoon of Thursday 15th December, following Christmas lunch. Y1 to Y3 pupils will enjoy their party in Reeth School hall and Y4 to Y6 pupils will enjoy their party at Gunnerside School.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 will lead the acting and stage appearance, with contributions from pupils in Reception too. Parents, extended family and friends are welcome to join us at these performances - **Wednesday 14th December, 2pm**, and **Thursday 15th December, 6pm**. Both performances are being held at **Reeth Memorial Hall**. Due to our pupil numbers and the capacity of the hall, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils are not involved in these performances.

School will provide most costumes and a note detailing any additional help needed with costumes has been sent home in purple-home school log books. Parents attending the afternoon performance are invited to take their children home directly from Reeth Memorial Hall at the end of the performance. **Please complete the SchoolPing reply form included with this newsletter to let us know the arrangements for your child.**

Friends will kindly be serving refreshments at the performances and there will be a raffle (with proceeds to the Friends of School).



CAROLS AT REETH MARKET AND REETH SHELTERED HOUSING

All pupils will be based at Reeth School on the last day of term, enabling us to sing carols together at Reeth Market, starting at 10am. Parents, family and friends are of course welcome to join us. It would be great to see you there.

We also plan to sing outside the sheltered housing in Reeth a little later in the morning.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 16th December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm**. Parents and extended family members are very welcome to join us for the service. We expect the service to finish by 2pm. **Parents are asked to take their child(ren) home directly after the service and make the most of an early start to the Christmas holiday!** We are hoping that everyone will be able to meet this request, or that you will be able to ask a friend or relative to collect your child for you. Please let us know on the SchoolPing reply form included with this newsletter if this is not the case. Transport to the church for pupils will be arranged by the school for pupils in Reception to Year 6. Please complete and return the attached reply slip giving permission for child(ren) to attend the service and indicating travel/collection arrangements afterwards.



We ask for a £1 donation per child to cover the cost of making the Christingle oranges. Please send this to school using the reply slip, or feel free to pop into the office. Any remaining funds will be sent as a donation to the Children's Society. Envelopes to collect donations from family or friends for the Children's Society will be sent home with pupils nearer the time. Please return these envelopes to school by Wednesday 14th December. There will also be a collection plate in aid of the Children's Society at the service.

To ensure 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.

Nursery aged pupils

Pupils will make Christingle oranges on the morning of the Christingle service. A pack of items will be provided to pupils who don't attend on Friday mornings so that they can make their Christingle at home. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us at the Church along with their accompanying adult(s). Collection for nursery pupils who usually attend on a Friday can be at either 12 noon or 12.30pm – please let staff know the arrangements for your child.

SPRING TERM SWIMMING

Richmond Pool is anticipating that it will be reopening in the new year (week commencing 9th January) following the completion of the building improvement works. We have therefore planned for all pupils in Year 1 and 2, and pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are still working towards achieving a distance of 25 metres and acquiring other safety and water skills linked to the national curriculum, to re-commence swimming lessons during the spring term as part of the PE curriculum.

For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 still developing the required skills there will be weekly 1-hour swimming lessons throughout the spring term starting on 13th January and continuing until 31st March. There will be an assessment prior to February half-term to identify pupils who have met the required standard and are therefore ready to focus on school based PE rather than continuing to swim for the second half of the term.

For pupils in Years 1 and 2 there will be a block of six 45-minute lessons on Tuesday afternoons starting on 21st February, after the half-term break, and continuing until 28th March inclusive. A further block of six 45-minute lessons has been arranged for Friday afternoons in the first half of the summer term, starting on 21st April and continuing until 26th May.

More detailed information about the sessions relevant to your child will be sent to you via SchoolPing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec	Thurs 1 st	Advent assemblies with Rachel Pinkney in both schools
	Wed 7 th	Carol singing – Gunnerside Chapel
	Fri 9 th	Rehearsal for Christmas performance – Y1, Y2, Y3 – Reeth Memorial Hall
	Tues 13 th	Dress rehearsal for Christmas performance – Reeth Memorial Hall Rec to Y3, with an audience of Y4 to Y6

Weds 14 th	Early Years Christmas party morning
	2pm – Christmas performance Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 pupils – Reeth Memorial Hall – parents, extended family, and members of the community are all welcome
Thurs 15 th	Christmas Lunches at both schools
	Christmas party afternoon for Year 4/5/6 pupils at Gunnerside and Year 1/2/3 pupils at Reeth
	6pm – Christmas performance Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 pupils – Reeth Memorial Hall – parents, extended family, and members of the community are all welcome
Fri 16 th	All pupils based at Reeth for the day. 10am – Carol singing at Reeth Market
	1:30pm – Christingle Service at St Andrew Church, Grinton – all welcome 2pm – School closes with pupil collection from church

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2023 STATUTORY TESTS

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test dates and details
6	KS2 tests Tuesday 9 th May to Friday 12 th May 2023
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 5 th June 2023
2	KS1 tests administered during May 2023
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 12 th June 2023