

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2023

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break and that your child has had a great week back in school. We start new projects each half term and an overview of the learning in your child's class is provided with this newsletter. If you ever need a little more information, the curriculum pages of our school website provide lots of detail, and you are very welcome to chat with teaching staff too. We look forward to discussing your child's progress at parent meetings next week.

Please do contact school if there's anything we can do to help.

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Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 24th February

HEDGELAYING, GUNNERSIDE SCHOOL

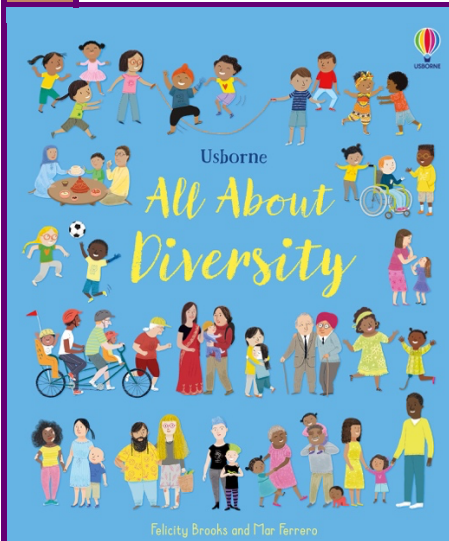
Over the holiday, volunteers from Yorkshire Dales National Park have been busy laying the hedge at Gunnerside School. We are delighted with the result - thank you very much!



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children below that have received good behaviour certificates this week.

| BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD |
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| Tommy Wearmouth Luca Atkinson-Iesini Chloe Calvert | Nancy Livingstone-Owen Daisy Richardson Annas Livingstone-Owen Barney Walton Matthew Lea Eva Twedde Jamie Meffen Ethan Tyler Charlotte Dixon | Mason Doughty-Coates Ruby Rukin Seth Whitehead Arlo Johnson Jessica Rukin |



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

We're pleased to let you know about a new project to raise the profile of diversity, celebrating how we are all unique. We've discovered a wonderful Usborne book, *All About Diversity*, and have purchased a copy for all pupils from Reception through to Year 6. We hope that your child enjoys reading and exploring the ideas that are presented visually with lots of illustrations.

Diversity is part of our PSHE curriculum and is discussed regularly in assemblies too. With diversity a little more limited in our rural context, we know it's something that we need to prioritise in our curriculum.

When we plan to refer to specific pages, we'll let pupils know so that they can read some of the information in advance. In the meantime, we hope that you and your child enjoy looking through the information and ideas. If you have any questions, please do contact school.

YEAR 1 & 2 VISIT TO EDINBURGH

Over the half term break, school staff visited Edinburgh, in preparation for our visit later this term on Friday 17th March. We plan to visit the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh Central Mosque and the Scottish Parliament. Full information will be provided to parents of Year 1 & 2 pupils in the week ahead.



ASH WEDNESDAY

In assemblies this week we have focused on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. KS2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful Ash Wednesday service at Gunnerside Chapel. Working with Mrs Pinkney and Rev Melanie, they completed a range of practical activities that helped them to think about promises and ways that they can help others. Year 6 pupils then delivered the assembly to younger pupils here at Reeth this afternoon. It was a super example of all pupils working well together.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We're looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Pupils are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. This year we're hoping to invite some 'Mystery Readers' into school. If you think that you could call by, during the school day, to read a short story or a few pages from a favourite book, please do let us know!

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2 MARCH 2023

MID MORNING DRINKS

Drinks served at morning break will cost 35p per day from the beginning of the summer term.

ATTENDANCE

Research shows that there is a strong link between good attendance and positive outcomes for pupils and all schools are consequently required to carefully monitor attendance to maximise learning time. We know that, at times, pupils are too unwell to come to school and that there was considerable illness in the community just before half term. Whilst we quite clearly would not want children in school that are really unwell, we all frequently work through minor sniffles and ailments and we encourage pupils to do so also. Please note that we can make arrangements for pupils to stay indoors at break time if they are feeling under the weather. While we know that it's not always possible to arrange medical and dental appointments out of school time, if you can do so it is really helpful.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

The next meeting of the Friends of School will be on Monday 6th March at 1:30pm. We will be based at Reeth School and all are welcome.

If your child's attendance is less than 95% for the academic year so far, we will be in touch so that we can work together as closely as possible to maximise it by the end of the year.

HIGH VIS JACKETS

The main road directly outside Reeth School can be particularly busy at times, and the need to manage pupils' safety at school arrival and departure times is a priority for us all. Over the coming week, Mrs Hird will reissue high vis jackets to all Early Years pupils and those that walk to school. This will help provide a visual message to drivers passing Reeth School. If your child travels to school via minibus but would still like to wear a waistcoat, please contact school. If your child has outgrown their coat, please do return it to school so that it can be used again by another pupil.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Feb | Fri 24 th | Ash Wednesday assembly at Reeth for KS1, led by Y6 pupils |
| | Tues 28 th | Parent meetings for Year 1 & 2 at Reeth, 1pm – 6pm |
| March | Wed 1 st | Cluster skipping event for Year 1 & 2 at The Wensleydale School (am) |
| | | Parent meetings for Year 3 & 4 at Gunnerside, 1pm – 6pm |
| | | Parent meetings for Year 5 & 6 at Gunnerside, 1pm – 6pm |
| | | Parent meetings for Year 1 & 2 at Reeth, 3pm – 5pm |
| | | Parent meetings for Early Years at Reeth, 4pm – 6pm |
| | Thurs 2 nd | World Book Day |
| | | Parent meetings for Year 3 & 4 at Gunnerside, 1pm – 6pm |
| Parent meetings for Year 5 & 6 at Gunnerside, 4pm – 6pm | | |
| Thurs 16 th | Parent meetings for Early Years at Reeth, 1pm – 6pm | |
| | Thurs 16 th | Cluster archery event at West Burton School |

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| | Fri 17 th | Year 1 & 2 visit to Edinburgh |
| | Wed 29 th | Easter Service |
| | Fri 31 st | School closes for Easter |
| April | Mon 17 th | Staff training day |
| | Tues 18 th | School reopens |
| May | Mon 1 st | School closed – Early May bank holiday |
| | Mon 8 th | School closed – additional bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III |

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 |
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| 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 |

