

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 3 Summer Term 2023

LEARN, EXPLORE, GROW

It's been a busy term so far, with a good combination of academic work, learning beyond the classroom and fun. Pupils in Year 6 and Year 2 have worked really hard in their assessment weeks and there has been some super progress in all classes. The children's comments tell a great story of the broader aspects of school life and we hope that you enjoy catching up on what they have been up to.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely half term break.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 26th May

SCHOOL DISCO

Well done and thank you to everyone that joined us for the school disco last Friday. We all had a great time!

'The school disco was fun because everyone danced together.' Tyler

'The school disco was fun because almost everyone was dancing in the disco room and it was funny when Mrs Bastow started dancing.' Chloe

'I really liked the school disco because I liked the music and it was really fun because we could see the younger people.' Ellie

'The disco was fun because I saw all of my friends.'
Abigail



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	Cataleah Bovis, Rosie Holiiday, Seth Whitehead, Charlotte Tinsley, Raife Coates, Ellie-May Teague, Rowan Wilkinson, Ryan Reynoldson, Thomas Wilkinson, Jessica Rukin, Arthur Pybus, Kane Longden, Fern Stainsby, Amber Williams, Eden Frankland, Sidney Livingstone-Owen
SILVER	Luca Atkinson-Iesini, Eloise Francis, Robbie Wearmouth, Ellie Dixon, Charlotte Francis, Jake Frankland, Chloe Calvert, Alexa Stoddart, Sophie Rukin, Amelia Hill, Orla Stainsby, Eva Reynoldson, Abigail Sunter,, James Calvert, Annabel Fowler, Poppy Atkinson, Madeline Biddle, Jake Williams, Phoebe Guy, Barney Lewis
GOLD	James Livingstone, Matthew Lea, Daisy Richardson, Eva Tweddle, Amber Williams, Luke Williams, William Dawes, Ethan Tyler, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Orest Tykhonchuk, Jamie Meffen, Annas Livingstone-Owen, Barney Walton, Daniel Pearson, Faith Ackroyd, Brooke Longden, Tommy Wearmouth, Charlotte Dixon

WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

We enjoyed a wonderful walk from Muker to Gunnerside on Wednesday, celebrating the coronation of King Charles. Mr Fremlin's John Muir Group had prepared at space on Gunnerside School field where all of the children sowed wildflower seeds sent by the King. It was also Aldersgate Day, and a chance for us to think of the life and work of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. We were blessed with stunning weather and all felt very lucky to be there.

'I loved walking by the river. We saw a mummy duck with her ducklings.' Daniel

'I liked sketching. It made me feel joyful.'

'I liked the solo walk. It helped us to appreciate our surroundings.' Eva

'I really appreciated the school walk because it made me remember how lucky we are to live in this beautiful place.'
Ben

'The school walk was really good because I was able to connect with some of my friends from Year 2.' Sophia

'It was brilliant to spend time in nature with my friends and to be able to spend a little time alone listening to it all.'

Matthew

'It was a great way to celebrate the coronation and to enjoy taking in (and drawing) our natural surroundings.'

Annas



INGLEBOROUGH

A group of Year 5 & 6 pupils enjoyed a super day on Ingleborough as part of the John Muir Award. They planned their route, and learned compass skills at an after school club, putting these to use on the summit plateau when the cloud came down! They have now completed two of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, with Pen-y-ghent planned for later in the term.



PARENT MEETING FOR YEAR 3&4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EAST BARNBY

We will be holding a pre-visit meeting for parents on Monday 14th June, 4pm, at Reeth School. Pupils are also welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to find out more about the visit and the activities which the children will take part in. **Please complete the reply form sent through SchoolPing** to let us know if you are able to attend. If you are unable to do so, we will ensure that a pack of information is sent home to you after the meeting. We look forward to sharing the details of the visit with you.

CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Here at school we carefully consider the best way to organise our classes, maximising the support for each learner, providing a high staff to pupil ratio and ensuring that staff have experience in the year groups that they teach. We are pleased to let you know that we will work with four classes from September. Early Years pupils will be taught by Mrs Katie Stainsby and Mrs Catherine Guy, and Year 1 and 2 pupils will work with Miss Abby Codman, based at Reeth. Up at Gunnerside, Year 3 and 4 pupils will be taught by Mrs Clare Bastow with Year 5 and 6 with Mr Tom Fremlin.

If you have any questions about these arrangements please do contact school.

CRICKET

Well done to our Key Stage 2 cricket teams that have played over in Middleham in the last two weeks.



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Great news - we've raised over £275 for Friends of School through the textile recycling scheme!



Thank you all for your donations.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Schoolshop, our on-line uniform supplier, has advised us that the last date for placing uniform orders guaranteed to be delivered before school starts back in September is Saturday 29th July. There is no minimum order, although orders below £50 have a £3.95 delivery charge.

To place an order, visit www.school-shop.co.uk

Please remember that we have a lot of pre-worn uniform items at school, in great condition, and parents are welcome to call in at Reeth School to look through these at any time.

MOORLAND STUDY

Earlier this week, Year 5 & 6 were lucky enough to complete a moorland habitat study with some experts from the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Learning about pollinators, moorland plant life and the work of game keepers were all part of a wonderful day (the sunshine helped too). Children completed scientific fieldwork using quadrats, got to meet Gunnerside Estate's head keeper for a chat and enjoyed experiencing our wonderful local surroundings. Pupils responded brilliantly to questions and activities throughout the day, benefitted from the considerable knowledge of our guides and enjoyed the opportunity to get hands on with their scientific studies.

'We got to see, touch and feel how the plants actually are.'

'It was fun because we have been learning about the plants growing in the classroom but we got to see how they live and change as we got higher up.'

'I think it was really good as instead of writing about it, we got to see it, do it and be practical.'





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND HALF OF SUMMER TERM

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of after school clubs for pupils next half term. All sessions will start during the second week back (commencing 24th April) and will run through to the penultimate week (ending Friday 14th July), with the exception of cricket that will start in week 1. Please use School Ping to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Monday 3:30pm – 4:45pm	Reeth School	Mrs Seymour	Rec to Year 6	Maypole dancing *
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	Mrs Stainsby	Rec to Year 2	Athletics
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mr Fremlin	Year 5 & 6	John Muir Award **
Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mike Layfield Sports	Year 3 to Year 6	Cricket Starts week 1
Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mrs Bastow	Year 3 to Year 6	Athletics
Friday 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mr Stainsby plus one other member of staff	Year 5 & 6	Mountain biking ***

* Maypole dancing continues from the first half term and pupils that have taken part so far do not need to sign up again. New pupils are welcome to join in too!

** Following the success of walks up Wherside and Ingleborough, the group will plan a route up Pen-y-ghent. The Tuesday sessions will stop when the group has completed their walk. Pupils that have not completed the other peaks are welcome to join.

*** Mountain biking continues from the first half term. Pupils do not need to sign up again. This club is currently full, although if your child is interested, please let us know, so that if a place becomes available we can contact you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Mon 5 th	School reopens
	Tues 6 th	River study for Year 3 & 4 with Yorkshire Dales National Park
	Thurs 8 th	Swaledale Festival classical guitar session at Gunnerside (am)
		Rachel Pinkney leading assemblies at both schools
	Fri 9 th	Y6 swimming sessions start and continue until Friday 14 th July inclusive
	Mon 12 th	After school clubs start this week
	Wed 14 th	Introduction to the Lord Wharton project for Year 6 pupils with Rachel Pinkney
		East Barnby parents' meeting – 4pm
Mon 26 th	Linzi Blundell leading assemblies at both schools	
	Friends of School Meeting, 1:30pm at Reeth School, everyone welcome	

July	Tues 4 th	Stepping up day for Reception through to Y5 pupils
	Thurs 6 th	Spiritual Development Day at Gunnerside
	Fri 7 th	Early Years Sports afternoon – Reeth School field
	Wed 12 th	East Barnby 3 day residential visit for Y3 & 4
	Fri 14 th	All after school clubs finish for the term
	Mon 17 th	Leavers' Service at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel
	Tues 18 th	Dress rehearsal for Leavers' Concert – all pupils Rec to Y6 at Reeth Memorial Hall (am)
		Sports afternoon for Y1 to Y6
	Wed 19 th	Leavers' Performance – Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm Parents, extended family and members of the community all welcome.
Fri 21 st	School closes for summer break at 2:30pm	

TRANSITION DATES FOR Y6 PUPILS

SFX School	Tues 27 th and Weds 28 th June
Richmond School	Mon 3 rd , Tue 4 th and Wed 5 th July
Wensleydale School	Mon 3 rd to Fri 7 th July

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
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 5 th June 2023
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 12 th June 2023