

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2024

MAKING THE MOST OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

At last, the weather is improving, and just in time for yesterday's summer solstice! All classes have been making the most of it, with Year 1&2 enjoying a meadow habitat study at Muker, Year 3&4 visiting Fountains Abbey and Year 5&6 heading out on another bike adventure. We're hoping that the weather holds for an action packed end of term. On Tuesday, all pupils from Reception to Year 6 will enjoy a walk from Keld down to Muker. There will be lots of activities (and rest stops) along the route, with a focus on the positive impact of the outdoors and exercise on our wellbeing and spirit. Later in the week, there's an opportunity for parents and wider family to join us for the Friends of School walk, based at Reeth.

We've been busy posting photos of our activities on the new school website and we hope that you have enjoyed looking through them. With lots going on, it's well worth browsing through the updates. If there's a post for an activity that your child has been involved in, we'll send a message to let you know. A full list of dates for the remainder of term is included at the end of the newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you in school in the coming weeks.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 21st June

MINI POLICE PRESENTATION

On Wednesday our team of mini police cadets were each presented with a certificate of achievement. It's been a great course that the children have really enjoyed. Thank you to staff from North Yorkshire Police that have led the sessions. We look forward to offering another course soon.



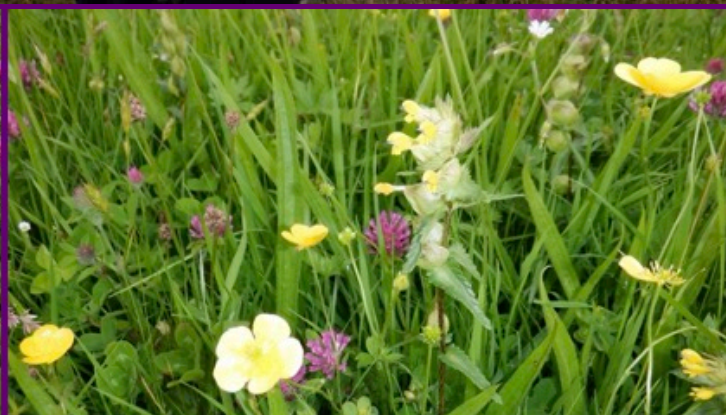
GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Seth Whitehead, Elijah Atkinson, Toby Sunter, Josh Coates, Orla Stainsby, Jenson Tyler, Chloe Reynoldson, Mason Doughty-Coates, Olivia Sunter, Ruby Rukin, Ethan Tyler, Amber Williams, Abigail Sunter, Lenny Haigh, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen.	Charlotte Dixon, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Robbie Wearmouth, Ellie Dixon, Arthur Pybus, Marianne Skinner.	Orest Tykhonchuk, Annabel Fowler, Chloe Calvert, Jamie Meffen, Jessica Rukin, Ryan Reynoldson, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Fern Stainsby.

MEADOW STUDY WITH YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

Year 1&2 pupils spent a day this week studying the meadow habitat at Muker with staff from Yorkshire Dales National Park. They had a great time identifying buttercup, red clover, selfheal, oxeye daisy, cow parsley, bird's foot trefoil, bistort and germander speedwell.



BIKE ADVENTURE IN GUNNERSIDE GILL

There were some heavy showers last Friday, but the sun came out in time for after school bike club. We enjoyed a super ride in Gunnerside Gill, with lots of variety and a great sense of adventure.



FOUNTAINS ABBEY

Last week, Year 3&4 pupils spent the day exploring Fountains Abbey. The class have been learning about King Henry VIII, and the impact he had on many religious buildings. Imagining life as a monk, pupils experienced a walk through the magnificent ruins of the abbey, focusing on their daily activities. There was also time to sketch, in preparation for our artwork later in the term.

'When I got there, the ruins were a lot bigger than I expected.'

'I really enjoyed it. The abbey was more tucked away than I expected and I would really recommend it to anyone who hasn't been.'

'Even though I've been there before, I learned a lot more today.'

'It was nice that our whole class was quiet for 5 minutes – we were pretending to be monks walking in silence.'

'I enjoyed finding out where the monks went to the toilet!'



COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

Y1&2 pupils have visited the community vegetable garden based at Reeth Medical Centre to plant out green beans, peas, sunflowers, radish and nasturtium that they have grown from seed. Thanks to Gail Wilkinson who has been helping us with the project.



CRICKET FINALS

Well done to Year 5&6 girls who took part in the cricket final at Richmond School. They should be very proud; they worked really hard and demonstrated excellent teamwork. Their comments below tell the story:

'We tried as hard as we could and came third.'

'I liked batting because you got to hit it far and collect runs and points.'

'I think it was really good because everyone had such fun. It was also nice to play with other schools.'

'I loved fielding; it was fun to bowl and catch people out.'

'I realised I am good at bowling.'

'We had a great time and that's the most important thing.'



CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND STEPPING UP DAY

We evaluate our class structure each year to ensure that we offer the most effective provision for all learners. In September we will continue to teach younger pupils at Reeth and older pupils at Gunnerside, with four classes as detailed below:

Nursery and Reception – based at Reeth with Mrs Stainsby and Mrs Guy

Y1&2 – based at Reeth with Miss Codman

Y3&4 – based at Gunnerside with Mrs Bastow and Miss Dinsdale

Y5&6 – based at Gunnerside with Mr Fremlin and Mrs Rachel Allison

All classes will benefit from full time teaching assistant support.

We are keen to ensure that transition arrangements, which enable pupils to prepare for the next year of their schooling, are as effective as possible. Our stepping-up day this year has been arranged for Wednesday 3rd July.

While our current Year 6 pupils are undertaking their transition activities at secondary school, pupils in our other year groups will step-up to the class that they will be in when we return in September.

To help current Y2 pupils prepare for their stepping up day, and transition to Gunnerside in September, we invite pupils and their parents to visit Gunnerside School on Tuesday 2nd July at 4pm. We will take a tour of school, meet the teachers and answer any questions. There is also an option for pupils to travel on the school bus from Reeth to Gunnerside at the end of that day. Please complete the reply form in SchoolPing to let us know your preferred arrangements.

If you have any questions regarding your child's new start in September, please do contact school.

SPORTS EVENTS

We will be running two sports events again this year, one based at Reeth for our Early Years pupils (Nursery and Reception), and one based at Gunnerside for our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils (Year 1 to Year 6).

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day – Tuesday 9th July

Weather permitting, all pupils in Years 1 to 6 will spend the full day at Gunnerside School enjoying a range of physical activities. Parents and family are invited to join us for the on the field at Gunnerside from 1.15pm to enjoy the afternoon with us. Friends of school are kindly providing refreshments. Parents will be able to take their children home directly from Gunnerside at the end of the sports. Please complete the reply form in SchoolPing to let us know your preferred arrangements.

We have Gazebos which we can use at both events to provide some shade, but please remember that if the weather is sunny there will only be limited shade available, so please ensure that pupils and adults remember sun protection, but also bring a waterproof in case of showers!

EYFS Sports Afternoon – Thursday 11th July

Parents are invited to join us at Reeth School from 1.30pm to enjoy an afternoon of sports activities. There will be refreshments for adults and pupils and we will round off the afternoon with a couple of traditional 'races' for pupils who feel ready!

LEAVERS' EVENTS

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

The last week of term will begin with a special assembly for Year 6 pupils at Gunnerside Chapel. Parents are welcome to join us at 9:30am.

LEAVERS' CONCERT

Y5&6 pupils will perform a musical production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* on Wednesday 19th July in Reeth Memorial Hall. Pupils need to arrive at the hall by 5.50pm, ready in costume for a 6pm start. We expect the concert to last approximately 1 hour. As usual, the performance is open to everyone – family, friends and the wider community. We hope you can join us.

LEAVERS' CELEBRATION

Later in the week, we will celebrate Year 6 achievement and their contribution to our school, wishing them every success as they move up to secondary school. Parents and family of our leavers, along with parents of younger pupils who would like to join us in saying goodbye to the Year 6 cohort are most welcome to join us. The event will take place on **Thursday 18th July** at 1.45pm, at Gunnerside School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Mon 24 th	Friends of School meeting – Reeth School – 1:45pm
	Tues 25 th	Whole school walk
	Thurs 27 th	Last hand in day for Y6 Sinclair Essays
	Fri 28 th	Friends of School annual walk
July	Mon 1 st	Y1&2 visit to Bolton Castle
	Tues 2 nd	Stream habitat study day for Y5

Wed 3 rd	Stepping up day
Thurs 4 th	KS2 Let's Learn Moor day visit, near Grinton
Tues 9 th	New date for Y1 to Y6 Sports Day – parents welcome to join us from 1.15pm
Wed 10 th	Y6 follow up Lord Wharton session with Miss Bunting
	Reception visit to Newby Hall
Thurs 11 th	Sports afternoon on Reeth School field for Early Years pupils – parents welcome from 1:30pm
Mon 15 th	Leavers' service, Gunnerside Chapel
Tues 16 th	North Yorkshire Council transport consultation meeting
Wed 17 th	Y6 Leavers' concert – 6pm – Reeth Memorial Hall
Thurs 18 th	Leavers' assembly – 1:45pm – Gunnerside School
Fri 19 th	School closes at 2:30pm for the summer holiday

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Richmond School – Mon 1st July to Weds 3rd July

The Wensleydale School – Mon 1st July to Weds 3rd July

SFX School - Weds 3rd July and Thurs 4th July
 Tuesday 2nd July - Y6 information evening at SFX