

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2024

WELL DONE TO ALL RUNNERS

We're pleased that lots of pupils have been challenging themselves in running events and activities this term. Year 3 & 4 have been out fell running on Friday afternoons. They have been going further each week, making it to the top of Calver two weeks ago and then over to Fremington Edge the following week. With Harker Top lined up for last Friday, they completed the trio of hills around Reeth – a first for our schools and a super achievement.

A team of pupils from Y3 to Y6 did really well at the annual cross country at Richmond School a few weeks ago. It's a big event with a lot of pupils from local schools. Everyone achieved well and six runners from our schools managed to cross the line in the top eight.

Well done to all pupils (and their parents) that took part in the Friends of School fundraiser relay. Each pupil ran a section of the 6 mile journey between the schools, following the route of the Swaledale Marathon. Parents were left for dust as pupils led the way up the first hill. It was neck and neck at Surrender Bridge, and the home straight down the field to Reeth School was the closest finish we've seen. The winning team was home in 1 hour 17 minutes, matching the course record.

There's a great range of after school clubs available next half term, with after school running (in the dark) on offer for Y5&6. Full details are at the end of the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely half term break – the finish line is in sight!

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Tuesday 22nd October

HARVEST SERVICE

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Harvest Service. There was a great turnout in Gunnerside Chapel, the children shared some powerful messages of thanks and appreciation, and the singing was brilliant.



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HAPPY

Miss Bunting, our school chaplain, joined us for the service and led the closing prayers. She was very impressed by the children's ideas and shared a quote about how being thankful can help us to be happy.



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE

Chloe Calvert, Lottie Shade, Thalia Calvert, Harper Asher, Orest Tykhonchuk, Eloise Fowler, Amelia Hill, Alexa Stoddart, Jessica Rukin, Charlotte Francis, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Alfie Allison, Annie Hunter, Amy Allison, Polly Kendall, Harry Calvert, Ella Shade, Jack Rukin, Brooke Thompson, Eva Reynoldson, Charlie Sunter, Charlotte Whitehead, Albie Gredziak, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Ryan Reynoldson, Annabel Fowler

SILVER

Fern Stainsby, Leo Atkinson-lesini, Josh Coates, Darragh Biddle, Lenny Haigh, Luke Williams, Sophia Guy, Lucy Allison, Liv Hartley, Arlo Johnson, Holly Calvert, Rosie Holliday, Tommy Wearmouth, Chloe Reynoldson, Jenson Tyler, Nancy Dixon, Toby Sunter, Ethan Tyler, William Dawes, Jessica Rukin

GOLD

Ellie Dixon, Isabelle Porter, Jake Williams, Charlotte Dixon, James Calvert, Arthur Pybus, Phoebe Guy, James Livingstone, Eva Reynoldson, Jake Frankland, Raife Coates, Daniel Pearson, Robbie Wearmouth, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Arthur Holliday



CROSS COUNTRY

ADVERSE WEATHER PROCEDURES

In preparation for the possibility of adverse weather conditions, we have checked and updated our procedures. They are available on our website. The key points to be aware of are:

- Our first lines of communication about school closure and school transport in adverse weather are our SchoolPing messaging service and our website, www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk.
- We aim to update the school website by 7:45am each day when conditions are poor. If there is no message on the website, please presume that school is open.
- The most important priority is your child's safety. In school we are not always best placed to know what weather conditions are like where you live. If you decide it is unsafe for your child to travel, please inform us by telephone.
- If you don't have internet access to check the school web-site or view a SchoolPing message, please let us know.
- If a school needs to close during the day, we will contact you by telephone.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH KEY STAGE 2 MATHS – FREE ONLINE COURSE

Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free online course, 'Supporting Your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths'. Starting on Monday, 11th November, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, this 6-week course is designed for parents and caregivers who wish to enhance their child's mathematical skills while also improving their own understanding of the subject.

Participants will:

- Explore the current Key Stage 2 maths curriculum.
- Learn effective strategies to support their child's learning.
- Engage with other parents in a collaborative environment.

To enrol, please visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KeyStage2Maths11>

Contact Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk



WATER BEADS – SAFETY ALERT

Water beads are marketed to fulfil a variety of different purposes, which can include being used as a toy, or in craft activities. The national office for product safety and standards has issued an alert highlighting the harms caused by the dehydrated bead/s when swallowed that can expand post-ingestion, causing a blockage along the gastrointestinal digestive tract requiring surgical removal. Additionally, a hydrated or dehydrated bead can cause asphyxiation from aspiration if swallowed. Ingested water beads can be very difficult to detect and do not show up on x-ray, making clinical diagnosis challenging.

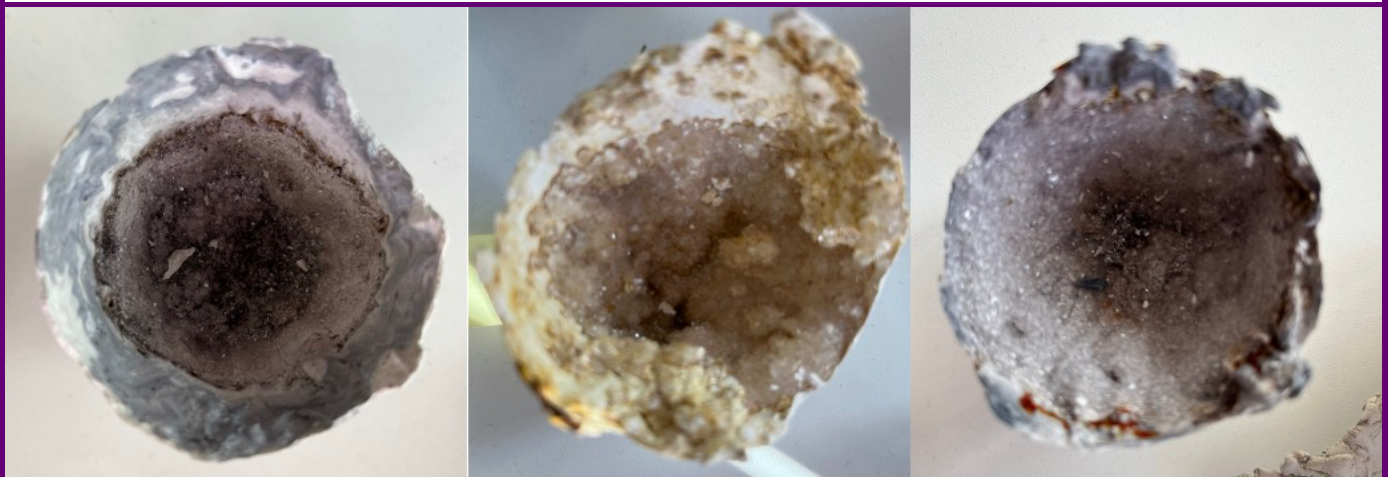
EY BUILDING TEAM

In early years, we've been making the most of autumn days by getting the builders in! We have really enjoyed using our new outdoor resources - the house and our giant construction pieces are especially popular.



ROCKS, FOSSILS AND GEODES

Year 3 & 4 pupils have really enjoyed their science this half term. A highlight of the project has been creating fake geodes, by making alum crystals in a plaster of paris base. Our team of super scientists had to take care and wear protective clothing while they were using chemicals and things which get hot. They thought it was great fun.



ROAD SAFETY

With darker nights around the corner, we've been talking about road safety and the importance of being seen. The Community Safety Officer from the Fire Brigade talked with KS2 pupils yesterday, and younger pupils have been learning about crossing the road. We have plenty of high vis jackets and encourage all pupils that walk to school or cross the road at Reeth School to wear one. We think that our team of high vis road safety ambassadors will stand out to motorists, encouraging drivers to slow down. If your child has already been issued with a jacket, please ask them to wear it each day. If it's too small, please return it so that we can swap it for a new one. Thank you for your support.



STREAM STUDY IN APEDALE

Year 3 & 4 made the best of a foggy day on the moor last week when we headed to Apedale to explore river processes and landforms. The beck near Dent's Houses is a perfect place to learn about erosion, transportation and deposition, with all three evident in a small stretch of the stream. We could see how the beck is changing and made predictions about what it will look like in the future. Thank you to Bolton Estate for allowing access.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Oct | Wed 23 rd | Cluster hockey |
| | Thurs 24 th | School closes for half term |
| Nov | Mon 4 th | School re-opens |
| | Mon 11 th | Remembrance Service, Gunnerside Chapel, 9:30am |
| | Fri 15 th | School photographs |
| | Wed 20 th | Y5&6 visit to Crucial Crew |

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| Dec | Thurs 5 th | Christmas performance EY & KS1 rehearsal (pm) |
| | Fri 6 th | Christmas performance dress rehearsal (am), KS2 pupils to watch |
| | Wed 11 th | Christmas performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 2pm |
| | Thurs 12 th | Christmas performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 6pm |
| | Tues 17 th | Christmas carols, Gunnerside Chapel, 6pm |
| | Wed 18 th | Early Years Christmas party (am) |
| | Thurs 19 th | Christmas dinner at both schools |
| | | Christmas activities at both schools (pm) |
| Fri 20 th | All pupils based at Reeth, Christmas carols at Reeth market, 9.30am, followed by Christingle making in school | |
| | Christingle at Grinton Church, 1.30pm. School closes after the service. | |

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2025 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 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025 |
| 4 | Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 2nd June 2025 |
| 2 | Optional KS1 tests administered during May 2025 |
| 1 | Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 9th June 2025 |

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

With the end of this term being quite busy, all sessions will start on the first week back (week commencing 4th November) and there will be no clubs in the last 2 weeks of term. Please use SchoolPing to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

| Day and time | Location | Staff | Year groups | Club |
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| Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Reeth School | Mrs Seymour | Y3 & Y4 | Gymnastics |
| Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Gunnerside School | John Clark | Y3 to Y6 | Hockey |
| Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Gunnerside School | Mr Fremlin and Mr Stainsby | Y5 & Y6 | Wherside walk prep (details below) |
| Wednesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Reeth School | Mrs Seymour | Y1 to Y6 | Word games |
| Fridays 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Reeth School | John Clark | Y1 & Y2 | Hockey |
| Fridays 3:40pm – 5:30pm | Reeth School | Mr Stainsby and Mrs Johnson | Y5 & Y6 | Fell running in the dark |

Wherside walk – pupils will learn navigation skills and plan a walk on Wherside (one of the Yorkshire Three Peaks) in after school sessions on Tuesdays (5th, 12th, 19th November). The walk is pencilled in for Sunday 24th November.