

## Spring Term

Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
2019

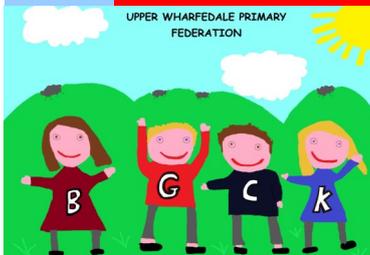
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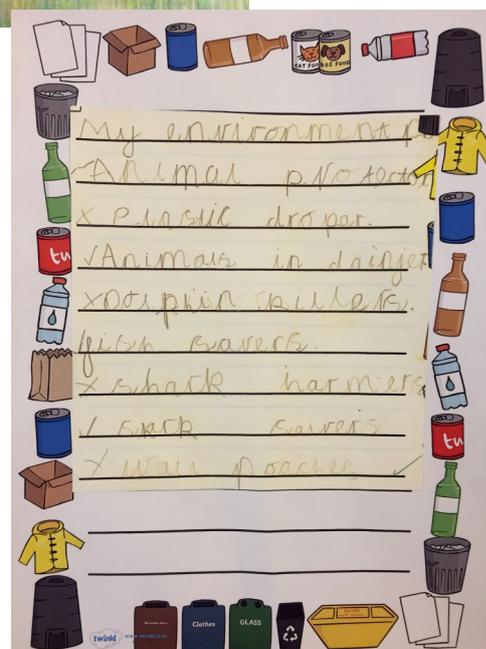
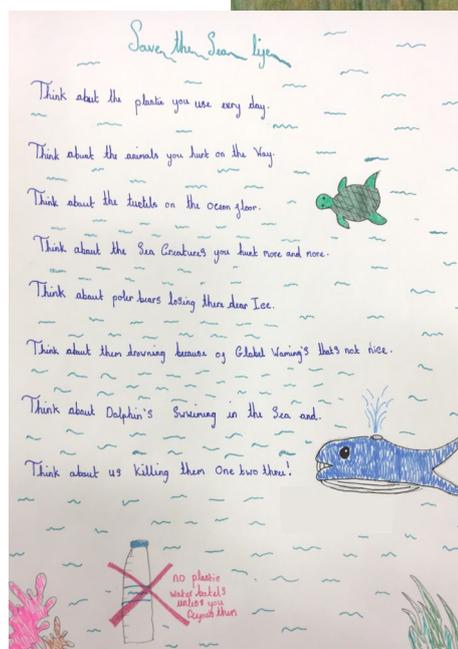
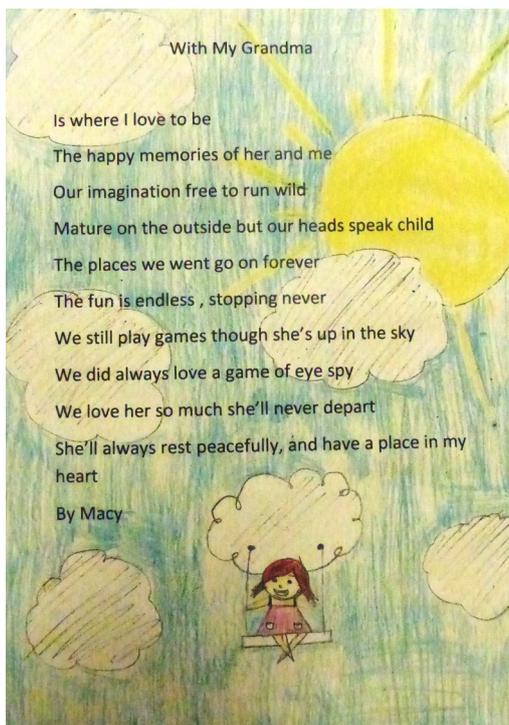
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FEDERATION



Dear Parents/Carers,

### World Book Day Poetry

The poems that the children created for our joint World Book Day are now being put together into an anthology. I have to say that I was really impressed with the poems that were sent to me by teachers. Macy's (Grassington) poem about her Grandma moved me to tears whilst Ella and Jack (Cracoe) showed such dedication in their poetry writing that they will be sharing their work on Stray FM. I have read about all sorts of special places from the Grand Canyon to the children's back garden. Big well done to everyone.



### Cluster Netball

Over sixty Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Cluster Netball competition this week. They played a total of 36 games. Well done to Cracoe and Rylstone Primary who won the competition. The Craven Final is at Upper Wharfedale School on Thursday 11th April at 4pm.

## **Administration**

We are delighted to announce that we have a new administrator starting at Kettlewell after Easter. Mrs Addyman is excited to be joining the school and commented on what a delightful school Kettlewell is when she visited this week. I am sure everyone at Kettlewell will make Mrs Addyman feel most welcome as she settles into her new role. The administration hours will continue as they have done since January where someone will be in the office daily, 8:00am – 1:00pm.

In addition to this, Mrs Washington, who currently works at Cracoe and Rylstone, has been made our Federation Business Manager. This part-time role will start after Easter, working across all four schools. Mrs Washington will continue in her school administrator role at Cracoe and Rylstone but this will be reduced by ten hours a week which puts the school more in line with the other three schools across the Federation.

## **Timetable**

The week ahead:

Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Besharati		Mr Norris	Mrs Boxall	Mr Norris
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Diocese Leadership Conference in Leeds
PM	Grassington	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	

The Executive Leadership Team

Mrs E Besharati, Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris

## **Federation Dates**

The following dates show when pupils or parents across the Federation have opportunities to come together. Dates relating to individual schools are below. Details of each of these events will be provided nearer to the time.

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday 1st April	Crucial Crew (Y6 pupils)	Playaway Centre, Gargrave
Monday 1st April	C4L (Change For Life) Festival (Y3&4 pupils)	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 5th April	Rewind to Easter (Y5 pupils)	Netherside Hall
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	All schools
Friday 12th April	School closes for Easter	All schools
Monday 29th April	Staff Training Day	School closed
Tuesday 20th April	School opens for new term	All schools
Monday 13th May	SATs Week (Y6 pupils)	Every School
Tuesday 21st May	Y6 Residential	Cober Hill
Friday 21st June	Primary F1 Finals Day	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 28th June	Cycling Day (Y6, Grassington & Burnsall)	Gisburn Forest
Friday 5th July	Cycling Day (Y6, Cracoe & Kettlewell)	Gisburn Forest

## Regular Activities and Events

### **Every Friday**

Every Friday until the end of term

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

Tag Rugby (Y5&6) - please can you ensure that children have their PE kit and sports footwear with them every Friday.

## PE & Swimming Kit

Mr Baines would like to remind everyone that all children **must** bring their PE kit with them on Tuesdays and KS2 need to remember to bring their swimming kit as well.

## This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

### Class 3

Lexi Mathematician of the Week - for being a brilliant divider of fractions.

Oscar For an excellent and evocative description of the opening battle scene from Macbeth.

### Class 2

Niamh D and Emma For showing exceptional courage by overcoming their fears and competing in the Craven Area Swimming Gala

### Class 1

Angus and Aaron Mathematicians of the Week - for their amazing symmetrical wooden brick construction

Joshua For your amazing description of life on a pirate ship.

## Class 1 News

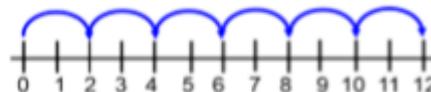
The children have worked with a partner this week in English to write two new class poems. They brainstormed names for teachers and matched ways that those classes could leave the hall using verbs for a poem called 'At the end of school assembly.' The children then came together to use their ideas to write a whole poem.

In Maths, Reception have been using their play in the construction area to show their understanding of positional language, symmetry, 2D and 3D shapes. Year 1 have been measuring weight and mass, comparing objects using balance scales to investigate which objects are heavier or lighter. Year 2 continued learning about division by linking division sentences to multiplication sentences, for example,

$$12 \div 3 = 4 \text{ is linked to } 3 \times 4 = 12.$$

The children have also been learning how to count along a number line to find how many equal groups in a given number, as below:

Tim uses a number line to work out how many equal groups of 2 he can make from 12



In our topic work this week we have discussed what it would be like to live on a pirate ship. We discovered that the food was awful, the pirates all slept together in a small space and that they didn't wash while aboard as they couldn't waste water.

We are beginning to tidy our garden area and the Reception children have lots of plans. They would like to create a vegetable garden, as well as plant flowers in the garden to attract wildlife. If you have any spare plants or seeds the children can plant in the garden, please can you bring them in over the next few weeks before the Easter holiday.

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have spellings to practise in their home learning book.

Thank you and have a super weekend  
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley.

## **Class 2 News**

We've been doing all our spring assessments this week in Class 2, so we've been working hard!

When we haven't been doing our tests, we've been adding fractions with the same denominators in maths, representing these facts pictorially, adding mixed numbers and reasoning and problem solving using our new knowledge.

We've been reading our new text, "The Great Kapok Tree", to support our South America and Maya topics, looking at the dilemma faced by the main character. To help us identify and discuss dilemmas in stories we've worked in pairs on stories set in our culture, too.

In science we did a particularly disgusting experiment to illustrate the process of human digestion and the role of the oesophagus, stomach, small intestine and large intestine. I think everyone enjoyed getting messy in the process! We also worked hard collecting facts and setting them out in text boxes, captions and labels, accompanied by diagrams to make information posters about the digestive system.

In art we have started our collages in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, an Italian artist who used unusual objects to create portraits and other works of art. His style of creation links nicely with our science work on the body and how to stay healthy.

Remember - we have the times-table and spelling tests next Monday. It's great to see how the children are practising their spellings, learning their times-tables and doing well, because good knowledge of times-tables is one of the most useful things, now and later, in high school.

Have a lovely weekend together - hopefully the lovely weather will hold!  
Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby

### Class 3 News

In Maths, we have continued our fraction work, learning how to divide fractions using the following method:

1. Change the whole number to a fraction:

$$\frac{8}{9} \div 4 = \frac{8}{9} \div \frac{4}{1}$$

2. Change the divide symbol to a multiply sign and flip the second fraction:

$$\frac{8}{9} \div \frac{4}{1} = \frac{8}{9} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

3. Multiply the numerators of the two fractions together, then the denominators:

$$\frac{8}{9} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{8 \times 1}{9 \times 4} = \frac{8}{36}$$

4. Simplify the answer fraction if necessary:

$$\frac{8}{36} = \frac{8 \div 4}{36 \div 4} = \frac{2}{9}$$

The children have been using their fabulous writing skills to describe the heathland in the opening scene of Macbeth. They've created some very atmospheric descriptions and have worked hard on them. We have also been practising how to answer reading questions, looking at how we can skim read the text and answer effectively and efficiently.

In art we have been creating wire mobiles inspired by Alexander Calder. This week the children have added to their structures by using tissue paper, giving them an extra dimension.

### HOMEWORK

**Y6/5 Comprehension, pages 4 and 5: to be in on Friday, 29th March.**

**Y6 SATs Practice:**

- **Verbs, pages 6-9: please answer the quick questions on lined paper, making sure you write the topic and page number as a subheading and then stick it in your Home/School book.  
In on Tuesday 26th March.**
- **Maths. Pages 22 and 23: multiplying and dividing fractions.  
In on Tuesday 26th March.**

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Next PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Devonshire pub, all welcome.

### **Red Tractor Run**

The next event to raise money for school will be the Red Tractor Trail Run on Sunday 19th May. Please get this date in your diaries, there's still time to train for the event (!) or if you are able to help out on the day that would also be much appreciated. More information to follow, but you can also find further information on how to sign up on the Facebook page for the event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/288620218467439/> If you know of anyone else who may like to participate please share this information with them.

### **Auction Of Promises**

The Friends of Cracoe School are holding an Auction of Promises. Please go to <https://auctionofpromises.com/2019FriendsofCracoeSchool> for more details.