



Upper
Wharfedale
Primary
Federation

Friday News

18th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been blessed with some wonderful weather this last week, which has allowed the children to have their playtimes and lunchtimes outside, always good news! They have all been working hard, enjoying their inspirational and exciting learning. As we have visited each school we have seen a variety of activities.

At **Burnsall** they certainly have been active this week: there has been no stopping Class 1's enthusiasm for keeping fit and healthy, and they had a fantastic outdoor dance session on Wednesday. They have been retelling the story of the Three Little pigs and through creative work the children made characters to go with the story. In Class 2, they have been investigating when past peoples arrived into our local area as part of their history topic. On Monday, they went for a walk into the village, visiting the church to look for evidence of dates to help them establish when people came to settle in Burnsall. In English, they have been exploring texts that are based in Yorkshire and 'magpie-ing' ideas to use in their own writing.



Has anyone spotted a missing dragon? Class 1 at **Cracoe** are looking for one! We were shocked to find out that a dragon had visited their classroom and the children were even making food for it. But then...it disappeared! The theme in Class 1 for this term is 'Castles, Dragons, Kings and Queens', so this may explain a few things.



Children in Class 2 have done a lot of science work this week; they have researched the works of Carl Linnaeus, discussing his scientific methods of classifying plants, animals and stones. They have begun to look at different habitats. Mrs Cumberland has been very impressed with their writing, especially their recounts about the summer holidays.

At **Grassington** our fantastic new pre-school is flourishing, and this week the children have been learning all about colours: identifying different colours using a range of media, discovering how the different colours work together to create effect, and experimenting with mixing colours to make different shades and even completely new colours. The children have also been using mirrors to examine their faces and start to make self-portraits from what they see.



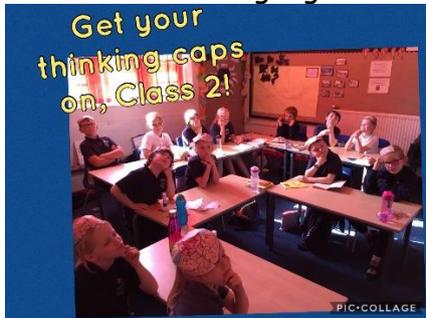
In Class 1 the children have been learning the traditional tale *The Three Little Pigs* in preparation for rewriting the story themselves and using the story as a basis for tales of their own. The children came to school one morning to discover a tiger had rampaged through the classroom overnight!

Class 2 have been celebrating our similarities and differences. The children have created self-portraits, which show their outer self (the side that they show to the world) and their inner self: their

feelings, thoughts and beliefs. For the last two weeks, Class 3 have become archaeologists on the school's Big Dig, learning how to investigate the past through the things that people left behind, and giving an insight into our local history. They have excavated roof tiles from old buildings, decorated glazed pottery and clay pipes.



Class 2 at **Kettlewell** have been getting creative this week by constructing their own scarecrows - they weren't going to let the virus stop them creating their own school based festival! They have been retelling the biography of Roald Dahl in order to learn about the structure of biographical writing and to celebrate Roald Dahl week. But learning about their wonderful brain and literally using them to put their thinking caps on has been the highlight!



In Class 1 at Kettlewell the children have been exploring the theme 'Ourselves' by creating self-portraits. They have also been exploring the structures of the three little pigs' houses, deciding which are the strongest. They have been working hard on phonics, and we have joined with Class 2 by getting to know our reading buddies!

Before and After School Care

Before-school clubs are in place at Burnsall, Cracoe and Grassington schools. If you wish your child to attend then please contact your individual school; twenty-four hours' notice needs to be given. Remember, bookings can be made on a regular or one-off basis.

Kanga after-school care at Grassington Primary School has been a great success this week. Children have had the opportunity to do some 'homework', as well as participate in crafts, construction and games activities. The club is open to all children in the Federation and runs until 6pm daily. To book a place, please follow this link .We ask that parents book a place at least 24 hours in advance. Again, children may attend on a regular basis or as a one-off. Children who attend Burnsall, Cracoe or Kettlewell will be collected by a member of staff in our Federation minibus and taken to Grassington. Transport is free of charge.

Kanga are offering a **Fun Packed Friday Sports Club** (see flyer). This club is open to all children across the Federation, irrespective of whether they attend after school club or not. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to become involved in sport activities, led by professional coaches.

Covid 19

We appreciate your understanding and continued support with the measures we have put in place within our schools to ensure the safety of children and staff. We hope you found the information on the '**Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence - A Quick Reference Guide for Parents**' useful.

The postponement of our collaborative learning plans for KS1 and KS2 on Mondays and Fridays has been a disappointment to us all, but it has been made for the best reasons possible. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes we make in the future.

Throughout the school day, we remind all children in schools to wash and sanitise their hands. The new government campaign is easy to remember for all of us (staff, parents, children and governors):

HANDS - keep washing your hands regularly

FACE - wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

SPACE - stay at least 2 metres or 1 metre with a face covering or other protection

Head teacher Timetable

Week beginning 21.9.2020	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Burnsall	Burnsall	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Grassington
PM	Burnsall	Burnsall	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Grassington

Federation Diary Dates

Below are some important dates for this term. Please be aware that we do not know exactly how these events will run at present (either face to face or virtually) but we thought you would like to make note on your calendars:

Week beginning 5th October: Harvest Festival

Mental Health Week

Monday 12th October: Open morning at Kettlewell

Tuesday 13th October: Open morning at Burnsall

Week beginning 19th October: Science week

Tuesday 20th October: Open morning at Grassington

Wednesday 21st October: Open morning at Cracoe

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October: Parents evening

Week beginning 9th November: Friendship Week

Wednesday 11th November: Learnology workshop for parents

Christmas festivities dates TBC

Curriculum Overview

Along with the newsletter you will have received a curriculum overview.

Friday 25th September - Climbing Wall

The climbing wall for Class 2 will no longer go ahead.

Messages from School

Reading books

Children in Reception, Y1, 2 and 3 will be sent home reading books from next week. Over the last two weeks we have been assessing the children's phonics levels in guidance with our new reading policy in order to ensure that the correct decodable books are sent out with the children.

Have a nice weekend and hope the sun shines.

Kind regards

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