



Friday News

16th October 2020

Dear Parents,

We live in very worrying times with the continued increase in positive cases of Covid and the changes to local restrictions, some very much on our doorstep. Within our schools, we receive almost daily updates from the Local Authority and the DFE, which we adhere to and act upon if there are immediate directives. Schools remain vigilant, following the Risk Assessments and guidance. There has never been a generation of children who have had such clean hands, through washing and sanitising so regularly. The children are great and see this as part of the school day. We remind everyone in our school communities of the latest government campaign.



However, learning continues to be important and the children have proved to be very resilient this half term, settling back into school life. We have asked some children

What have you learnt this week?

.....this is their response:

Burnsall:

Grace - has learnt that Queen Elizabeth I made a rule that everyone had to wear woolly hats on Sundays !

Miley - has really enjoyed learning how to draw portraits and **Maisie** has learnt through our collective worship that the Earth is an heirloom that we need to look after.

Cracoe

Elenya " I have been writing about Cinderella and doing stories. In science we have measured body parts using rulers and metre sticks"

Maleeha "I've been finding out about Lady Anne Clifford, she was born 30th January, 1590 in Skipton Castle. She was the third daughter of George Clifford, the third - Earl of Cumberland.

Riley- "I know how to do short division. I found it quite easy as I know my times tables. Decimals are more challenging"

Grassington

Elijah "I have learnt to blend my sounds"

Angus "I have learnt my family tree"

Berti- "I have learnt some actions for the Cinderella story"

Amelia "I have learnt that if I keep trying, I can do more than I thought!"

Poppy "I've learnt how to round up and down to the nearest 1000."

Sonny "We practised using adverbs effectively."

Kettlewell

Quinn, "I'm trying hard to beat my score in mental maths."

Connie, "I'm learning and thinking about the ways I start my sentences now."

Harry, "I am using my feelings thermometer to help show how I might be feeling."

Parents Evening:

We intend to hold our parent consultation evenings virtually this year. You will already have received a letter explaining how these evenings are to be run and the protocols around these. Please return the form you were sent to school, so that we can arrange details of the Zoom calls and forward you the necessary information. The autumn parent's evening is an opportunity to meet the class teacher; to discuss how your child

has settled into the new academic year and their attitudes to learning. We hope you will be patient with us during the evenings and if staff or parents feel that a follow up conversation is needed then that can be arranged.

Harvest Donations:

Skipton Food Bank were very grateful for the donations from our schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed. A special thank you to Frank, from Grassington who made a special journey after school on Friday, on his bike to bring his contribution!

Bikeability:

Children in years 5 and 6 will be participating in the bikeability programme over the next few weeks. It is a cycle training programme, led by trained specialists from North Yorkshire. The programme is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. We know the children enjoy this course, but more importantly, it instructs them as to how to keep safe on our roads.

News from Pre-school:

The children have loved playing *The Giant's Keys* this week, this is linked to the children's interest in *Jack and the Beanstalk*. It's a brilliant listening game and lots of fun.



We have made the most of the dry weather and got busy outside. Some of the children built their own obstacle course, they used the large crates, tree stumps and drain pipes. The children negotiated the course by demonstrating great problem solving, gross motor skills and balancing.

Head teacher Timetable:

Week beginning 19.10.20	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Grassington	Cracoe	Grassington	Burnsall
PM	Grassington	Grassington	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall



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 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
Wednesday 11th November - School photos
Christmas festivities dates TBC

Shine Awards:

Shine Awards this week go to:

Edward -for his kindness for helping younger members of the class.

Aiyana - for fantastic phonics work.



Bikeability:

Please can you make sure that all the medical forms and Highway Code quiz sheets are sent back to school on Monday. Thank you

Reminder for Year 6 Parents:

Secondary school applications for September 2021 - deadline for application is 31st October. This can be done online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Birthdays this Month:

We are aware that with current Covid restrictions that many children with birthdays at the moment are unable to celebrate in their usual way. To help try and make their birthday month special, we are allowing the children who have had a Birthday in October to come in their own clothes on Friday 23rd October. (Jessica C, Poppy, Jed, Aiyana, Mrs Braithwaite and Julie). School will provide a cake for the children to share and we will play a few party games over lunch time. We know it won't replace a big birthday celebration but do hope to make it memorable for the children. Our birthday day for children who have a birthday in October will be on 23rd October.



Kind regards

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Executive Head teachers