



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 10/02/2023

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

A special mention for our highest scoring ‘Doodle Maths’ superstars in each class:

Reception – Archie

Year 1 – Luca

Year 2 – Faolan

Year 3 – Eva

Year 4 – Cillian

Year 5 – Neave

Year 6 – Lillie

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 5

A message from the Headteacher;

What a delightful week in school we have had for Children’s Mental Health Week 2023. Thank you to all of the family members that came in to join us for our early morning exercises and please pass on our thanks to all of the grandparents and relatives that popped along to hear Years 4,5 and 6 perform a few of their Young Voices favourites. In addition to that we also welcomed in visitors from Cliffe Pre-School, Kings Church in Selby and our very own Rev. Horner. We have also been tackling a variety of Mental Health awareness lessons in class and working with our friends from across the school to make the week a memorable one. Certainly, we have all felt the benefits of ‘making connections’ and we hope you have too. In one final effort for Mental Health Week, our School Council are in the process of putting together all of the super jokes and illustrations many of you have submitted and this book will be for sale next half term !

As we approach a new half term it seems a good time to just mention ‘free school meals’ and the process by which these can be applied for. Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and **to children whose parents/carers receive certain benefits**. You can check your eligibility for benefit related free school meals at the following address;

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Even if your child is currently receiving universal free school meals, or the free school meals themselves are not something your child would like, we would still urge you to apply. Should you be eligible this would enable school to claim ‘Pupil Premium Funding’ to further support both your child and the school as a whole. Should you wish to discuss this please do contact myself or Mrs Stacey in the office.

Just a reminder that next week is a half-term break, so we will welcome everyone back into school on Monday the 20th of February. A busy week is scheduled, with our visitor from the Humanist Society speaking to all pupils from Year 2 up and Years 2,3,4 and 5 all out on their class trips on Friday the 24th. So a super start to the new half term !

Have a lovely week !

Reception/Year 1 Class News;

We have been feeling very connected in Reception and Year 1 this week after all the exciting mental health week activities we have been involved with! We hope you enjoyed the early morning fitness session, featuring our favourite move videos! It was lovely to see so many of you come along to enjoy it! Preschool came to play on Wednesday morning and we shared a special snacktime with them too! Our friends from Kings Church led a lovely assembly for us all and we are now looking forward to sharing games with our friends today!

It's been a busy week, but we have still managed to continue our phonics sessions, with Year 1 using their phonics for writing, and Reception reading in pairs and individually. In maths, Year 1 have been practising subtraction and thinking about the ordinality of number using number lines. Reception have consolidated their understanding so far of numbers 1-5, looking at the numerals, dice arrangements, and subitising. We explored the work of British artist, Henry Hudson, who creates artwork from plasticine, and have started to design our own pictures to create with plasticine after half term!

Home learning:

- Keep up your reading routine over the holidays and enjoy reading your school book. You can also access www.phonicsplay.co.uk and practise your reading skills with either 'picnic on Pluto', 'Buried Treasure' or 'Dragons Den'.
- Stay in the yellow and reach for the green on Doodlemaths.
- A special task that came from our firefighter visit was for the children to learn their own home address off by heart. It was something that the firefighters asked me to do with the children, so if you could have a go over the holiday and then we will do some more practise when we return to school!

Have a lovely holiday and a good rest! Mrs Wilson

Year 2/3 Class News;

What a fun-filled and exciting last week of the half term! Our extra activities have been linked to Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Let's Connect'. Year 2/3 loved having their parents join us for an exercise class on Tuesday morning – we enjoyed a variety of mini sessions called 'Mood Boosters', recently made by the BBC Teach to promote physical movement as a way to support our mental health. These can be accessed online at home too. We've also completed our joke book entries and jigsaw pieces, which will hopefully form part of a large display showing how our interests can be linked to other people.

In our core learning we've continued with our Maths lessons about money, learning how to make different amounts, working with notes and coins to make pounds and pence. We've worked out some word problems and enjoyed an online game called 'Custom Cars' on www.ictgames.com (lots of children have been asking for the link!)

In English our work on the Winter's Child story has accumulated in some fantastic newspaper reports, with the children being roving reporters recording all the amazing events of the longest winter ever! We've tried hard to edit our work and make improvements, ensuring we have included the '5 W's' (what, when, who, where and why) as well as the extra features such as an eye-catching headline. I'm so pleased with all of their hard work.

We all enjoyed a PE lesson with Mr Taylor earlier in the week and look forward to having Dan coach us again after half term. Mrs Moulds taught us more tunes on the ukulele yesterday and we're very lucky to be continuing with these music lessons until April.

Have a fantastic half term break, see you all a week on Monday!

Mrs Pears and Miss Waddington

Home learning:

Reading journals, x3 strive for 5 by Friday 24th!

Doodle Maths- stay in the yellow but reach for the green by Friday 24th February

Doodle Spell- complete your extra assignment by Friday 24th February

Year 4/5 Class News;

This week the children have carried out many activities within the theme of "Lets Connect" for Children's mental health week. Thank you to grandparents and parents who visited us on Tuesday afternoon and those who joined in with our Supermovers Times Tables on Wednesday morning. The children have completed 'gratitude trees' to consider what they are grateful for, and had a go at writing inspirational quote posters related to connections/relationships. On Friday afternoon we had a great time sharing and playing board games!

This week in English the children finished their Jabberwocky stories. There are all very proud of what they have produced and enjoyed writing a narrative on this vicious beast.

In Maths we have been working on adding and subtracting fractions including taking a fraction from a whole number.

We have drawn out our train landscapes in Art ready to paint using watercolours after half term.

In Science the children learned all about animal teeth and how their teeth relates to their diets. We started a new French unit this week learning the names for different pets.

After half term we will be working on our 9 times tables in class.

Homework:

No homework is expected to be completed over half-term, however Doodle Maths/Spell and reading records will need to be completed by Monday 27th February.

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6 Class News;

This week we have been publishing our letters to people that have inspired us, I (Jack) wrote to Marcus Rashford and I (Lucas) wrote to Jordan Henderson. We asked them about who has helped them with their mental health and how they kept calm when things were stressful. We are going send these off and we hope to get a reply. In maths we have been finding the percentage of an amount, it was quite straightforward when you got it. In science we have looked at helpful and harmful microorganism, like bread dough and chickenpox. For PE with Mr Taylor we played Dodgeball and ball games. On Thursday morning our parents came in to dance with us, to be fair they were probably better than us ! On Tuesday afternoon we sung Young Voices songs for our grandparents.

Hope you have a good half term, see you on Monday the 20th !

By Jack P and Lucas.

Y6 Homework:

Doodle Maths- stay in the yellow but reach for the green by Friday 24th February

Doodle English - stay in the yellow but reach for the green by Friday 24th February

Doodle Spell- complete your extra assignment by Friday 24th February

Reading- Read 3 x weekly and record it in your Home School Journal (remember that holiday reads count towards our chart!)

Dates for the Diary -

Mon 13/02/23 to Fri 17/02/2023 Half Term

Fri 24/02/23 – Year 2/3 & Year 4/5 – School Trip to York

Mon 27/02/23 to Fri 03/03/2023 - World Book Day – Theme week in school.

Thur 02/03/2023 - World Book Day– Dress up day.

Fri 24/03/23 – Year 4/5 Open Assembly – **Y4/5 families welcome !**

Tue 28/03/23 – Home/School Consultation Evening 3

Wed 29/03/23 – Home/School Consultation Evening 4

Mon 03/04/2023 to Fri 14/04/2023 Easter Holiday
17/04/2023 Training Day - Holiday for pupils

May 2023 Key stage 1 test period

Thu 4/5/23 – Class Photographs

Mon 8/5/23 – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tue 9/5/23 / Fri 12/5/23 – Year 6 SATS week

Fri 19/5/22 – Year 2/3 Open Assembly – Y2/3 families welcome !

Mon 29/05/2023 to Fri 02/06/2023 Half Term

Mon 12/06/2023 to Fri 16/06/2023 – Year 1 Phonics screening check week

Fri 23/6/23 – Rec / Y1 Open Assembly – Rec/Y1 families welcome !

Thur 6/7/23 – Sports Day

Wed 19/7/23 – Y6 Leavers celebration evening in school – all Y6 pupils invited.

Fri 21/7/23 – PM - Y6 Leavers Assembly- Y6 families welcome !

Mon 24/07/2023 to Tue 25/07/2023 Staff Training Day
Wed 26/07/2023 to Sun 03/09/2023 Summer Holiday

****FURTHER DATES FOR TRIPS ETC TO FOLLOW !****