



Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy, action packed half term, full of fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for the children and staff. Please do take the time to read and digest all that is contained within this half termly newsletter as it is testament to all that we have achieved as a school community. I know I say this often, but we are very fortunate to have such talented, creative and skilled staff who work tirelessly for the good of the school. As always, please can I thank the entire school community for your continued support as it is only together that we can make a difference! One example of this is the 'Grow A Pound' initiative that has been a phenomenal success, largely down to your generosity and support.

On Friday 16th June you will receive a letter regarding which class your child will be taught in next academic year. This will also include who your child's/children's class teacher will be. The decision is made taking lots of different factors into consideration and all children in Year One and Year Four are taught the same curriculum.

The Parent Forum met on Friday 19th May and the Minutes are available to view on the school website [here](#). There was a healthy debate about the revised PSHE (including Sex and Relationships Education). The revised Home School Agreement and Home Learning was also discussed. The Home School Agreement will be sent to parents at the start of the next academic year and can be found on our school website [here](#). The next meeting is on Friday 14th July at 9am and tea and biscuits will be provided.

A reminder that the year 6 residential meeting is at 4pm on Monday 5th June. Please complete the Google Form that was emailed.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th June.

Mr T Whitehead
Headteacher

Governing Body Update

Please follow the [link](#) to read the latest news on the work of the governing body this half term.



Loving to Learn



Robins

Here we are halfway through the Summer term and Robins have had another busy and exciting half term. I can't believe that I am actually planning learning for the last half term of this year. The children are all getting ready to move into year one and year two and we are already talking about all the exciting things they will do in their new year at school.

The trip to Nell Bank was a big success with all the children being engaged and involved in their outdoor learning. We took part in pond dipping, bug hunting, and spent time in the woods. As always the most popular activity was the water play session, lots of wet and happy children!

In Science we have been germinating and planting and we will continue to observe our sunflowers and broad beans which are in the Peggy Wilson community garden. The children have been learning all about deciduous and evergreen trees and really enjoyed all the new vocabulary including 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'.



The First Aid lesson was very exciting, there's nothing better than getting a plaster when you are young! It did prove rather tricky to work out who needed an accident letter at the end of the day and lots of children role playing having an accident did have staff on edge as we worked out which were the real cries!

In PSHE we have been learning all about having a, 'can do' attitude and working on resilience with the children. The children are also really enjoying using our zones of regulation check in and thinking about how they are feeling. It has really helped some children to describe and understand their feelings.

The children really enjoyed our work on 'The Proudest Blue' and produced some amazing writing. They confidently acted out parts of the story and thought about the feelings of the characters. The new addition of hijabs to our dressing up selection proved to be a great success. The Snail and the Whale is one of my favourite books and we have enjoyed using this story to help us learn how to write a postcard for our Non Fiction writing.

Year one children have continued to enjoy their Maths lessons with Miss Hussain and Mrs Kingham and the other year one children,. They particularly enjoyed their halving lesson which involved chocolate cake! Reception children are really starting to show fluency with their mental maths skills and they enjoyed working on doubling by painting and printing.

In History the children have been learning all about the great fire of London. I was so impressed at their recall of the key knowledge and the interest they had in learning all about the past. They were great at thinking about how things have changed and what it must have been like to live in the past.

I know that we will have just as much fun with our learning next half term as we get ready to move the children on to their next year with either myself or Mrs Carpenter.

Have a lovely half term!
Miss Akrigg





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Swallows

As we draw to the end of another half term I cannot believe how fast the weeks are flying by. Some of the highlights of this half term include celebrating King Charles III coronation with a picnic, singing and dancing. A fantastic trip to Nell bank where we built giant nests, badger homes, sorted recycling and hunted for mini beasts. The children were polite, well behaved and enthusiastic. They were a real pleasure to take! All the children were given first aid training. They learnt how to care for someone who may be injured, who to call in an emergency and how to give CPR. All amazing life skills but fingers crossed they won't need to use them!

In science we have learnt about plants and trees. We planted both potato and sunflower seeds and have monitored their growth. We are hoping there will be enough potatoes to cook before the summer. We loved exploring the garden area (it has come alive with plants) and have been taking care of the other plants too. We even spotted some very well camouflaged leaf insects.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first half term of tennis sessions. They have been praised on both their tennis skills and ability to listen to instructions. Each session has been full of games and tennis skills. Year 1 children have worked hard in their swimming lessons too. It is fantastic to see how their ability and confidence has grown over the last few weeks.

It DT children problem solved to fix broken wheels before designing and building their own vehicle. They had to include an axle, axle holder and learnt new vocabulary such as chassis. After a lot of glue, masking tape and feathers everyone created a fantastic vehicle with moving wheels.

Miss Hussain has taught computing this half term to both year groups, tackling data handling. Year 2 have learnt about the international space station, how they live in space and how to grow plants in space. They created spreadsheets to show their findings. Year 1 gathered data on different animals using pictograms and tallies to represent their findings.

Year 2 have now completed their SATs. A huge well done to them all for their positive attitude and resilience throughout. We are very proud of you.

Have a lovely half term! Fingers crossed we get to enjoy the sunshine, Mrs Carpenter, Miss Hussain and the Swallows team



Loving to Learn

Kingfishers

What a fabulous half term we have had, the Kingfishers have given me the best welcome to the school. They have shown me their love for learning and eagerness to impress. The children have especially enjoyed digging into our English writing this half term, creating imaginative and gruesome Roman slave diaries. I have been very impressed with the knowledge the children remembered from Spring 2 when they covered the Romans in History.

In Science, we have learnt about sound and how it travels. After learning all of the facts, we tested them out by creating our own cup and string telephones. We found that our voices travelled more effectively across a distance when using the cup and string phones rather than shouting. Because of our prior learning, we knew this was because sound energy travels quicker and more efficiently through a solid (the string).

We have had lots of fun in DT over the past few weeks with our topic 'From Farm to Fork'. The children started by thinking about all of the ingredients that go into a spaghetti Bolognese. Whilst some of their ideas were interesting, we all agreed that minced meat was a key factor. From this we then explored the process the meat in our meals takes before being on our plates. The children researched this and created information posters. Their taste buds were then put to the test as they played guess the recipe with some shop bought Bolognese sauces. The healthier option came out as a class favourite! The children then researched the nutritional values of the sauces and planned what they would put in their own before finally cooking them and tucking in.

The Kingfishers have enjoyed practicing their rounders skills this half term. I have loved seeing the children confidently volunteer for cricket competitions, as they know their new skills are transferable.

We have had an exciting and packed-full half term! Thank you to all of the Kingfishers for making me feel so welcome, I'm excited to see what fun the next half term has in store for us!



Loving to Learn

Owls

This half term has been another busy one for the members of Owls Class. We commemorated the coronation of King Charles in school by having a flag competition and learning a song & dance. Even though the weather wasn't great for our picnic, the plants and vegetables in the community garden have enjoyed the rain. The children helped Mr Lewis plant some potatoes early on and more recently we have had lots of peas growing in the raised beds.

Our English lessons this half term have been based on a book called 'The Nowhere Emporium'. The children learned of a magical shop that could send its customers on wonderful adventures to places from their wildest dreams. Year 4 and Year 5 had a lot of fun sending the main character, Daniel on an adventure of their choosing.

The 'Grow a £1' initiative has created a real buzz for enterprise amongst the class. It has been a fantastic way to both use their maths skills and raise funds for the school. All the bracelets, buns and books sold really will help pay for much needed things around school, so a big 'well done' to all who have taken part.

We have enjoyed revisiting the Romans again this half term. This time we have looked specifically at their impact on Britain and their legacy. Now, the children are aware of how the Romans brought better roads, housing, Christianity, written language and coinage to Britain. All things that are still visible in society today.

Everyone has had a lot of fun with our science topic about sound. Firstly, we explored pitch and volume using musical instruments; then we made string telephones to explore how sound changes with distance; and finally the young scientists investigated how to insulate against sound by absorbing the sound waves.

Finally, this week the children learnt to cook a spaghetti bolognese from scratch. Although initially wary of some of the ingredients, the vast majority of the class were impressed with their own creation and found their own version of spag bol delicious!





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Eagles

We are endlessly proud of how our Year Six children have handled this half term. SATS week has been and gone and it's time to look towards our last half term together at Kildwick.

There's been plenty of work to keep us busy over the last few weeks. We've done some brilliant writing to show off our talents: a diary based on the tragic story of Rose Blanche; an informative leaflet about Eden Camp; and a spooky story based on the short film 'Alma'.

Our World War Two topic has interested us and we've been able to explore what life was like for people during the war. We also found out about the names mentioned on the Kildwick war memorial and the stories of those men. Our end of half term homework presentations about World War Two were amazing and the most creative yet.

In our music lessons with Mr Schofield, the children wrote and performed their own songs, along with playing musical instruments to accompany the lyrics. In DT, Year Six took part in a 'Come Dine With Me' challenge where they made either a starter, main course or dessert. The children worked so well under pressure and every dish created was a success!

As well as all of this work, there has been plenty of time for fun! We had a lovely afternoon at Glusburn park to celebrate the end of the SATs. Our trip to Eden Camp was informative and fun (especially the play area!). Friday afternoons have been filled with rugby coaching from Darren from Skipton Rugby Club which ended in an inter-school tournament at the end of the half term.

This half term, I've been meeting with representatives from your new schools and they've had the chance to talk to you about what to expect on your upcoming transition days: something else to look forward to!

The children also voted on what they wanted to do for their end of year performance which will be held at South Craven. Watch this space for more information coming soon!



Learning to Live

Children's First Aid

Keeping Safe is one of our PSHE topics this half term and GEM Compliance Training visited school to teach the children some first aid skills. They had fun learning about personal safety during casualty treatment and how to recognise unconscious casualties. They practised bandaging wounds to the head, arms, legs and hands and also putting arms into slings. The children put each other into the recovery position and carried out CPR on manikins.



Learning to Live

The Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon

Thirty five Children from KS2 had the opportunity to take part in the Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon held at Bradford Grammar School. This non competitive event involved children taking part in a 50 metre swim, 800 metre cycle and 300 metre run. All children taking part received a goody bag, including a commemorative t-shirt and medal. The event gave children the opportunity to try something new and they all said that they had a great time!



Learning to Live

Y4 Residential to High Adventure

Year Four took part in an outward bound residential trip to High Adventure. They had a great time trying activities such as climbing, canoeing, archery and the zip wire. For some, these were new activities that put them out of their comfort zone but they all showed great determination, teamwork and resilience. All the children had a fantastic time and made memories that will stay with them for a long time.



Learning to Live

Kildwick vs Sutton CP Netball Festival

A group of 14 Y6 Kildwick pupils attended a netball festival hosted by Sutton CP School in the MUPA at Sutton Park. Our children had been very excited about this event for weeks, and it did not disappoint. With two Kildwick teams and three Sutton CP Y5/6 teams, we had a very busy hour with lots of thrilling matches played against each other. It was a privilege to witness such great attitude, sportsmanship, teamwork and joy from every single player involved. All the children enjoyed this experience and there was a sea of smiley, happy faces at the end, leaving both parties wanting for more. We are very grateful to the Sutton teams for making this festival possible.

Well done Team Sutton and Team Kildwick - you were brilliant!



Learning to Live

Class 5 Eagles

Class Five Eagles have enjoyed some professional rugby coaching led by Darren Greenwood from Skipton Rugby Club. They also had the opportunity to take part in a tag rugby tournament in Skipton where they played other local schools in some short matches. This gave them the opportunity to apply the skills that they have been learning and resulted in one of our Kildwick teams lifting the trophy in a very close final with Embsay. All children played brilliantly and supported their classmates by cheering them on.



Keighley & Craven Schools' Cross Country Series 2022-23

Well done to all the runners that took part in the Keighley and Craven Schools' cross country events this season. As usual, we had a very good turnout and you can see them below wearing their t shirts! Well done to you all and roll on next season!



Learning to Live

Dynamo Cricket

KS2 children have taken part in various cricket festivals over the last half term. Representatives from Y3,4,5 & 6 played against local cluster schools at Sutton and Skipton Cricket Club. It was a great opportunity for our children to have fun, enjoy the experience and work collaboratively as a team. Well done team Kildwick!



Living to Love

Grow A Pound

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in Kildwick's Grow A Pound Initiative so far. We have been amazed and astounded at how this has caught the children's imagination and the inventive ideas that children and parents have come up with.

The 'Marketplace', taking place each Friday after school, has been a hive of activity and we will be holding our final one on Friday 9th June. Thank you so much to all our families and friends for your generous support.



Loving to Learn

Mr Burns has been shot! Year 5 Crime Scene Investigation

Ten children from Year 5 attended a science event at South Craven School on Wednesday 24th May. It was an excellent opportunity for students to recognize how science can be applied to real life situations.

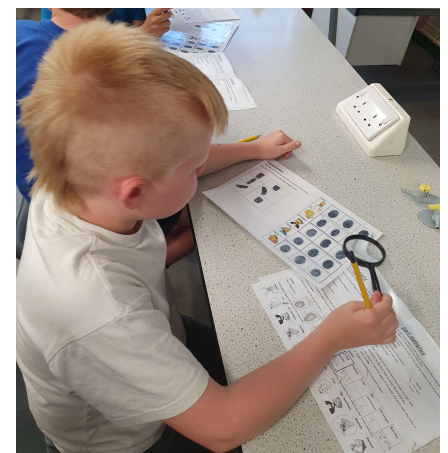
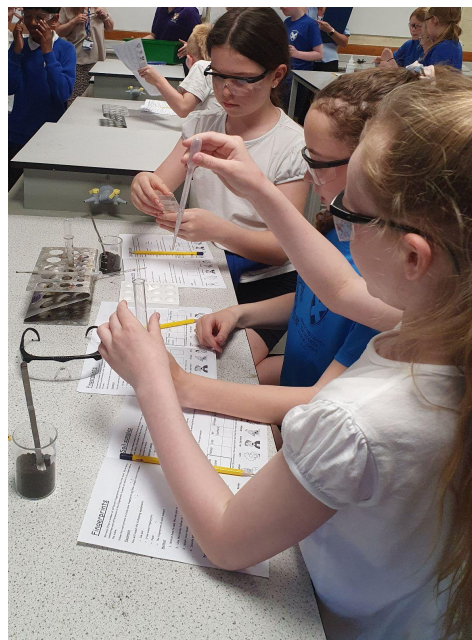
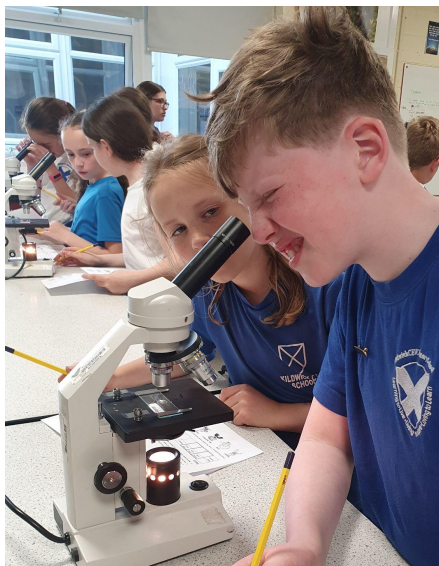
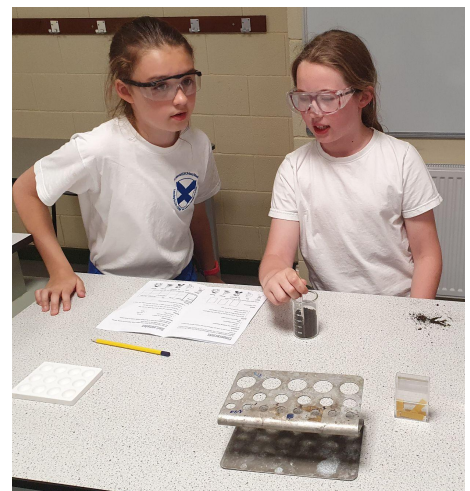
When the children arrived they received a report that Mr Burns (from The Simpsons) had been shot! There were many potential suspects who had reasons to be angry at Mr Burns but the police department had narrowed it down to five suspects. In the frame were: Homer, Lisa, Mr Smithers, Grandpa and Barney.

Evidence found at the crime scene included:

- A handwritten shopping list in black ink
- A number of fingerprints
- Soil samples
- Numerous hairs and clothes fibres
- Unknown chemical on the footpath

The Year 5 detectives conducted a series of tests, using the laboratories at South Craven, to compare samples taken from all the suspects with the crime scene evidence. By the end of their enquiries most of the group were pointing the finger of suspicion at Grandpa!

Everyone who attended the event thoroughly enjoyed themselves (teachers included) and it is hoped that these experiences will inspire the next generation of scientists.



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Marvellous Mathematicians visit South Craven

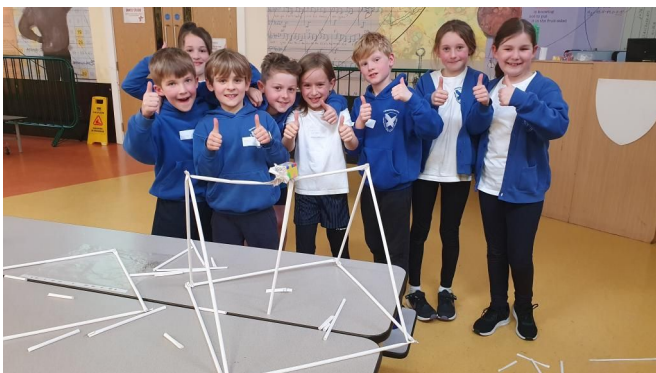
On Wednesday 24th April, eight maths-loving children went to South Craven School for a maths event along with other local primary schools.

The Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed solving the problems in the first round where there were three levels of difficulty for the brain teasers. Competitors received 5, 10 or 20 points (depending on the difficulty) for correct answers.

The Kildwick team went for the hardest ones straight away! Then came a round in which members of the team took turns to collect a triangular piece of a puzzle. To solve the puzzle all the calculations needed to be solved to work out how it fitted together. In the end it was a hexagon, some of the team members had to spot mistakes to work out why it wasn't working.

The finale was a construction task, everyone was given paper straws and paper clips and challenged to build the tallest structure. However, the structure had to support a rubber cube and be freestanding. Eventually with determination, creative thinking and a great deal of teamwork, a truly magnificent construction was created that wowed the Head of Maths at South Craven.

Everyone in the team was rewarded with their own rubber puzzle cube to take home, in addition to all the squash and biscuits they had already consumed!





Summer Term 2023

Monday 5th June—Y6 residential meeting at 4pm

Wednesday 7th June—Kildwick Fell Race

Wednesday 7th June—Owls Parents invited into class 2.30pm

Thursday 8th June—Kingfishers Parents invited into class 2.30pm

Friday 9th June—Y5/6 Girls Rugby festival at KRUF

Tuesday 13th June—Y6 Cycling day

Friday 16th June—Pedal & Scoot—Reception / Year 1

Monday 19th June - School Photograph Day (Take Two)

Wednesday 21st June—Governors strategy meeting

Thursday 22nd June—KS2—Ikley Tennis Club coaching

Monday 26th June—Y6 Career Fair

Friday 30th June—Summer Fair - further details TBC

Monday 3rd July—South Craven induction day—Y6

Monday 3rd July—Friday 7th July—Bewerley Park Residential—Y6

Tuesday 4th July—Y5 day at South Craven

Monday 10th July—Buddy Trip (Reception / Y6)

Tuesday 11th July—Reception Graduation—2pm

Thursday 13th July—Y6 parents in school to join in a lesson—9am

Friday 14th July—Parent Forum

Friday 14th July—Sports Day—Details TBC

Monday 17th July—Y6 Performance—6pm

Tuesday 18th July—Y6 Pendle Wavelength trip

Thursday 20th July—Y6 Leaver's service in church tbc

Friday 21st July—Y6 Leavers' assembly—9.15am

Friday 21st July - End of Term