

# Summer 2 Newsletter

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It is hard to believe that another school year is complete. I have been reflecting on all that we have achieved as a school community and the year has certainly been full of fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for pupils, staff and parents. I was blown away by the level of support we had for the Year Six leavers' performance at South Craven School this week. The Reception children had their Graduation Ceremony, fabulously supported by their Year Six buddies, and they will (in the blink of an eye) be following in their footsteps! I am certain that you will agree that we have many, many talented children at Kildwick.

I would like to thank the entire school community for your continued support this year and a big well done to the children for all of their hard work and achievements. Throughout the year, we have seen SO many examples of our school community expressing our vision in action, Learning to Live, Living to Love and Loving to Learn. It describes our ambition not only to foster a love of learning but to live positive, productive lives where we love and respect the Earth and all that live on it! This is also reflected in the many surveys that we have carried out this year and most recently for the overwhelmingly positive comments sent in following the end of year pupil reports, if you would like to send feedback you can do so using the following Google Form.

I would also like to thank the staff team, who work tirelessly everyday, go above and beyond and only want the best for all the children in our wonderful school!

We are extremely proud of our Year Six children who have achieved so much during their time with us at Kildwick. We say a fond farewell to them and will look forward to seeing and hearing about all the wonderful things that they get up to! We also say a fond farewell to the many parents that have had a long and lasting association with Kildwick. Thank you for the lovely gift to school and all your support over the years. We wish you all the best for the future!

I wish you all a lovely summer break and will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th September and meeting our new Reception children on Wednesday 6th September.

Mr Whitehead

Headteacher





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### A Message for our 2023 Year Six Leavers

This year has flown by and I can't believe that we're saying goodbye to another group of amazing children.

Class of 2023, you have been a joy to teach. Not a day has gone by without us having fun and you making me laugh. Not a day has gone by without me asking you to be quiet... but that is part of your charm! I've lost count of the amount of time I've shaken my head in despair at your antics... but I've also lost count of the amount of times I've felt lucky to be your teacher.

We had a 'piratical' last half term together and you stepped up to create an amazing performance on that very large stage at South Craven. You put your minds to it, were determined and achieved: something that I know you are going to go on and do many more times in the future.

You have worked so incredibly hard and should be proud of yourselves. Your SATs results impressed us all - although they didn't surprise us! We had seen how hard you have worked to make such brilliant progress.

This hard work started nearly seven years ago now when (most of you) joined us in Reception. Each year you have grown and matured to become amazing role models to the rest of the school, particularly to your own Reception buddies. To those children who joined the Kildwick family along the way - how lucky we were to have you join our team!

Year Six, you will certainly be missed by all staff and pupils alike. We will look forward to a shy wave from the corner of the playground when you come back to collect a younger sibling, or a discreet nod as we pass you on the street! I know it's hard to believe that will be the case, but trust me, it will!

We wish you the best of luck at your secondary schools, although you don't need it. Our loss is definitely their gain. Have an amazing summer!

From Mrs Fordham and Mrs Fenlan



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### A Poem for our 2023 Year Six Leavers

Last six hours of primary school Goodbye is getting near The sums and sentences all done The full stop day is here

Last five hours of primary school Where everything's before The aims and games and crazes no one's crazy for no more

Last four hours of primary school Surrounded by a class who'll scatter soon and not return when summer's days have passed

Last three hours of primary school
One final lunchtime play
Instead of chasing friends
we try to chase and catch the day

Last two hours of primary school The clock hands blur and skid Signing shirts, remembering the coolest things we did

Last one hour of primary school where teachers understood
And helped me see I could achieve for they believed I could

Last half hour of primary school
The assembly we all dread
We cannot sing - us Year Six Kings
The crown slips from our heads

Last ever second of primary school
The full stop rings in our ears
But a thousand chapters left to write
We must vacate our childhood site
For time moves on and time is right –
To leave our wonder years.

# **Robins**

I can't believe it is time to write the final Newsletter of the year. It has been a fun and busy half term and I know we are finishing the year with lots of tired (but hopefully happy!) children (and grown ups!). It always feels emotional to finish the school year. I am incredibly proud of all the children and how much



they achieve at such a young age. The year one children have been fantastic role models to the Reception children and I have really enjoyed my two years with them, I will miss them! The Reception children are well and truly part of Kildwick school now. Our end of year celebration made me proud in so many ways, to see them stand up and say lines in front of an audience was a real high point of this year; they even managed to sit still and do some pretty good dancing!

We have had our final tennis coaching session this year and it is really impressive to see how much progress the children have made. They have been working on different tennis skills throughout the term and I can see progress in their balance and coordination. The Pedal and Scoot day for Reception was a big success, as always. It is so lovely to see the children grow in confidence throughout the day and they always seem to finish the day with a real sense of achievement. Ed is great at giving parents and carers some additional guidance at the end of the day too!

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We have loved our writing work on the Rainbow Fish and I am very proud of the year one children who have been working so hard on starting their sentences with a capital letter. We have also been spending lots of time on handwriting, some children even got to go and see Mr. Whitehead with their super neat writing! The children are becoming so much better at writing independently. I would encourage them to write as much as possible over the summer, shopping lists, postcards, birthday cards, a summer diary - anything that keeps them writing!

In Geography we have been learning all about the Seaside. We have been learning about why there are so many seaside resorts in the UK and what we see when we go to the seaside. The year one children explored physical and human features at the seaside. We have also been learning about harbours and what harbours are for. Those having trips to the seaside this Summer might be able to recap on our vocabulary!

In PSHE the children have been learning about growing and thinking about how they change as humans, alongside more learning on the life cycles of animals. We also took the opportunity to revisit seasons and try to remember which of the seasons each month falls in. We also thought about our own transitions into year one and two and the changes that this will bring to school life.

We have been using Numbots in school to try and encourage the children to keep up to their Maths over the summer holidays. If you need your child's Numbots login please do let me know. Short and frequent sessions over the holidays will help retain key learning ready for year one and two.

All that is left for me to say is THANK YOU! Thank you for all your support in making our school community a happy one and for supporting the children with their learning at home. Also thank you to all the adults who support the children in Robins class. From the amazing TAs and wonderful Intervention team...... there are too many to mention but thank you, the children are very lucky and so am I!

Have a wonderful Summer and I'll see you all in September.

Miss Akrigg

# **Swallows**

# **Loving to Learn**

I cannot believe it is time to write the final newsletter of the year. What a fun year year it has been! As we have discussed the things we have done as a class, September seems like a distant memory. New classroom or year group nerves were quickly forgotten as Class Two have thrown themselves into everything we have done. I am incredibly proud of their positive attitudes, teamwork and sense of good fun.

This half term we have enjoyed our final tennis sessions and the children have developed their skills and all know how to be tennis ready. Swimming for year Two has also been a great success this half term and we have some fabulous young swimmers.

In our writing lessons, the children loved using The Disgusting Sandwich book. We headed to the Peggy Wilson field to create our own 'disgusting sandwiches.' Children rose to this challenge, with sandwiches being filled with moss, feathers, slugs and dipped in mud! Following this they wrote some brilliant instructions on how to make our own disgusting sandwich! They then embraced writing a persuasive letter to convince our felt tips to return after going on strike. Luckily we persuaded them to return.

In Geography we have learnt about the seaside and the features of these. The children have a good understanding of the human and physical features of the coast and why we have so many seaside resorts in the UK.

In computing, we have used Scratch JR (with some of the children helping me!). We have persevered and created our own characters including taking photos and using the voice record to create voice instructions. A skill I need to practise over the summer.

In science we have learnt about materials and why some are better than others for specific jobs. We sorted objects according to properties and all the children used vocabulary such as 'transparent' to describe them. We tested different objects to see how they can change shape and then had a competition to see who could be the most creative with a piece of tin foil.

I hope everyone has a well deserved rest over the summer, and fingers crossed we see the return of the sunshine.

Thank you for all your support with learning at home. See you in September.

### Mrs Carpenter









# **Kingfishers**

Wow! This last half term has flown by. The Kingfishers have once again impressed me in many areas of their learning. The children have certainly enjoyed the lovely weather we had at the start of the term. We took full advantage of the rec, not only for our athletics practice but for science lessons too. Dissecting flowers and picking peas as part of our life cycles topic.

In Geography, we have explored the continent of South America. Throughout this, the children amazed me with their ability to recall prior learning on climates and biomes. At the end of the topic, the children created fact files about the country Brazil. This again, highlighted their knowledge retention.

The programming site Scratch has had some of us scratching our heads this half term. However, we persevered and worked together to create our own computer maze games.

With Mrs Oswald, the children have enjoyed their topic on Spanish foods and drinks. They have even put their skills to the test in a cafe scenario within the classroom.

We were very lucky to attend the Ilkley Trophy this half term. The children had lots of fun playing on the tennis courts and exploring the hitting practice games. We even got to see some of the professionals play a match!

Understanding different faiths is something we know is important in Kingfishers class. The children really enjoyed our visit from Narinder who helped us explore the Sikh faith. They especially enjoyed learning about the Gurdwara, a Sikhism place of worship in India.

I hope the children have enjoyed their last term in years 3 and 4. I wish them all the best as they move up into their new year groups. Have the best summer everyone!

Miss Norton













# **Owls**

This half term started off with a trip to Sutton CP School for a talk by volcanologist, Dr Neuberg. She first showed pictures and her experiences of visiting volcanoes around the world. Then the children were tasked with constructing the tallest earthquake proof building using spaghetti and marshmallows. All the structures were tested on Dr Neuberg's wobbly table and a Year 5 team (opposite) managed to build the tallest one.

During English lessons, we have studied balanced arguments and thought about whether people should feed animals in national parks. This was followed by independent writing about whether zoos are a good or bad idea.

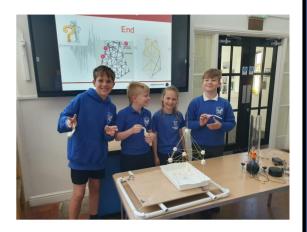
Our science topic, life cycles, has linked nicely to our PSHE focus, growing and changing. Lucy from Coram SCARF visited to explain how our bodies change during adolescence. We have also enjoyed watching our tomato plants grow, be pollinated and bear fruit.

This half term there has been plenty of sport too. We visited the Ilkley Tournament where the children took a professional masterclass and then watched real tennis pros in action on court. Darren (from Skipton Rugby Club) has been visiting weekly as well, teaching the skills needed for effective teamwork and quick reactions.

Just last week, Narinder Singh, a practising Sikh visited us to tell the class more about his religion. The children had lots of questions about what it means to be a Sikh, the religious texts and what it is like to visit the Golden Temple in India.

Finally, it was lovely to welcome so many parents into class for a computing lesson with the BBC Micro Bits. I hope you all enjoyed the tinkering at the time. It has been a brilliant year for the Owls. I wish the Year 5s moving up all the best for Year 6 and look forward to working with the Year 4s again. Have a great summer break and see you in September.

Mr Horton













# **Eagles**

We've made it! What a brilliant last half term together at Kildwick. We've been very busy and the last seven weeks have flown by.

The first week of this half term was all about writing. We wrote a non-chronological report about a mythical creature - they were so interesting and unique to read. That week, our girls also competed in a girls' rugby workshop at Keighley Rugby Club and we had a visit from a Police Officer to educate the children on the dangers of knives.

Year Six had an excellent day on the Rec practising all of their cycling skills. Children learnt about keeping their bikes safe, competed in timed races and even took part in a game of cycling limbo! The children gained points throughout the day based on speed, skill, attitude and effort with our top eight pupils qualifying for a cycling competition at the end of June.

We had a visit from ARPete to consolidate their World War Two learning with an eco-friendly twist. The children looked at a unique concept of environmental issues delivered through a Second World War home front input. ARPete taught the importance for us to "switch that light out" and how we should still be "digging for victory".

A major part of this half term has been working on our production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. We've been so busy making props and learning all of the lines, songs and dance moves. It was a brilliant achievement to perform this at South Craven - especially with only getting in the theatre for the first time two hours before showtime!

One of the highlights of the half term, if not the year, was our residential to Bewerley Park. We packed so many activities into the week including climbing at Brimham Rocks, canoeing down the River Ure and climbing the high ropes to jump the leap of faith.

Family members joined us for our 'parents in' morning - the last at Kildwick for many of our families! It was lovely to celebrate the year, reflect on memories and have a bit of fun together. We had one last celebration with our buddies too. A bouncy castle and ice cream van on the Rec was a perfect way to mark the farewell to the Reception buddies - even as the rain started!

Year Six received their SATs results and all did amazingly well, which was no surprise. All of the hard work they've put in over the course of the year has paid off. Well done on a brilliant year, Year Six!

Mrs Fordham





# **Year Six Cycling**

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# **Reception Biking Fun!**

Every year Reception children have a day to bring their bikes to school and work on their biking skills. We are very lucky to have Ed from 'Pedal and Scoot' who comes in to teach the children and help them make progress with their bike riding skills. Ed breaks bike riding down into small steps and has amazing patience with the children which means we see a lot of progress in just one day! For some children the day was about learning to pedal for the first time and getting rid of their stabilisers, others were working on balance and some were working on better control and other bike skills.

It was a very hot day and the children were amazing in the heat. It was a chance to work on our motor skills but also an opportunity to continue to develop our listening and attention, self regulation and managing ourselves. Great work Receptions!







### **Year Six Careers Fair**

Year Six pupils took part in their annual careers fair to introduce them to a variety of jobs.

Children quizzed participants on different aspects of their jobs, including how they ended up in that career and also the advantages and disadvantages of their job.

Several different occupations and local businesses were represented at the event, including volunteers from the NHS (pharmacy and midwifery), the police force, the Football Association (FA), and ADNC Projects Ltd. We also had participants whose careers were an archaeologist, a solicitor, a Merchant Navy captain and a stone mason.

The children were inspired by all of the careers, with the police sergeant, midwives and the FA's digital trainer being particular favourites.

Year Six pupil, Bibi Weston, commented, "It was a very interesting morning and it gave me the opportunity to think about what I might want to do in the future".



### **School Games Award**

We have once again been awarded Gold for our commitment to PE and Sport. It is great to have all the opportunities that we offer our pupils recognised. Because we have received the award for four years in a row, we can apply for the platinum award next year

# **School Mental Health Award**

We are pleased to announce that Kildwick School has been awarded the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools 'School Mental Health Award' – Bronze Status. It recognises our commitment in school to mental health and wellbeing.

# **Healthy School Award**

We have been successful in gaining the Healthy School Gold Award this year. There are five elements to this process and to gain the gold standard we have been working on the themes of PSHE and Emotional Health and Wellbeing.



# **Y6 Residential to Bewerley Park**

Year Six took part in an outward bound residential trip to Bewerley Park. They had a great time trying activities such as climbing, canoeing, bushcraft and gorge walking. 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.



### **Kildwick vs Sutton CP Rounders Festival**

Year Six had the opportunity to compete in a mini rounders festival at Sutton Park against Year Six from Sutton CP School. This was an excellent opportunity to enjoy some friendly games, get to know their peers and have some fun together. They all had a great time, played well and the park was full of happy children socialising and making new friends before moving onto secondary school.



## **Kildwick Fell Race 2023**

Kildwick Fell race took place on Wednesday 7th June. Mr Whitehead is the organiser of this event. It is registered with the Fell Runners association (FRA) and included a full set of junior races. Over 30 KS1 & KS2 pupils took part in this race and the results can be found here.

Some fantastic Race pictures can also be found by clicking the following links Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Senior Fell Race



# **Anyone for Tennis?**

Year Three, Four, Five and Six had the opportunity to take part in a tennis coaching session at Ilkley tennis club, followed by watching some of the Ilkley Trophy professional matches.



Harvey in Year Three got a bronze medal at the Cumbria Open Karate Championships in the Kickmaster round. Well done Harvey - he looks very happy.





# Year 6 perform 'Pirates of the Curry Bean.'

Children from Year Six certainly had a piratical style when they performed an end-of-term nautical adventure the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean.'

Young twins Jackie & Liza Periwinkle, equipped with their treasure map, embarked on a swashbuckling adventure! The infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean tried to steal the map and kidnap their mother. Then the race was on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure! The cast took the audience on a voyage of adventure from Old London Docks to the mysterious island of Lumbago in the sea of Sciatica!

The cast consisted of pirates, sailors, tribes people, rats and even cheeky monkeys! The characters were colourful, the songs sparkling and the script was as sharp as a cutlass. Year Six were not daunted by the size of the stage at South Craven (even with only having a chance to rehearse in the space once and just before show time!).

A big thank you to South Craven for allowing us to use their theatre and a special thanks to Miss Cramby and student Grace who operated the lights and sound for us.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with costumes and line learning and most of all, for the generous donations given on the night. We raised an incredible £194 which will go towards







# **Living to Love**

### **Summer Fair & Grow A Pound**

Thank you to everyone who took part in Kildwick's Grow A Pound Initiative earlier this term. We were amazed and astounded at how this caught the children's imagination and the inventive ideas that children and parents came up with.

The grand total raised was £2278. We have asked parents and children how this money should be spent and will be looking to spend this in the autumn term.

Thanks also for the huge effort from the PTA to make the summer fair



### **ARPETE - World War Two Fun**

Year Six were visited by ARPete to consolidate their World War Two learning with an eco-friendly twist.

The children looked at a unique concept of environmental issues delivered through a Second World War home front input. ARPete taught the importance for us to "switch that light out" and how we should still be "digging for victory".

The class took part in a giant board game full of consequences for actions and discovered what day-to-day life was like during the war. ARPete had the children switching off the classroom lights at regular intervals, pulling on their cut out gas masks and dressing up as evacuees. They were even introduced to squander bug, the character portrayed as Hitler's friend that encouraged people to be wasteful.









# Field to fork potatoes

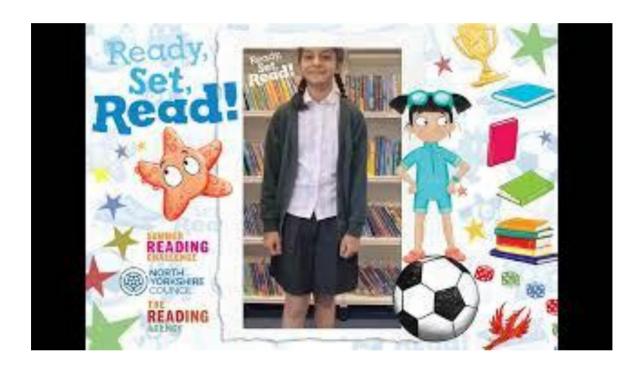
Keen Year 4 gardeners dug up the potatoes they planted at Easter with Mr Lewis. They washed them and presented them to the school kitchen. Donna has included them in the school dinners and they taste delicious!





### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge in all North Yorkshire Libraries during the school holidays. This year the theme is the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes (including a fold out frisbee) along the way – and everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in. The challenge has already started and runs until Sat 9th Sept so you can sign up at your local library now! Watch Fox Class from Bentham Community Primary School tell you all about it



07 Aug 10am & 2pm

08 Aug 10am & Ipn

Make greetings cards Nature inspired printing



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Thursday Saturday

Wednesday

CRAVEN MUSEUM MAKE & TAKE

26 Jul 10am & 1pm

Shakespeare themed crafts

SHAKESPEARE WEEK

ART CLUB

24 Jul 10am & 2pm

25 Jul Ham - 2pm

SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST

Shakespeare's Funny Bits

Calligraphy & paper dying

National Treasure FOLIO: Craven's

01 Aug 1.30 - 3pm

See website for full details PUPPET FESTIVAL

Make and create with wool

WORKSHOP

YARNDALE WOOLLY

SKIPTON

Puppet Portraits

Make a mini-me!

31 July 10am & 2pm

09 Aug 10am & Ipr

MAKE & TAKE CRAVEN MUSEUM Nature themed family crafts

**EXPLORERS** EARLY YEARS

Nature discoveries

10 Aug 11am & 2pm

SQUIRREL WALNUTKINS SAVES

THE PLANE

17 Aug 10am FOR THE DAY CURATOR

24 Aug 10am & 2pm Museum Workshop

23 Aug 10am & Ipm CRAVEN MUSEUM DIG & DISCOVER activities! Archaeology-inspired

Transport themed crafts MAKE & TAKE 30 Aug 10am & 1pm CRAVEN MUSEUM OBJECT HANDLING CRAVEN MUSEUM

all day

LOCAL HISTORY WEEK

ART CLUB

28 Aug 10am & 2pm

29 Aug 10am, 12, 2pm

Make a door plaque

Family craft workshop

HISTORY

SCULPT YOUR

Roses & Castles Canal Ar

SCIENCE WEEK

Creative discoveries

Prehistoric workshop

Science toy crafts

Science Meets Art

21 Aug 10am & 2pm

22 Aug 10am & Ipm

EARLY YEARS

**EXPLORERS** 

Painting on canvas

Fun with famous artists **EXPLORERS** 

> MAKE & TAKE CRAVEN MUSEUM

Yorkshire art themed crafts

Discover David Hockney

ART CLUB

14 Aug 10am & 2pm

15 Aug 10am & Ipm

16 Aug 10am & Ipm

EARLY YEARS

ART CLUB

27 Jul 2pm

28 Jul 11am & 2pm

29 Jul 10.30am - 5pm

A MIDSUMMER

NIGHT'S MISCHIEF

Family theatre

Make your own book

WORKSHOP BOOKBINDING

The 'disability Taskmaster!' **BLUE BADGE BUNCH** nteractive family game show

03 Aug SKIPTON

04 Aug

05 Aug (& Sun 06)

SKIPTON

See website for full details PUPPET FESTIVAL SKIPTON

PUPPET FESTIVAL See website for full details & EXPLORING NATURE II Aug II am & 2pm KIDS COMEDY SHOW See website for full details PUPPET FESTIVAL

CRAVEN MUSEUM

12 Aug all day

OBJECT HANDLING

SLOW LOOKING 18 Aug all day AT CRAVEN MUSEUM Museum & Gallery trail ART TRAIL

19 Aug all day

ARTTRAIL SLOW LOOKING

25 Aug See website for details Forensics Workshops FIZZPOP SCIENCE

01 Sep 11am & 2pm OF SKIPTON TOWN HALL HERITAGE TOUR

> 26 Aug 10am & 2pm Museum & Gallery trail SILENT DISCO MAD SCIENTIST

02 Sep all day CRAVEN MEMORIES PHOTOS OF THE