

Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredibly busy term with so much to be proud of and celebrate as this newsletter goes on to show! Lots of fantastic learning has taken place both for pupils and staff. I was blown away by the performance of 'Roll Back the Stone' in church last week. I am sure you will agree that the children sang, acted and spoke with great timing and confidence.

It was great to welcome you into school for our parent consultation evenings this week and as always I would like to thank the entire school community for your continued support.

We would like to thank Miss Norton for all her hard work during her time with us covering Mrs Snook's maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the future. We welcome Mrs Snook as she returns from her maternity leave after Easter.

We welcome Mrs Coupe onto the staff team as a midday supervisor. Mrs Coupe will also be supporting the children who go horse-riding on a Monday and going swimming with the Year Two children on a Thursday.

The Kildwick tradition of pancake making with Mr. Whitehead continued and as usual we managed to set the fire alarm off!

Children have had the opportunity to take part in a whole class sporting event with the Skipton Sports Partnership. This was a Sports Trilogy and included Kingfishers and Owls. Our local cluster events at South Craven have included KS2 football, basketball and netball. The cross country series concluded at Marley with a sterling performance from all pupils. The t-shirts are currently in the design production stage. We also had four pupils representing school in the North Yorkshire Cross Country final at Giggleswick. They all performed brilliantly, with Thomas (Year Four) coming first. Well done all!

All children in school have visited a place of worship this term. This forms part of our program of study for religious education. This year, KS2 visited a Hindu Temple and KS1 and Robins visited a Sikh Temple.

We were so impressed with the performance of 'The Secret Garden' on World Book Day that we immediately booked the theatre production company for next year. They will be performing The Wizard of Oz. We can't wait!

Science Week was brought to life with a visit from Zoo Lab. The children thoroughly enjoyed a chance to handle different animals and they came with an abundance of facts and information which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



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The first Refill pop up shop opened this week which was a resounding success. We have had some wonderful suggestions on how to move forward and improve this offer. Watch this space. Thanks to all parents that have supported our Eco Warriors in setting this initiative up.

We finished the term with an Easter Fun Run for EYFS and Key Stage One, organised by the PTA. This was a huge success, unfortunately the Key Stage Two run had to be postponed because of the conditions on the Rec. However, we did get to see some amazing Easter outfits from across the school and some impressive Easter crafts. We will share the amount raised with you after the Easter break along with plans on how the funds will be spent. As always, a big thank you to those that support the organisation of PTA events. Please do help in whichever way you can, it is appreciated!

Well done to the Year Six children who raised £134 for Comic Relief and a big thank you to everyone who donated buns. We are also very proud to have smashed our target of £100 for World Down Syndrome Day - at the time of writing we had made £174 and enjoyed wearing our funky socks! It is great to see the children so invested in raising money for others and very much in line with our 'Living to Love' ethos. If there is a charity close to your heart that you would like children to raise money for please do email the office.

Please take the time to look back over our previous weekly newsletters which are full of information about community events taking place over the Easter period. All newsletters can be found on the school website.

For those of you who will be marking the holy month - Ramadan Mubarak!

For everyone celebrating Easter, I hope you can take the time to reflect on the most important event in the Christian Calendar.

A reminder that Monday 8th April is a staff training day, staff will be updating their First Aid qualifications. School is not open to children until Tuesday 9th April.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 9th.

Mr T Whitehead

Headteacher

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Robins

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and it's amazing to see how far they have come over the Spring term. I was very disappointed to be on training for the World Book Day 'Secret Garden' performance. I am told that the children all enjoyed it and were very engaged throughout the performance. I will make sure that I am in school for the next one!



As well as World Book Day we have celebrated British Science Week this half term. The zoo lab visit was a big success, we were particularly excited to see a frog climb up our classroom wall! I wasn't quite as excited to see the hissing cockroaches but the children found them very impressive and some children really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones by touching or holding them!

In Geography we have been learning all about Kenya and there is some impressive knowledge from the children. We have been learning about seasons in the UK and the wet and dry seasons in Kenya. Lots of children now know what a 'savannah' is and they are great at reciting their continents. Give them a quick knowledge check at home to see if they remember which continent we live in and which one Kenya is in. We have also been learning a song in Swahili which is very catchy! Have a look on the Google Classroom.

In Science we have continued our work on materials with lots of opportunities to explore and investigate objects and materials from around school. The children are very good at knowing what different materials are used for and why. We have also been thinking about which materials are made by humans and which are natural.



We have been thinking about Easter and enjoyed our Easter celebrations - particularly having our grown ups in for lunch and then the Fun Run. Thank you to all who were able to come along and enjoy these school events with us.



Have a relaxing Easter break and we will see you in the Summer term.

Miss Akrigg and all the staff in Robins.



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Swallows

We continue to be impressed with how hard Swallows children are working and their positive attitude towards new experiences and challenges. We have managed to jam pack another five week half term with fun and learning.

We thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance of 'The Secret Garden' to celebrate world book day. It was lovely that some children then brought the book into school so we could share the story again.

As well as World Book Day, we celebrated British Science Week this half term. The zoo lab visited us with huge success. The children were so engaged; asking questions and sharing their own knowledge of animals. The children pushed themselves out of their comfort zone by holding or touching the animals. They particularly enjoyed learning that the Madagascan Hissing Cockroach was like a superhero and it could be frozen for a year and once defrosted still be alive!

In science, we have continued exploring materials. The children have used a wide range of vocabulary to describe materials, classified in different ways and carried out simple experiments such as which fabric would make the best PE kit.

We enjoyed reading our moving story books to Reception children who were a very good audience before beginning to create paper structures. The children have learnt different techniques to roll and fold paper to create 3d paper sculptures.

In computing, both Year One and Two have been learning about algorithms. They have created mazes and written instructions to get through them, given a partner instructions to see if they could create a matching lego model without looking and tried a variety of games on the chromebooks which have explored algorithms.

In Geography, we have learnt all about Kenya and compared it to the United Kingdom. The children are amazing at naming our seven continents and know that Kenya is in Africa. We have compared houses, weather and the life of a child from the Maasai tribe to ours.

We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Abbas and Mr Robertshaw as they move onto the next stage of their teaching degree. They have been a great asset to Swallows class over the last two months. However we do welcome Miss Smeaton and Miss Mahmood into class until May. Have a restful Easter holidays. Hopefully we will experience some blue skies and sunshine! We look forward to welcoming you back into school for our summer term. Mrs Carpenter and the Swallows team.



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Kingfishers

Another really busy five week term for Kingfishers class! In Geography this half term we have explored coasts around Britain. It was lovely for the children to draw on their own experiences in this topic, talking about the different coasts they have visited around the country. They have explored the technical processes of erosion!

In art, the children have been exploring sculptures and abstract art. This has called for them to think carefully about how 3D art is formed and manipulated to stand freely. They particularly enjoyed creating their own sculptures using cardboard. When doing this they were challenged not to use glue or tape. They instead had to use cuts and slots to keep their art work connected.

In science, we have looked at the journey food takes through our bodies. This meant first understanding the role of each tooth. We learnt that different animals have different sets of teeth depending on whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We then moved onto exploring the digestion process within the body. We found that there are many organs working together in the body that we didn't know were part of the digestion process.

The class especially enjoyed the opportunity to watch The Secret Garden performance. This in turn created a drive for the children to entertain and enthuse their audience in Roll Back The Stone. Well done to everyone on the great performance.

The most exciting moment of the half term for the children was definitely our animal visit. We were taken on a virtual ride through time. Looking at how climate change has affected animals on our planet. We were also introduced to a number of animals found all around the world.

I want to say a massive thank you to all of the children in Kingfishers class for making my time at Kildwick so lovely! I wish them all the best as they grow up and flourish!

Miss Norton



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Owls

The Owls have been busy contemplating the advantages and disadvantages of social media on the lives of young people. This discussion coincided with the government suggestion of a ban on mobile phones in schools. After weighing the pros and cons the children chose the most important points to include in a leaflet designed to help parents keep their children safe online.

Science lessons have covered the different parts of the digestive system and teeth of animals & humans. To investigate which liquids are better or worse for our teeth, we submerged hard boiled eggs in different liquids for a week. The shell of the egg is similar to the enamel on our teeth. Observing what happens to the shell will show us which drinks are more harmful to our teeth.

British Science Week was marked by a visit for Zoolab. Stassia brought in some of her animals to help us understand the concept of 'time' in the biological world. We started in the year 1780 and finished in 2100. Cockroaches, snakes, frogs, rats and tarantulas helped us understand that we humans need to look after the planet for ourselves and the other animals.

Finally, Owls class took a starring role in our Easter production of 'Roll Back The Stone'. This show presented the Easter story in seven songs with short linking narratives. The cantata opened with a 'Hosanna Jesus' - that told of the journey along crowd-lined roads into Jerusalem. The story then moved on to Judas' betrayal, the Last Supper, Jesus' trial, mockery and crucifixion, finishing with the joyful resurrection song 'Roll Back The Stone'. It was fantastic to see those children that had volunteered for parts really take the opportunity to shine and impress us all with their confident singing, acting and narration.





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Eagles

Year Six have had a great five weeks. We've managed to pack an awful lot into such a short time. Dare I say we have even started thinking about the end of Year Six activities - something that will be here before we know it!

Year Six are really getting the hang of showing off a wide range of writing features in their work. We had some brilliant pieces of descriptive writing describing the scarecrow Worzel Gummidge. This was followed by a newspaper report breaking the news that an earthquake had struck Kildwick.

We ended the term with two trips. One to Crucial Crew and the other to a Hindu temple. Crucial Crew equipped us with the skills to keep ourselves safe and the temple opened our eyes to other religions. At Crucial Crew, the children worked their way around various workshops including: fire safety, smoking and CPR. Each workshop was delivered by a range of local professionals including police officers.

A definite highlight over the term has been reading 'Wild Boy' by Rob Lloyd Jones. The book had us discussing possible theories and motives ... and not trusting any characters by the end of it! It's clear that Year Six are fans of a spooky, dark story, so the start of 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells has gone down a treat too.

In DT this half term, the children have researched, designed and created a steady hand game for the children in Swallows class. The children all came up with some great designs and the Swallows children are looking forward to testing the games after Easter.

We had tag rugby training from Darren from Skipton Rugby Club in preparation for a tournament against other schools after the holidays. Another activity Year Six have enjoyed this half term is benchball - a game that certainly brings out the competitive side in all of them!

Along with the rest of school, we enjoyed our visit from Zoo Lab for British Science Week. All children got up close and personal with a variety of animals, although some children were more keen than others!

We've got a big half term next time with lots of opportunities and trips, and also our SATs tests. The children are definitely ready for all of the challenges that the last term of primary school throws at them!

