

# Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to finish this half term with 'Walk to School' week. The children have had a focus each day with an opportunity to think about the benefits of walking to school including observing nature, the magic of movement and the happiness that comes from walking before school. We have also discussed the positive impact that this will have on the environment and the world that the children are growing up in. Thank you to the parents and carers who supported this by walking their children to school or parking away from school.

Sports Day was a great success and enjoyed by all, whether taking part, helping organise the events or observing. In true tradition, the weather always plays a big factor in deciding if these events can go ahead and fortunately we managed to go ahead with all Key Stages within a two week window. Thanks to parents for supporting these events.

Pupils have also enjoyed attending the Brownlee triathlon event, a climbing competition at High Adventure in which Kildwick came 1st, a competitive cycling event day with Year Six and of course our very own Kildwick Fell Race. Thanks to all parents and the PTA for your support. We finished the half term with a fundraiser for SELFA in Skipton and had a whole school non uniform day. Year Six delivered an ice pop to every child in our bid to support a local charity who provide support to a number of children in our school.

Year Six have completed their SATs tests and have one more half term to go with us here at Kildwick. We are not quite ready to let them go yet and we have planned lots of fun activities to look forward to.

Well done to Mrs Swenson for completing the 10k Race for Life and raising money for Cancer research. I think she has caught the running bug and is planning her next race.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Mr Tim Whitehead

Headteacher



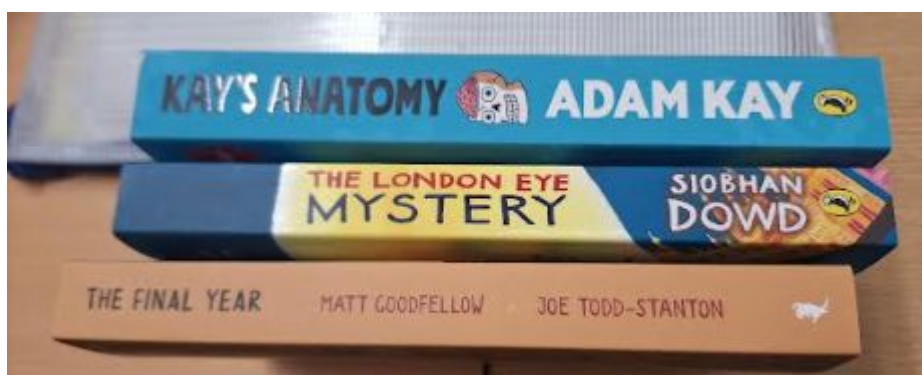
## Mini Ringers



Chris Wright has contacted school to say how proud he was of the seven mini ringers who were able to be at Grassington. Chris acknowledged that with a younger group this year than in past years he was slightly concerned that boredom may set in. He was delighted to be proved wrong on this. In his words, 'Your behaviour was brilliant and it was lovely to see the intelligent interest you were taking in the different styles of ringing displayed by the other teams'. He went on to say, 'You played your pieces well and I was really impressed with the way that you all picked up after a small glitch.' The children joined in with the really complicated massed ringing of "Chariots of Fire" So very well done to Olivia, Esmae, Sydney, Georgia, Tommy, Gabrielle and Ethan. We're very proud of you! A big thank you must also go to those parents and carers who attended to support the children.

## Book Donations

Thank you so much to the family/families who have donated three books to our school. These have been bought via our link with The Little Bookshop in Skipton. If you would like to donate a book to school, please visit our link .....





## Triathlon

Key Stage 2 children had an exhilarating experience participating in a triathlon organised by the Brownlee Foundation at Bradford Grammar School. The young athletes showcased their endurance and determination as they first swam around the pool, then transitioned seamlessly into a run before jumping onto bicycles for the cycling segment, and finally finishing strong with another run. At the finishing line, each child was awarded a medal and a goody bag filled with treats, including popcorn. The day was made even more special by the presence of the Brownlee brothers themselves, who cheered on the participants!



## Sports Day

Both Sports Days were a great success with children not only showing off their sporting talents but also their resilience, perseverance and team spirit. Year Five children evidenced that they are more than ready for buddy responsibilities by planning, preparing and supervising the sporting activities for Robins and Swallows. There are lots more sporting events in Summer two for the children to take part in.





# 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 we are now planning for the last half term of this school 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.

We were extremely proud of the children on sports day and they really highlighted how far they have come in terms of listening to and following adult instructions. It was lovely to see the children having a go at each activity and enjoying sports and competing against each other.

In Science, we have been germinating and planting. We spent time in the Peggy Wilson community garden observing garden and wild plants. The children have been learning all about deciduous and evergreen trees. For year one children this was knowledge they should know from Reception and the Reception children were introduced to new knowledge. We also enjoyed a picnic on the Peggy Wilson playing field (aka the Rec!). It has been lovely to finally enjoy the outdoors!

The children are progressing well in phonics and the year ones are getting ready for the phonic screening test. Please see Google Classroom for more information. We are working very hard on handwriting and taking pride in our work and presentation. We have applied our phonic knowledge to writing using 'Here We Are' which has been our class text. The Year One children have been working hard on composing their own sentences and editing their work to make it even better.

Year One children have continued to enjoy their Maths lessons with Mrs Kingham and Mrs Matthews alongside the Year One children in Swallows class. Reception children are really starting to show fluency with their mental maths skills and have been working really hard on their number bonds to ten.

In History, the children have been learning all about seaside holidays in the past. I was so impressed at their recall of the key knowledge. 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 great half term and we will see you soon for the final half term of this year!

Miss Akrigg and all the staff in Robins.





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## Swallows

We are fast approaching the end of the school year. This half term has been extremely busy and full of fun.

We have enjoyed the sunshine which has allowed us to spend more at the rec. Here we have looked for wild and garden flowers, collected and classified leaves and planted bean seeds. As always, the children also enjoyed building dens, opening flower shops and having a chance to burn off lots of energy. This was followed by a picnic and ice cream!

We enjoyed sports day at the rec. The children impressed us with both their skills and resilience. It is always lovely to see them cheer each other on and keep going especially in the marathon!

In History, we have learnt about seashores from the past and compared this to seaside holidays now. The children have used clues from photographs to learn about the past and sorted pictures from 100 years ago, 50 years ago and now.

In writing, the children are writing with much more stamina. Firstly, we used Grandad's Camper as our focus text. Within this, we had a pretend campfire and enjoyed s'mores. Then we began learning about the features of writing instructions. The children certainly are able to think of bossy words! We made and enjoyed jam sandwiches before writing instructions so that someone else could make a sandwich too.

Both Year One and Year Two are working really hard in maths. They become fluent mathematicians in key skills such as multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10's, number bonds to ten and twenty, doubling and halving numbers.

We are busy planning our final half term before the summer holidays and are looking forward to a trip to wild explorers and exploring life cycles with some live caterpillars.

We hope you have a fantastic half term with your families. Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Carpenter and the Swallows team.



## Loving to Learn

### Kingfishers

We have had a super and very busy time this half term. The children have worked really hard and have really impressed me with their enthusiasm in school.

We have had lots of sports fun this half term, including the year 4 residential, our tennis trip to Sandylands Sports Centre and Sports Day on the rec. At Sandylands, children practised lots of different tennis skills and had a brilliant time. They represented the school very well with their fantastic behaviour. At Sports Day they took part in a number of events and it was lovely to see such happy participation and the way the children supported their friends and classmates. We have also had lots of fun on the rec for playtimes and PE this half term. I know that Mrs Oswald has been so impressed with the children's progress in cricket. Mrs Oswald has also mentioned how impressed she has been with the children's Spanish and RE learning.

In History, the children have been learning about the Vikings. The children have remembered lots from their previous Anglo-Saxons topics and have been able to make links between the two. They especially enjoyed comparing the Viking punishments with the Anglo-Saxon ones!

In Science, we have been learning about plants. We have planted some sunflowers and are tracking their progress, testing whether the number of seeds per pots makes a difference. The children have been brilliant at remembering to water and measure these.

We have enjoyed learning about spreadsheets and data in computing, making our own and using filters to research about holidays.

In DT, we have completed a project on wearable technology. This included programming a micro-bit and then making something wearable to attach it to. The children had so many creative ideas and have loved doing this.

Well done Kingfishers for a super half term and I will look forward to seeing you again in Summer 2. We hope you have a restful break and thank you for your support.





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## Owls



As this half term draws to a close, we are delighted to share some of the wonderful achievements and memorable moments from Owls Class.

Firstly, our Year 4 pupils had the exciting opportunity to participate in a local maths competition at South Craven. The competition brought together bright young minds from various schools to tackle challenging mathematical problems and puzzles. Our students showcased their exceptional problem-solving skills and teamwork. Well done to those who participated.

We are thrilled to report significant progress in our golf sessions this term. From learning the basics of grip and stance to improving their swings and accuracy, every student has made good progress. Our budding golfers even developed their own holes and then tested them out. Keep swinging, Owls!



Next, they rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty as they prepared our raised beds for planting. Everyone enthusiastically weeded the beds, removing any unwanted plants to make way for our new crops. They then added rich, organic manure to nourish the soil, learning about its benefits for plant growth. With the beds ready, the children carefully planted broad beans and peas.



Finally, we want to thank you for your continuous support and encouragement. You can see below how much fun they all had at the tennis event run by Skipton Tennis Club. Without your support, such trips would not be possible. Have a good break!







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### Eagles

Year Six sailed through SATs week as we expected them to. Yes, there were a few tricky questions and a not-so-nice reasoning paper, but our children showed resilience and determination and managed to apply all of their knowledge from Key Stage Two. We will receive the results to the tests on 9th July, but the children already know how successful they have been. We are so proud of you!

We ended SATs week with receiving leavers' hoodies (which look amazing!) and a trip to Glusburn Park for ice cream and a picnic. It was lovely to spend time together to celebrate everything that had been achieved that week.

We've visited Eden Camp and had a great time consolidating our World War Two knowledge. We then produced persuasive leaflets to show everyone what Eden Camp has to offer.

In DT, we've had fun and learnt a life skill by creating a range of meals. Starters, main courses and dessert were made and sampled. Year Six then reviewed their dishes and reflected on the cooking process.

In English, we've really enjoyed reading Room 13 by Robert Swindells; it's obvious that Year Six are fans of a spooky story. Voting has commenced to decide on our final read together - always a tough choice. In our writing, we've been writing diaries based on the picture book 'Rose Blanche'. The children are getting experts at showing off all of their Year Six writing features and will have the opportunity to continue doing so in further pieces of writing after half term.

Well done on a challenging half term Year Six! You've got an exciting few final weeks left of primary school which are going to be packed with fun and memory making. It's also a really important time to consolidate all of our learning and make sure you are ready for September. Here's to the final half term!

