

Kildwick Chronicle

Spring Term 2025

Friday 21st March

Learning to Live

Living to Love

Loving to Learn

This week in school we have been celebrating and learning about neurodiversity for Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025. It's been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm towards understanding how our brains can work in different ways. As a school we are working towards building a future where diversity in all its forms is not just accepted, but also celebrated.

Through various activities, the children have been exploring the world of neurodiversity. They've been discovering how each person's brain is unique, leading to diverse ways of thinking, learning, and interacting with the world around us. We are working hard to help children recognise the strengths that neurodiversity brings to our community and society. They children are learning that having brains that work differently isn't just okay – it's actually a huge asset to society.

To our wonderful neurodivergent children: we are always so proud of your daily accomplishments and celebrate the unique superpowers you bring to our school community. Your abilities are not just differences, but valuable assets that make our school a better place to be. Thank you!

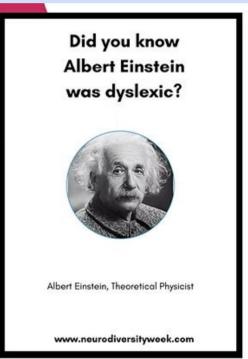
Also a big thank you goes to the staff who have shared their thoughts, experiences and personal circumstances around neurodiversity on this newsletter.

Key Stage Two Write For You!

This week we have been learning all about neurodiversity - these are some of our thoughts!

- It's how a brain works.
- Neurodiversity is a learning disorder that makes your brain function differently to everyone else.
- Some people who find one thing difficult, will have a strength somewhere else.
- With ADHD, Autism and dyslexia it can sometimes help your brain, it doesn't mean it always slows down your brain.
- Sometimes people can see different things to others and sometimes people hear different things.
- Through life we are all at different levels, neurodiversity doesn't mean you can't achieve.
- Some people with ADHD might need something to do to help them concentrate, if you are asked to do something, something else might distract you.
- Anyone can do anything it's just a matter of whether you give up or not!

Seth, Anna, Evelyn, Oliver, Tommy, Gabrielle, Harris, Ethan: Owls Class



e are all different

We're having a special Easter Dinner on Wednesday 2nd April!

If your child does not normally have school dinners and would like to on this day, please email the school office by Monday 24th March!





Eco Warriors - Top Tips For Home!

Each week our Eco Warriors are going to share a top tip for home. This is your chance to help them in their work to make positive changes for the future.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT BLACK PLASTIC CANNOT BE RECYCLED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHEELIE BIN.



Did you know Emma Watson has ADHD?



"I don't want other people to decide what I am. I want to decide that for myself"

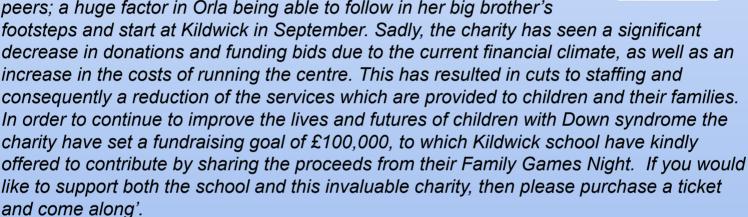
- Emma Watson, Actor / Activist

www.neurodiversityweek.com

Easter Games Night

On Thursday, 3rd April, we will be hosting a games night from 6pm to 7pm. This is to raise money for the school PTA and the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service. We are hoping to help this service work towards their £100,000 fundraising target for 2025 following a reduction in funding.

This is a charity close to our hearts as they support Leo's (year 2) sister Orla and their family. Orla will be joining us at Kildwick from September. Orla's Mum says, 'The Down Syndrome Training and Support Service, based in Bingley, is a charity which aims to improve outcomes for people with Down syndrome. Orla has attended their Early Development Groups since being 8 weeks old and these sessions support children in becoming ready to start mainstream education alongside their typical peers; a huge factor in Orla being able to follow in her big brother's



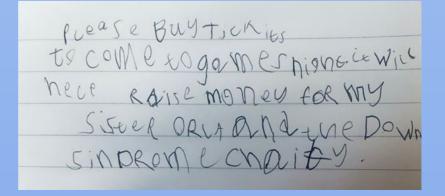
We would love for you to join us for Pie and Peas and to play some family-friendly games. This is a chance to spend time with our wonderful school community and help raise lots of money for an amazing charity. Tickets are now available for purchase through ParentPay.

On Thursday 27th March children are welcome to come into school in non uniform. We would ask that children bring a donation of a prize for games night which could be chocolate, sweets, a bottle (for the bottle stall) an unwanted gift or anything else we could use on a stall or as a prize.

Please buy your tickets before Friday 28th March so that we have numbers for food. Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

A message from Leo....





Refill Shop

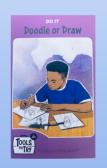
The next refill shop will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 3.30pm in school.



Zones of Regulation Top Tips for Home!

Each week we share a 'tool' from the Zones of Regulation 'toolkit' in this section of the newsletter.

These are strategies for adults and children to use to help recognise and manage emotions. See the first newsletter of this academic year for further information on the zones. You could try this at home—have a look at this week's tool. If you would like any further information you can contact Mrs Swales.

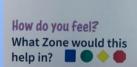


DO IT Doodle or Draw

Grab your favorite pen, marker, or pencil and create a sketch, drawing, or simple doodle. There is not a right or wrong way to make art. Draw something that brings you joy or relaxation and taps into your creativity.

Why to try?

Doodling can help to provide focused attention while listening to a speaker. It allows us to develop the creative side of our brain. Creating art can make us feel calm and centered.





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Top Tip from Mrs Kingham - Shoelaces!

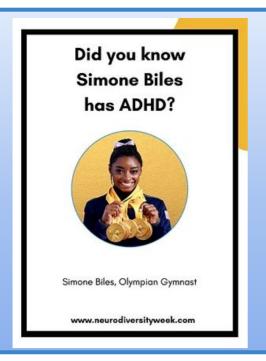
Last week on my playground duties I had to tie quite a few shoelaces. This got me thinking about my experiences as a parent. As a mum of a daughter with dyslexia, we have struggled with tying shoelaces for many years. The processing of the steps causes a lot of problems. We have used videos on youtube using the 'bunny ears' method seen here e.g. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2KcPbhSfBo or "around the tree"method e,g. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQvIXvtZH0Y

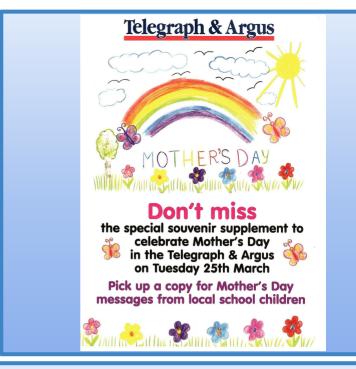
These methods did not work for my daughter, so we looked for alternatives. This picture shows a great solution for us. We have taken the laces out of these trainers and threaded elastic ties that are connected

with a drawstring. You can buy these online if you search for "no tie elastic laces". They have been brilliant for a Y8 child who now no longer needs a friend to tie her shoelace.

If you have any questions, please get in touch c.kingham@kildwickce.uk







Neurodiversity Week: Understanding Tourette's Syndrome

A Parent Perspective - By Mrs Carpenter

Neurodiversity Week is an opportunity to celebrate and understand the different ways our brains work. As a parent, I have learned firsthand about the challenges and strengths that come with neurodivergence. My 14-year-old daughter has Tourette's syndrome, a condition that causes involuntary verbal and motor tics, including swearing. Diagnosed in Year 6, she has faced many challenges, not just from the condition itself, but also from the way people react to it.

One of the hardest aspects of Tourette's is the people's misunderstanding. Many people assume that Tourette's is just about swearing, but that's only a small part of the reality with only 10% of people with Tourettes swearing. My daughter experiences verbal, motor tics and swearing all of which are unpredictable and exhausting. The reactions of others can range from curiosity to outright judgment, making social situations difficult especially in new or unfamiliar places.

Despite these challenges, she has developed remarkable resilience. She faces each day with a strong sense of humour and determination, qualities that help her navigate a world that often misunderstands her. Like all young people, she wants to be accepted and included, which is why strong friendships are so important. Her friends—those who take the time to understand her—provide a support network that allows her to thrive. A little kindness, patience, and education go a long way in making life easier for individuals with Tourette's.

Anxiety often accompanies Tourette's, adding another layer of difficulty. The fear of being judged or drawing attention can be overwhelming. However, when people respond with empathy rather than assumptions, it creates a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Neurodiversity Week is a chance for all of us to learn, grow, and embrace differences. Understanding conditions like Tourette's helps us move toward a more accepting and inclusive society. My hope is that through education and awareness, we can create a world where neurodivergent individuals are celebrated for who they are, rather

than judged for what makes them different.







SEND @ Kildwick

It is important that everyone in our school community understands about SEND. Even if your child does not have Special Educational Needs they are in class with children who do. We are an inclusive school and it is important that all members of our school community understand and value all children in our school.

The following information is taken from the Neurodiversity Celebration Week Website which can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Further helpful website here.

What is neurodiversity?

When it comes to inclusion, neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised and respected as all other human variations.

Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. And no matter whether you are a school, university or organisation you can benefit from different thinkers!

Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.



Parent Forum

SEND Visitor to School

Friday 25th April at 9.15am



On Friday 25th April Miss Akrigg, Mrs Carpenter and Mrs Swales will be holding a Parent Forum with a focus on SEND. We have invited Catherine Ostler from Parent and Carer Voice North Yorkshire to join us. This service represents and supports parents and carers of children with SEND. This is a fantastic service - please take the opportunity to come and find our more information if you can! Further details can be found here.

Catherine will be able to share with us information on training and well being sessions which will be on offer to parents over the summer term.



This week certificates have been awarded to:

Robins	Learning to Live — Rowan & Violet
	Living to Love — Arley & Grayson
	Loving to Learn — Lenny & Reuben
Swallows	Learning to Live — Isla
	Living to Love — Arthur
	Loving to Learn — Tabitha
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Joseph
	Living to Love — Isla B
	Loving to Learn — Dexter J
Owls	Learning to Live — Rosie
	Living to Love — Oliver
	Loving to Learn — Archie C
Eagles	Learning to Live — Imogen
	Living to Love — Susanna
	Loving to Learn — Esmae



Governor Meetings and Updates

Governors will be meeting on the following dates:

27/03/25 - Full Governing Body

30/04/25 - Curriculum Committee

13/05/25 - Finance Committee

19/06/25 - Full Governing Body

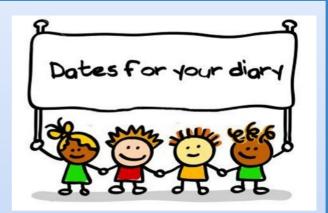
09/07/25 - Full Governing Body

The latest information about the work of the school Governing body can be found here.

Extra Curricular Clubs next week

Monday	EYFS/KS1 & Y3 - Dance with Firehouse KS2 - Running with Mr Whitehead (finishes at 4.20pm)
Tuesday	EYFS/KS1 - Construction with Miss Taylor KS2 - Music with Mr Schofield
Wednesday	EYFS/KS1 - Art Club with Art Star KS2 - Chinese Basic Language & Traditions with Mrs Coupe (finishes at 4.20pm)
Thursday	EYFS/KS1 Cookery Club with Donna and Miss Howarth
Friday	KS2 & Y2 - Gymnastics with Ambitions (finishes at 4.20pm)

Diary Dates



Monday 24th & Thursday 27th March - Parent Consultations

Thursday 27th March - Non Uniform for Games Night - Please see Games Night article.

Friday 28th March - Kingfishers and Owls to Sandylands (Sports Trilogy)
Monday 31st March - Owls and Kingfishers Easter production - 5.30pm
Wednesday 2nd April - Refill Shop - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd April - Owls STEM visitor (Dave Rockett from Northern Gas Network)

Thursday 3rd April - Family Games Night 6pm - 7pm - Everyone welcome! Please buy tickets via parentpay.

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter

Friday 25th April - Eagles to Sandylands (Tennis)

Friday 25th April - SEN Parent Forum

Wednesday 7th May - Robins and Swallows Great Fire of London Workshops in school.

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - SATS Week - Year 6
Wednesday 14th May - Kingfisher and Owls Cliffe Castle - Music Visit
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May - Y6 Bewerley Park Residential
Friday 23rd May - Year 6 cycling

Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term

Community Events & Groups





Email ruth@art-star.co.uk to reserve a place. Payment via BAC's or cash. £60 per 6wks paid in advance. Healthy snacks,

rinks and biscuits included plus all materials.









The class will run, then they'll be time for talking etc after class if anyone wants to stay.

The first class will be on Sunday 23rd March

Just follow the link below

www.bookwhen.com/moomusicks





Community Activities & Clubs

If you run any clubs in the community or know of any that would like to share their details here please contact the school office. office@kildwickce.uk













Easter Holiday Clubs





children and young people this school holiday.









Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone Everyone in North Yorkshire can join in, with FREE places for those from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

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EASTER ROCK CLIMBING

TENNIS CENTRE



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abselling and weaselling, it is an actionpacked day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and we'll provide the rest.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)





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