



# KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

#### FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
<b>RIPLEY</b>	96%	96%	96%	97%	NA
<b>BECKWITHSHAW</b>	95%	94%	95%	98%	95%
<b>KETTLESING</b>	96%	98%	96%	96%	NA

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

#### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we come towards the end of the Spring Term I would like to share some wonderful highlights with you and reflect on what has been another, outstanding term.

Children have experienced a wealth of enrichment activities: Railway Museum, Leeds City Museum, Leeds City Art Gallery, Zoom calls with NASA Astronauts, Zoom calls with famous authors and illustrators, life-saving Mini-Medics, chicks, Wonderdome, dance competitions, Easter bonnet parades and much more! These valuable experiences lift our curriculum off the paper and give your children the most memorable life experiences. You can follow all our activities on our social media accounts.

In addition to the above, we have again been successful with gaining awards: all schools receiving national attendance awards -Beckwithshaw and Ripley in the top 25% and Kettlesing in the top 10%! Kettlesing and Beckwithshaw have also been shortlisted for the Service Children's Friendly School Award 2024 (we find out on 22.03) and the Kettlesingers sang beautifully in the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival 2024. As you can see, even though a short term, we have done so much!

Thank you so much to all those who filled in our Spring Term Questionnaire, as you will see from the above, trips, visits, clubs, staffing, and experiences post pandemic were key points raised from Autumn along with help for homework to support yourselves and increased communication channels. The questionnaires are a super way for us to support you and to action your ideas and thoughts. Thank you so much for all the wonderful responses to this term's. Highlights being that your children are telling you all about their learning when they get home; communication continues to be much improved; staffing is settled and children learning well; your children have access to more clubs and trips and the competitions they now take part in build that team spirit . 100% feel their child is kept safe at school; that your child does well in school and that 'staff are working well together and are happy and fulfilled in their job. They all know the children even if they are not in their class.' All these comments really do shine through.

Of course, there are always things for us to reflect on and this is why we hugely value not only termly questionnaires but the conversations we have with you. The feedback regarding teacher/TA support if staff are redeployed for behaviour support; increased usage of school fields, even more whole federation events; FORS, FOBS and FOKS targeted fundraising ; cooking and baking (life skills) and even more clubs on offer will all be discussion points as we transition after Easter from an IEB to a Full Governing body: another hugely exciting and positive move forward for our federation.

I continue to be proud of all stakeholders and to lead this wonderfully successful federation of schools - I know you are too as 100% of those who completed the questionnaire felt proud that their child attends our federation. How delightful!

Wishing you all a restful, Easter break and on behalf of all staff, thank you.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
25th March - 5th April	Easter Holidays - School closed to all pupils
8th April	Staff Training Day - School Closed
9th April	School Re-Opens to all pupils
9th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Kettlesing
10th - 15th April	Scholastics Book Fair
12th April	SMSC - Flag Day
16th April	Sean Perkins Author Talk
18th April	Class 1 Harlow Carr Trip
19th April	Owl Adventures
19th April	Royal Hall Rehearsal - 3.45pm at Ripley
26th April	Forces Assembly - pupils only
26th April	Royal Hall Concert
6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
WC 13th May	KS2 SATS
24th May	Last Day of Summer 1 Half Term

#### Harrogate District School of Sanctuary

We are delighted that due to a very kind donation of £71.00 this half term, our total now stands at

**£926.55**



School of  
**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

## Reminders, Updates, and Information

**PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS** - Please ensure all outstanding balances on your child's ParentMail accounts are settled in full by the end of the Spring term/Easter Holidays.

A polite reminder that all school dinners, and wraparound care bookings should be paid for in advance of the meal/session being taken. Where dinners or wraparound care fall into arrears, letters will be sent home in line North Yorkshires policies, and the T&C's of Club.

**As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to call Mrs Randall on 01423 770160**

## CLUBS FOR SPRING 2

**Tuesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Athletics Club with Sporting Influence**

**Tuesday Lunchtime - Royal Hall choir with Mrs Foster**

**Wednesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC**

**Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm - Art Club with Mrs Fiveash**

Athletics will replace Dodgeball, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Athletics have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 7 weeks from WC 09.04.24 - WC 20.05.24. The full payment of £31.50 will be required to secure your child's place.

**Booking and Payment for all clubs are now available on Parentmail, and will be on a first come first serve basis.**

**BOOKING WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024**

### **SATS CLUB - Year 6**

**Mrs Fiveash will be running a Year 6 SATS Club every Thursday lunchtime - this club is free of charge**

## House Point Tally



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, our federation celebrated all of the wonderful words found in the amazing literature we read. The day started the by reading our key text 'The Barnabus Project' and sharing our fabulous word costumes. Classes then created different elements from the Barnabus Project to make a wonderful display, and took part in a vocabulary parade. What an amazing effort from everyone!



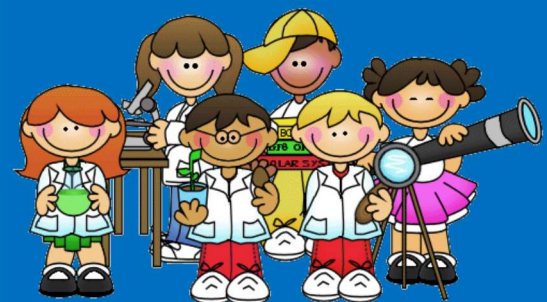
### KS1 DANCE COMPETITION

Mrs Farrimond had the pleasure of taking Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the KS1 dance tournament at Ashville College. The children performed incredibly and won 'Best Formation' for their Ghostbusters dance!



### SCIENCE WEEK

What a fabulous week exploring Science and bringing the curriculum to life! A real highlight for classes 2 and 3 was our mini medics day, where children learnt how to be life savers! In the morning they learnt how to put people in the recover position and CPR, and in the afternoon they learnt about choking, as well as how to bandage a wound. Congratulations to our new mini medics! They will all be receiving a certificate in due course.



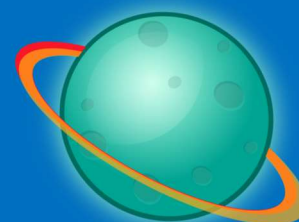
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### COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to all who donated. We raised £33 for this amazing cause, and the children learnt all about how their money will help.



### THE WONDERDOME



The children of Kettlesing all enjoyed visiting the wonderdome. They have been learning all about our solar system, our Galaxy "the milkyway", as well as lots of information about the 8 planets, stars and how rockets are built. We also found out how an astronaut brushes their teeth! Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising such a fun, educational and interactive experience.



### HARROGATE COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL FOR MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA



### KETTLESINGERS

A huge well done to our Kettlesingers who took part, and sang beautifully, at the Harrogate Competitive Festival for Music, Speech and Drama



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Class 1

Class One have been super busy this month.

They have been watching for the signs of Spring outside and looking at the bulbs beginning to sprout into flowers. Due to this interest we have been observing daffodils up close in our creative area. We looked carefully at their shape and have drawn and painted our own versions of Daffodils. We then used our phonics knowledge alongside a word bank to label our pictures.

We have also been learning some rhyming poems. We have been identifying rhyming words and had a go at creating our own rhyming poems. In Maths Reception have been looking at height - and using the words, tall, taller, short and shorter. We created different towers out of different objects and we used the correct language to describe them.



### Class 2



Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their topics this half term. They have discovered what makes a shadow, learned new vocabulary such as opaque, translucent and transparent and can explain why each of these types of shadow would occur. They have loved their topic of ballads, especially listening to Space Oddity by David Bowie! They created their own actions to match the lyrics from the story and are now starting to write their own ballad! They have researched all about the Amazon Rainforest in Geography and have linked this to their English by writing a non-chronological report on it. In French, they have been learning days of the week, months of the year and numbers to 31 so that they can say their birthday. They have really enjoyed their Forest School sessions, where they have built dens, used hammers and saws to make their own creations and made lots of different food using the fire circle. They also continue to work very hard on their Maths work which has been length and perimeter. Well done Class 2!

### Class 3

Mini Medics, Science Week and World Book Day have meant that Class 3 have been developing their skills and furthering their learning in many different areas of the curriculum this month. We have been learning more about the Rainforest, studying the different tribes that inhabit the Amazon, as well as the animals and plants that live in the different layers. We have been learning all about what unique animals wolves are, to enable us to write our non-chronological reports this week. Science week this week was made particularly special today, as Class 3 and Class joined together to share and extend their science and geography knowledge by creating shadow puppets for a Rainforest Shadow Theatre. Not only did both classes demonstrate excellent teamwork skills, but they produced a magical puppet show together.



## COMMUNITY

# LIVE FOR TODAY

*Disc Golf @ Ripley Castle*



# You're Invited!

**Saturday 30th March 2024**

**10am - 3pm | FREE**

Ripley residents are invited to join Live For Today to celebrate the launch of our latest activity on the castle grounds, Disc Golf.

**RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**



# COMMUNITY

## Woodland Wellbeing Forest School Sessions



**For children aged 6-12yrs**

**Saturdays 9.30-11.30am beginning Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**In the Grounds of Moorside Primary School and Nursery,  
Ripon, HG4 1SU**

**Ratio- 1 leader: 4 children (total 8 places)**

**This is a programme of 6 sessions aimed at supporting children with their  
physical, social and emotional wellbeing**

**Forest School in a small group environment, where individuals can be supported  
and have the space to flourish in nature**

**Our leaders play and explore with the children; side by side using a therapeutic  
approach, to build their confidence, resilience, independence and self-esteem**

**Sessions include natural craft, tools, fire lighting, campfire cooking, den building,  
mud play, tree climbing, hammocks and more....**

**£25 per session including snacks**

**For more information or to book:**

**Email- [outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com](mailto:outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com)**

**Call- 07739420136**

**Join our Facebook page- Outdoor Adventures Forest School**

# Safeguarding

**Skips Safety Net**

Keeping children safe online

## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Anneka Brown - Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642