



NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week we celebrated Anti-bullying Week in school. On Monday children came to school wearing odd socks to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate differences. This tied in lovely with Children in Need at the end of the week. Everyone looked great in their spotty clothes and accessories. Thank you for support and donations – we raised £60.10

It has also been another super week for sport. On Monday, Y3/4 took part in a Gymnastics Festival and our Y5/6 Football Team headed out on Thursday night to play in the weekly football league. Mrs Emery reports that despite a loss, the children worked so hard as a team, and have certainly improved their game. Well done to everyone who took part in both events.

A huge thank you for your donations for the Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal. We are delighted to have raised £124.40 for such a great cause.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- PHOTOTRONICS will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 5th December** to take individual and sibling photos – a great Christmas present idea!

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Polar Express Movie night! (Over 2 hours Child-Care!)

Friday 8th Dec, 3:15 until 5:30pm

Perfect opportunity for some Christmas Shopping/Prepping!

Children will come straight to the Dining Hall at pick up time to enjoy a Christmas Movie, Christmas Crafts, snacks and milkshakes, as well as a special gift.

There are limited spaces: To book places, please make payment by BACS putting your child's name as the reference:

Account Name: Emma Spry

Sort Code: 60-84-07

Account Number: 21459540

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.uksaferinternetcentre.org.uk)
- [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk)





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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson, Miss Spenceley and Mrs Warde

On Wednesday EYFS had a fantastic time at the fire station; we were able to look at the special suits they wear when they are going to an emergency. There were masks, wire cutters, oxygen tanks and torches. Shortly after, we went to see the fire engine - we couldn't believe our eyes at how big it was! We were lucky enough to have a look at all of the space inside and the equipment that is used. We listened to the siren and this made us jump at how loud it was - we had to cover our ears. Finally, we had our photo taken in front of the fire engine. We have been invited back for the summer to have a go of the hose!

We were also told that if our parents/ carers did not have any fire alarms that the fire men would come and fit one in our homes for free, all we have to do is get in contact with them.





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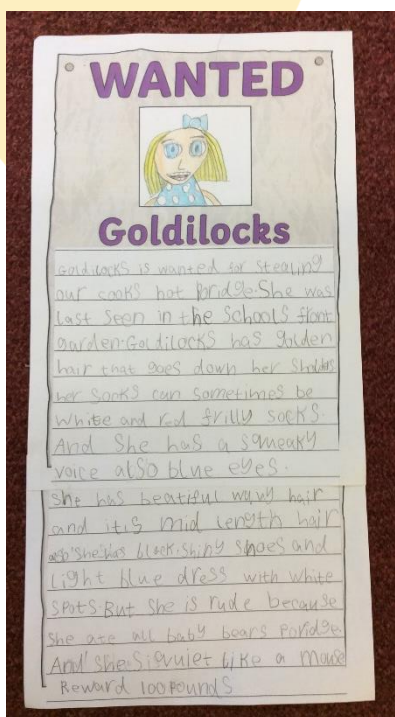
Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven

This week, the children were shocked to find three bowls of porridge in the corridor! Strangely, all of the porridge from the small bowl had been eaten! We were really confused and began wondering who could have done this. The children thought it could have been Goldilocks, and after asking other staff members the children had a clear description of the culprit. From this, the children created a wanted poster and we have placed them around the school so everyone can help us find the person who ate the porridge!

In Maths, Year 2 have been looking at multiplication by using repeated addition and finding lots of groups. We completed lots of practical activities to ensure we know the concept behind multiplying. Year 1 have been completing work on positional language such as first, second, third, last, before and after.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we talked about what bullying is and who we can tell if anyone being is bullied. The message was to make a noise about bullying! As a class, we created an Anti-Bullying poem.

Later in the week, we were introduced to our script for our class Christmas Performance. All children have been given a part in the performance. If your child has several lines to learn, we have printed a copy of the script out for them so they can learn the lines at home too. Further information will be given about costumes, etc., in due course.



Anti-Bullying Class Poem

Bullying is not accepted at our school,
It really makes us want to drool.
One of our school musts,
Is to tell someone you can trust.
Bullying has no place,
Whether it's behind your back or to your face.
We are here for you day and night,
Making sure you feel alright.
Make a noise...
It doesn't have to be this way,
Bullying isn't here to stay.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

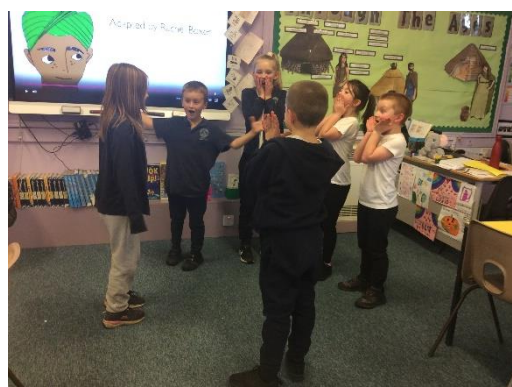
It has been another busy week in Year 3 and 4. The week began with the children participating in the Gymnastics Festival at Bishop Barrington, where they had the opportunity to use the gymnastics equipment and practice different skills. Then, they performed their class routine to the other schools, which they have been learning in their PE lessons. They all worked very hard and showed some brilliant team working and communication skills.

With Anti-Bullying week taking a focus this week, the children wore their odd socks in support of everyone's differences as well as designing their own. They then looked at how to see situations from different points of view and how sometimes people can misinterpret or view things differently, in their PSHE lesson.

On Tuesday, Kerryanne and Chloe, from the North Pennines AONB Partnership, came in to speak to the children about the life cycle of plants and the importance of hay meadows in our local area. They asked the children to help them in planting some of the rarer flowers found in the meadows, which they will revisit later in the year when they have grown.

In Science, moving into our Forces and Magnets topic, the children conducted their own simple fair test to see how an object moved on different surfaces and how the object needed a stronger force to push it on a rough surface than on a smooth surface.

To end the week, the children got into the Pudsey spirit and supported the charity by wearing their Pudsey accessories.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

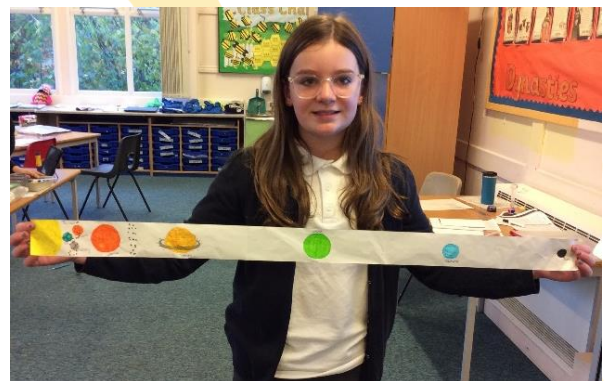
This week Year 5 and 6 have blown us away with their phenomenal knowledge about Earth and Space. It has been an absolute delight to see all children captivated by the learning and are eager to learn more! It's evident to see that this topic is out of this world, as William and Oscar have additionally researched planets and created models of the solar system out of recycled materials, as well as a rocket! Well done William and Oscar! In science this week, we have begun learning the order of the planets, and to help us, we have made a pocket size solar system!

In maths this week, Year 5 have started their topic of multiplication and division, understanding what multiples, factors and common factors are. They have made a great start with this! Despite some initial worries, Year 6 have aced finding percentages of an amount (e.g. 25% of 300) and have flourished in confidence as the week has progressed. Well done Year 6!

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5&6 had special visitors who explained a little more about what an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty consists of, and how we can preserve our landscape. Children worked individually to plant seeds to support natural habitats in the local community.

In P.E. we are learning the skills of tag rugby, with a focus this week on defence. There are some keen rugby players in the class who have an eye for finding a gap to score a try.

This week we have also written our first letter to our pen pals in Switzerland. The children have thoughtfully written information about them (their likes/dislikes, families and hobbies) and have also asked meaningful questions for their pen pals to answer. We already can't wait for their response!





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
Thursday 23 rd November	Boys Football League, King James Academy, 4-5pm
Wednesday 29 th November	School Choir to entertain Middleton Luncheon Club, 1-2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	School Photographs – individual and sibling
Friday 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert, The Pathway at 1.30pm
Friday 8 th December	FOMS Christmas 'Polar Express' event, 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Play – 9.15am EYFS Nativity – 10.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Author 'Adam Bushnell' visiting school
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime at Georgian Theatre, Richmond, 10am
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 4 th January	School re-opens for Spring Term 1