



Dear parents and friends,
 We have been spending time in the classrooms this week as part of our lesson visit cycle. It is always a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their learning with us, a true strength across the federation. It has been a pleasure to observe such resilience, enthusiasm and a real passion for learning.



RESPECT code Ambassadors

The exemplary behaviour of our children is often recognised during visits and sporting events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for following our RESPECT code at all times both in and out of school.

We now have six new RESPECT code ambassadors for the term, chosen by class teachers. Their role will include welcoming visitors into our classrooms and being role models for others.

Well done to....

*Alice Stanley, Kirsty Dent,
 Jack Dalton, Willis Reilly,
 Alice Metcalfe and Gabriel Holubowicz*

Balance Bike Sessions

We are pleased to announce that balance bike sessions will be returning for EYFS children this term. These sessions are for children who are in the early stages of cycling and are learning to balance on a bike.



Helen Pollard (Stage 1 cycles) will be running these sessions at 1.30pm on a Monday afternoon at Bainbridge (starting Monday 14th May). If you would like your child to participate please complete the slip and return to school as soon as possible as there are limited places.

Royal Wedding Picnic

Preparations are well on the way for our 'Royal picnic' on Friday 18th May (all we need now is the sunshine!). To make the



celebration special please could we ask everyone to come to school wearing red white and blue. If you would like to join us please can we ask that you return your slip asap. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children at Bainbridge will not need their forest schools gear that day.

Forest Schools at Bainbridge

Last Friday our new nursery starters had their first experience of forest schools, and what a treat it was! There was a BAWB record of 43 children taking part (class 1 and class 2), experiencing whittling, shelter building, a spring themed nature hunt and most importantly toasting marshmallows on the fire! We would like to thank Mrs Civil for her hard work planning such a wonderful afternoon.



Slapped Cheek

We have a confirmed case of slapped cheek in a pre-school sibling of one of our children at Bainbridge. This manifests as a rash in the face, as if a child has been slapped, at which point the virus is less likely to be contagious but may already have spread. It can pose a risk to unborn babies; please seek advice from your midwife if you are or think you may be pregnant.

Headlice

A parent has informed us that their child has headlice. Please can you check your child's hair over this bank holiday weekend and treat as necessary? Once you think your child is nit-free please

continue to check as it is very easy to miss one egg which hatches and then the cycle starts again.

**Please remember that long hair should be tied back for school.

Swim Awards

You will have received emails this week about any swim awards that your child may have achieved. There is no obligation to purchase the awards, but if you would like to do so please visit Parentpay. Orders must be placed by Monday 14th May.

KS1 Swimming

We had another great swimming session on Tuesday. Please can we ask that children wear socks rather than tights on a Tuesday to make it quicker for changing afterwards.

Community Engagement

Our staff at BAWB are very hard working, conscientious and care deeply about the children in their care. On more than one occasion recently they have been approached by parents and others who directly question them or engage them in conversations about the futures of our schools. The staff concerned have asked me to reiterate the view that they would prefer not to be involved in this type of conversation and ask politely if people would kindly refrain from these behaviours. This issue is now causing unnecessary anxiety.

We as Co-headteachers can make ourselves available should you have any questions or comments.

Y6 SATs Booster Sessions

Miss Collins writes: *'It is with some sadness that I say goodbye to our SATs 'booster' sessions as next week will be our last opportunity to practise and revise in advance of the KS2 tests. It has been a real privilege to work with our Year 6 children during these sessions. They are industrious and independent and are able to recognise for themselves what they need to learn and how to go about it. In addition, I would like to mention how much I admire Grace Dent, from West Burton, who has battled shyness to come to Askrigg each week. Her confidence has grown markedly and I will miss her quiet determination in class. I know that the friends she has made among the children look forward to spending time with her again at our residential in June.*

Good luck to all the Year 6 children, you deserve every success!'

Transport Consultation

Information accompanies this letter regarding an NYCC consultation regarding home school transport.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	99.5%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	100%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	98.7%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	100%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	97.9%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Alicia Reddy
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Ben Alderson
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Mary Cooper
Best Class Attendance	Mr Billingham and Mrs Williams
Tidiest Classroom Award	Mrs Robinson

We hope you enjoy the long weekend
Eleanor Harrison and Maxine Price



From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section. This week's is from West Burton's log books.

5 May 1970: Mr McIntosh from County Hall, the organiser for the district, called to see the head-teacher. It was decided that the peg-board behind the bookshelves should be removed and a display board fitted. Also, a smaller one is to be fitted above the centre bookshelves.



West Burton's Newsflash

This week has been a normal week, but everyone has been working very hard. We are enjoying our new topic of the Tudors. Everyone is looking forward to the Tour De Yorkshire and the long weekend.

Reception from all three schools have gone to Catterick for a sports day.

Here is what class one have enjoyed this week, Abigail said "at swimming we learned different strokes." Maeve said "we enjoyed jumping in." Thia said "I enjoyed investigating rocks, even at break time."

HAVE A GREAT WEEKED

Grace Dent Y6 and Chloe Dent Y4

EYFS



EYFS News

This week some of the children have been making their own challenges such as counting in 3s. They don't see it as a challenge just great fun discovering what they can do with numbers. I think the teachers will have to let them know it's a challenge because it is one of their favourite words and we often hear them say "I'm going to challenge myself to....." To them, challenge is eagerly pushing forwards not a struggle. They then take it to the next level and share their knowledge with others. If they keep this up then maybe the teachers can sit down and watch with a cup of tea!

Some children have been filling the playdough pea pods with peas using estimation and counting skills (which now include counting in 3s for some children). And of course the playdough kicks off our day with dough disco. It is a very useful resource and if you don't have any at home you can easily make it. Look it up on Pinterest – it's a whole new world. You could also google Dough Disco. It's all about getting fingers moving to support accurate pencil holding and mark making.

Had a panic on one morning when the tadpoles were all very still below a layer of ice but they were absolutely fine and the children knew that the sun would soon melt the ice away. Some children have been in correspondence with Fay the confused frog who didn't realise that her eggs would not hatch out as baby frogs. The children wrote to her explaining about frogspawn and tadpoles and were very reassuring.

We have also been building beds and measuring princesses. The sandcastles are very grand with a magnificent collection of shells, stones and other natural materials taking decoration to a whole new level.

Lots of our outdoor physical activities this week have involved a great deal of running, jumping, climbing, catching....and that's just as a result of chasing bubbles! The gardens continue to develop well and the bug hotel is just fabulous. Y1 and 2 have been using it to explore habitats. You will always know if your child has been working with Mrs. Middleton because they will have mud marks somewhere and a massive grin (and may well need an afternoon nap).

Something to work on at home for some of our younger children.....eating with cutlery, not fingers, is required at school lunchtime. We are happy to help with cutting up food but then it must not be picked up and put into the mouth with fingers unless it is something like bread or pizza. We do have little knives and forks for little hands. We also have spoons for more challenging dishes such as rice. Joey is a superb cook and we are lucky to have such a variety of tasty food every day. She is also very good at getting to know each individual child and what they like to eat and is very encouraging.

Hope you all have a super weekend – maybe with a glimpse of a fast moving peloton.



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

Tour De Yorkshire

The Tour de Yorkshire has come back! From the 3rd to the 6th of May you can see it live (in real life) or on the TV (ITV4). It is passing through Richmond, Leyburn, Harrogate, Scarborough, Doncaster, Otley and more.

Stage 1 Cycles are leading a parade starting at Richmond and many of the children who go to cycling club are really excited about it.

"I was extremely surprised when we were asked to lead the parade," said Daisy.

Mr Billingham, Eidur, Miss Collins and Fred N said they would be watching it. Here is the plan for the tour:

Stage 1: Beverley to Doncaster

Stage 2: Barnsley to Ilkley

Stage 3: Richmond to Scarborough

Stage 4: Halifax to Leeds

Fred said, "I'm excited about watching it but I'm even more excited to be riding with Stage 1 Cycles in the parade on Saturday!"

By Fred Norman, Year 6



Housekeeping Vacancy at Lodge Yard, Askrigg

Lynne Waites, manager at Lodge Yard, writes: 'Join our small, very friendly team! Hours 9.30am – 3pm. We've a few hours to fill each week and may be able to vary the days (no Sundays). Please telephone 652000 for further info.'

Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance

Janet Seymour is running ballet classes at The Wensleydale Centre (gym) in Askrigg on Mondays; classes as follows: 4.45PM for children in Reception and Y1; 5.30pm for children in Y2 or above. For more information please contact Janet 01748 884677, janetseymour@arcor.de www.swaledaledance.co.uk

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

6th May – 4pm Building Foundations at St Oswald's Askrigg

Charity Royal Wedding Brunch

On Saturday 19th May 2018 from 10.30am - 2.00pm in Askrigg Village Hall, all proceeds to Breast Cancer Care. There will be a live screening of the Royal Wedding on a big screen with a substantial brunch and a glass of bubbly to celebrate, come and join the party! All in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Tickets on sale now from Sykes Shop in Askrigg.

BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Bainbridge lost property – we have a cream woollen hat with a furry bobble and a George grey zip-up hoodie age 4-5. Please ask at the office to claim them

West Burton School News

West Burton CE Primary School, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4JY
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admin@westburton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Forest Schools: A reminder that it is Forest Schools at West Burton on Friday 11 May. Please ensure your child/ren have the appropriate clothing and footwear.

Please complete and return this slip by Wednesday 9th May

Balance Bike Sessions – Commencing 14th May 2018 at Bainbridge School

Name of child _____ is unable to pedal a bike and would like to take part in the balance bike sessions.

Please tick as appropriate:

My child will use their own bike and helmet and I will ensure they are delivered to Bainbridge School by 1:30pm on Mondays

My child would like to borrow a bike and helmet and is _____ metres tall

Signed Date

Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday		Cycle Club (from 23.4.18) – 3:30pm – 4:30pm	
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	
Wednesday			
Thursday		Yoga – after school – Nic Scarr	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Tuesdays from 24.4.18	Reception, Y1 and Y2 swimming		
7.5.18	Schools Closed – May Day		
w/c 14.5.18	KS2 SATs Week		
Mondays from 14.5.18	Balance bike sessions at Bainbridge (for children unable to pedal independently)		
17.5.18	Parents' Forum – 7pm – Askrigg School		
18.5.18	Royal wedding picnic – parents and friends welcome		
11-14.6.18	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge		
15.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability - Level 1		
19, 20, 21.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2		
25.6.18	Swaledale Festival Performance by Aurora (Askrigg 9:15am; Bainbridge 10:45am; West Burton 1:15pm)		
26, 27, 28.6.18			Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2
3.7.18	Last swimming session for Reception, Y1 and Y2		
12.7.18	BAWB Sports Day		

Forest School Dates

Please remember your child will need warm, waterproof clothing and footwear that will get dirty / smokey

April 20 th	West Burton	June 8 th	Askrigg
April 27 th	Bainbridge	June 15 th	West Burton
May 4 th	Askrigg	June 22 nd	Bainbridge
May 11 th	West Burton	June 29 th	Askrigg
May 18 th	Bainbridge	July 6 th	West Burton
May 25 th	BAWB Day – no session	July 13 th	Bainbridge
	Half Term	July 20 th	Askrigg