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Dear Parents and Carers,
 Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all had a wonderful time in the gorgeous half-term weather. It is lovely to be back at school 4 days per week and I have enjoyed seeing lots of the lovely things that have been put in place during my maternity leave.

Mrs Eastwood

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Eastwood back to the team after her absence. She has kept in touch and has been planning for her return with Mrs Harrison. It's lovely to see her back with us!



Option 3a Review

Please can I remind parents that you are invited to attend one of our reviews of the current organisational arrangements within our Federation one of the following dates:

- Monday 11th March, 1pm – 2pm, Bainbridge
- Monday 11th March, 4pm – 5pm, West Burton
- Tuesday 12th March, 4pm – 5pm, Askrigg

During the sessions, you will have the opportunity to:

- discuss your own child's experience of option 3a and Federation Fridays
- comment on the wider successes / difficulties

Those of you who would like to come but are unable to: please don't worry – a survey will be released after these meeting in order to provide you with the opportunity to contribute to the review.



World Book Day

Mr Billingham writes:
 "Wow, it was amazing to see so many brilliant outfits to celebrate World Book

Day. From a walking, talking Big Ben, Great Barrier Reef, Scuba Divers through to some very authentic traditional national outfits of the various countries we explore in our World Reading Challenge. Thank you all for getting involved. Reading is such an important and valuable skill in life, it is brilliant to be able to enjoy reading and books/ literature, and to celebrate in different ways, such as this."

Thank you to Mr Billingham for organising the day and to our cooks for providing a range of foods from around the World.

Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March it is Comic Relief Day. We are selling red noses which cost £1.25 each, there is one for every pupil in our schools. We have held class council meetings and each class has come up with a suggestion for next Friday.



The ideas include:

- Dressing up in something red
- Bringing in a teddy
- Making a comic
- Having a crazy hair style

The children can decide to do one of these things or any combination of them.

The red noses will be on sale at break time from our school offices on Monday 11th March. The children need to buy them **from the school in which they are taught.**

Let's hope we have a fun filled day!

BAWB Eco day

Miss Collins writes: "From hard-hitting posters made from recycled materials to draft excluders made from old socks, our children (and adults!) had great fun going green for our Eco



BAWB Day recently. The day began with a fascinating assembly from 'Powerdown Pete' - an eco expert from North Yorkshire County Council who is passionate about developing children's understanding of their important role in protecting our planet. The children then split into groups to carry out practical activities that demonstrated how we can reuse materials to make new, useful items. It was lovely to hear the children talking with such expertise about environmental issues and to see their enthusiasm for the wonderful practical projects planned by the teachers. Thank you very much to all the staff involved and to the families who donated the weird and wonderful objects that made these projects possible!"

Paper copies of the Newsletter

Following our Eco BAWB day we felt it was appropriate to make you aware that we currently print out 40+ copies of the newsletter and any additional information for some of our children to bring home with them.



The newsletter is uploaded onto our website each week and copies are emailed to the majority of our families.

If you are currently in receipt of a printed copy but would be happy to receive it in an email and/or look on the website, please let us know so we can remove you from our hard copy list (We are aware that access in this way is not possible for all of our families). It would be great if we could further reduce the amount of paper and energy we use to produce these.

Year 5/6 Cluster Hockey

As the newsletter goes to press, some of our year 5 and 6 pupils are attending our local school cluster hockey tournament at The



Wensleydale School. We would like to wish them luck and thank Miss Richardson and Mrs Fawcett for accompanying them.

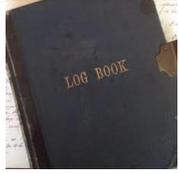
Weekly Class Attendance	
Owls @ Bainbridge– Mrs Harrison	94.6%
Golden Eagles @Askrigg – Mr Billingham	92.6%
Merlins @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	96.9%
Skylarks @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	94.7%

This Week's Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Georgie Bell
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Fred Champion
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Abe Wilson
Tidiest Classroom Award	OWLS Mrs Harrison's class
Best Class Attendance	MERLINS Miss Collins's class

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

 and 

Charlotte Harper and Eleanor Harrison



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 **Askrigg's** log books.

March 3rd 1893: This has been one of the worst weeks of the present winter. Impossible for many of the children to attend – checked the school register at 8.20am number present 18.

March 27th 1944: A very satisfactory standard of cleanliness in the sanitary conveniences of this school is being maintained.



West Burton's Newsflash

Last Friday, everybody went to Askrigg for the Eco BAWB Day. Powerdown Pete came and gave us a presentation on what we are doing to the world and how we can save it. We all found it very interesting, Josie Y5 said, "I found the facts in Powerdown Pete's Presentation surprising especially how we produce 7 tonnes of clothing in 10 minutes!" Y5/6 made draft excluders using old tights/socks, stuffing them with material and then decorating them to be animals and Y3/4 made Placards with an Eco Message using recycled materials.

On Wednesday, we went to Wigton Moor, a school in Leeds with approximately 450 children! Y5/6 learnt about Electricity while Y3/4 did a Spelling Test and a Times Table Test. In the afternoon, all of Y5/6 did PE. We played a game called Kick It and we all found it really fun. Y3/4 did History and in another Class they did Science. Charlotte Y6 enjoyed PE and she loved getting wet in the rain! Ben Y4 said "In Science we learnt about ice melting and how it turned to condensation." "Wigton Moor is a very big school, I met some friends and they were nice to me, the teachers are very kind too." said Thomasina Y4.

Yesterday it was World Book Day. Everybody came into school with amazing costumes. Josie came as Big Ben, Benjamin came as the American flag and lots of people came as horse riders from Yorkshire. Abigail Y3 said she really enjoys World Book Day because she can dress us as her favourite book characters.

I hope you all have a great weekend and Thank You for reading my Newsflash!

Written By Elsie Y6 Journalist.



EYFS



What a phenomenal half term; superb weather and two beautiful new baby girls in the Dale.

Congratulations to the Scarr's on the birth of Faye. Yes, it is a girl which came as quite a shock to a few of us seeing as we are so used to baby boys in the Scarr family. She is absolutely gorgeous and we all hope she likes Peter Pan, pirates and farming. Congratulations also to the Carlises who have also had a baby girl. We are all very excited to get our first glimpse of baby Ava when she makes her first trip to Nursery.

As always, a busy week, continually building on our skills and knowledge. You should be very proud of how much your children understand about healthy living and the choices we should make. We have been observing vegetables and matching them to the tiny seeds that they grow from. Obviously we have been planting lots of seeds and making labels. To be honest, the seeds and labels have become a little jumbled so we could be in for some surprises. This week some of us have been measuring how much to saw off using cm on a ruler.

A maths activity that has been really good fun is a simple crocodile song where the crocodile eats up children and then the children say what the subtraction sum would be. I think Miss Collins particularly enjoyed it when she came to visit to see just how much maths we do in EYFS. We are working on money at the moment. This can be challenging for young children especially as the new coins do not have actual numbers on them! So it would be great if you played some money games or let the children help with shopping or just played with coins.

And last, but certainly not least.....Pancake Day. Now this wasn't healthy as they had syrup and sweets on their pancakes. The children spontaneously made a song up after frying and flipping and we had left over pancakes to practise flipping for the following days. Next year I think we'll be good enough to have a race!

Have a super weekend, love Robins



Askrigg's Journalism Column

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World book day. Everyone dressed up as a character from one of the places in the Reading Challenge.

For example:

Ruby was Big Ben

Teddy was an Egyptian.

Daisy was a Tour de France cyclist.

Lenny and Willis were scuba divers

Rosalyn was a cowgirl.

In the morning, in the Merlin's classroom, we wrote stories for the whole morning! For lunch, we had a special Italian lunch: Margherita pizza as well as tomato pasta and for pudding we had either meringues or vanilla ice cream. We will also get a lovely book token each to use in places like Waterstones and Tesco. You can get books like: Oi goat, Brain Freeze and the Baby Brother from Out of Space.

Lenny said, "I liked writing stories on World Book Day."

"I'm really enjoying World Book Day and some of the costumes are brilliant!" Rosalyn said.

By Eidur and Lara.



Community News

Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group – Ceilidh – Saturday 16 March – The

Market House, Hawes

St Patrick's Day theme. There will be a live band, Blind Panic, licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets £12.50, Under 12's £6.50, including a buffet meal, available from Graham Di Luca on 01969 667327 or www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk

Wensleydale Bike Club

Our community bike club has restarted for the season.

It's open to all. We have groups every Saturday based in Hawes to suit all abilities from Balance Bikes to Advanced MTB.

There is no membership just £2.50 per session

You can borrow a bike

You can borrow a helmet

We go on fabulous away trips to other venues.

We go on adventure residential in the Summer Holidays.

It is a British Cycling Go-Ride Club which is run by myself and Mike as volunteers with the invaluable help of other parents.

For more information please contact Helen Pollard Stage 1 Cycles Hawes 01969 666873

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BAINBRIDGE NEWS

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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LOST WATCH

Mrs Loughlin lost her bracelet style linked silver watch whilst gardening with the nursery children on the last Friday afternoon before half term but couldn't find it at the end of school. This was a special birthday present and Mrs Loughlin would really like to find it. If you have seen it, or if you find it, please let Mrs Loughlin or the school office know.

West Burton School News

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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			
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team 3:30pm
Wednesday			
Thursday			After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
08.03.19	Year 5/ 6 Hockey The Wensleydale School		
22.03.19	Year 5/6 Rugby tournament WRUFC		
29.03.19	PSHE day		
01.04.19	New nursery taster day		
04.04.19	New nursery taster day		
05.04.19	KS2 Tennis at The Wensleydale School		
09.04.19	Easter Service, Aysgarth Church, 2:00pm		
12.04.19	Whole BAWB Easter Celebration Assembly		
	Easter		