



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a week of exciting events with all of Year 4/5 visiting Bedale High School on Monday to take part in some art workshops with a remembrance theme and a selection of Key Stage 2 representing our school at the Cross Country event at Richmond School on Tuesday. Well done to all of the children who attended – we have four children going forward to the next round, but I know everybody who participated should be extremely proud!

The hard work has continued in each class too with all of the children showing incredibly positive attitudes to their school work and to each other.

Have a lovely weekend.

Governors' Corner

Earlier in the term, I met with Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope to look at safeguarding procedures. We checked records we hold for anyone coming into school and that the relevant information was in place. The school take safeguarding of everyone in school very seriously and I was pleased to see everyone was in place.

Louise Wyatt – Safeguarding Governor

Staffing Update

I'm pleased to announce that, following a suitability interview, Mr. Cope will take on the new role of Assistant Headteacher at our school from November 1st.

The Governors and I agree that it is great recognition of the work Mr. Cope has done, and will continue to do, in driving our school forward. It further strengthens the leadership of the school and I am confident that we will continue to work together to ensure each child gets the very best educational experience. Mr Cope's teaching commitment in Year 5/6 will remain unchanged.

Open Morning

Next Saturday 15th October we look forward to welcoming potential new starters for September 2023 and their families. If you have, or know anyone who has, a child due to start school in September please contact the school office for further information. We're always happy to show people around our school, so if that date isn't possible, please just let us know.

Let's Celebrate!

Our wonderful award winners who have gone above and beyond this week are:

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Care – Aspire – Excel	Phoebe	Annabel	Noah	Kai
Curriculum Award	Ava (Writing)	Sophie (Writing)	Theo (Geography)	Rose G
Aims Award	Jude (Lifelong Reader)	Lucas (Happy and Healthy)	Abigail (Risk Taker)	Octavia (Lifelong Reader)
Team Points	Middleham – 79 Bolton – 71 Richmond – 62			
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers			
Golden Spoon	Evie Fawcett			

Maths Workshops for Parents

The maths workshop arranged for Monday 10th October will be rearranged for later in the term. We are hoping to invite a specialist teacher from the Maths Hubs to lead this session which will be a great opportunity. We will be in touch with a confirmed date nearer the time.

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 10 th October	Maths Workshops – To be arranged	All	Information to follow
Saturday 15 th October	New Starter Event	Rec Starters 2023	Information given
Monday 17 th / Wednesday 19 th October	Parents Evenings 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 st October	Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Parade	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 st October	Break up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 31 st October	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 th November	Whole School Visit to Castle Bolton	All	Information to follow
Monday 14 th November	'Odd Socks Day'	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need	All	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information to follow
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 th December	End of Autumn Term	All	Parents informed

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow! Where do I start this week! We have been extremely busy in provision, from exploring natural autumnal treasures to becoming a doctor in the role play area. It has been wonderful to see all the children being enthusiastic with their reading books, sharing both at home and in the classroom. This is why we are 'Lifelong readers' at Hunton school. Our class read, 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes has been a greatly loved. Our handwriting is coming along nicely, which is supported through our participation in Dough Disco! The Reception children have been measuring this week and the Year 1 children counted all the way to 100 and have been looking at more than, less than and equal to.

Kingfisher Class: It has been an incredibly busy week in Kingfisher Class full of adventures and learning! In English, we have enjoyed writing and editing our information texts all about lighthouses whilst also making the most of National Poetry Day by immersing ourselves in the poetry of Alan Ahlberg and learning one of his most famous poems, 'Please Mrs. Butler'. In our maths lessons we have learnt to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and are even dipping our toes into counting in 3's. The children have really impressed me with their efforts on TTRS and Numbots too! In Geography we enjoyed learning about, and creating our own, map symbols. Well done Kingfishers!

Partridge Class: What a busy week! We started the week with our year 4 pupils joining year 5 to attend a poppy workshop, in which we used clay to make some lovely poppies! On Tuesday, many of Partridge class attended the cross-country event at Richmond. All children were happy and healthy and aspired to do their best in the event. A big congratulations to everyone, especially those who made it to the final! In English we enjoyed making our gruesome witch's potion and writing instructions on how to make it. In maths we have come to the end of our work on place value and will next week be starting work on addition and subtraction.

Woodpecker Class: We have had an exciting week this week with lots of fun things going on. Some of the Woodpeckers went to Bedale on Monday to participate in a poppy workshop which sounded great fun and then on Tuesday some of our children competed in the cross-country competition at Richmond where every single one of them tried their hardest and were great ambassadors for our school; we are very proud of each of them. In school, we have been writing recounts and we based ours on 'My Disastrous Day' where they invented lots of fictional mishaps which could have occurred throughout their day, many choosing to describe their teacher as 'grumpy' which I find very hard to believe! Another brilliant week which ended with our photographs, a well-earned weekend for all!

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.