



Dear Parents,

'Art Week' is always a highlight of the half-term and this week has been no different. From tie dye to textile people, the children have investigated a range of artists and crafts. It is always fantastic to focus on one subject in-depth and be able to see progression from Reception all the way through to Year 6. A big thank you to all of the staff and children for their dedication in providing this excellent opportunity for the children.

Alongside Art and Design, there has been plenty of other work across the curriculum. A special mention must go to the Year 2 children who have completed their end of Key Stage 1 assessments this week – I think it is fair to say they have enjoyed the experience and have been incredibly driven throughout.

I hope the sun continues to shine over the half-term week. It is scary to think we only have one half-term left of this academic year before the summer holidays and saying goodbye to our Year 6 children. The second half of the summer term is crammed full of events and exciting activities – please see the full list of diary dates below for further information.

Mr. Donaldson

### Governors' Corner

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to be in school on Tuesday to see geography teaching in two classes. I had completed a book review over February half term so it was interesting to hear Woodpecker Class evidence their knowledge retrieval from work they had completed at that time. They worked in small groups to locate countries and continents on a map, using an atlas to check information and accuracy. More recent learning about rivers gave them an opportunity to demonstrate subject specific vocabulary and their fieldwork skills.

*Dee Lynn - Governor*

### Woodpecker Class

Mr. Cope has been successfully selected to be part of the Year 6 moderation team for North Yorkshire Council. This is an important task, which will involve him working alongside other schools during the first week back after half-term to monitor and moderate Year 6 writing across the county. For continuity, Mrs. Tunmore will lead the teaching of Y5/6 during the W/C 5<sup>th</sup> June. Both teachers will work closely together on planning the week's activities.

### Sponsored Read-a-thon

Just a reminder about the information regarding the Sponsored Read-a-thon sent home earlier this week: Every penny raised for Read for Good will mean more book vouchers for the school to spend on new reading material for school' and a reminder that the sponsor cards and a letter explaining everything came home on Monday, and that sponsorship can be done online by following the QR code on the sponsor cards (this is easier for us!). **We are running the Readathon until Monday 5th June, so please return sponsor cards after half term.**

### PTFA Corner

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA coffee morning, the money raised will all go to providing the children with more great opportunities. If you would like to get involved or just find out more about the PTFA, our next meeting is Thursday, 8th of June straight after the school drop off at the Countryman's Inn.

*Lawren Walker – Chair of PTFA*

### Let's Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

	Mrs. Cromey-Hawke	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Donaldson	Miss Pole	Mr. Cope
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Emily Bowe	Rose	Barnaby	Sophie L	George
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Riley- Art	Sam-Art	Theo- geography	Henry S - Art	
<b>Aims Award</b>	Jay-Inquisitive	Grace S- Creator	Abi- Risk Taker	Evie - Lifelong Reader	
<b>Team Points</b>	Bolton				
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Partridges				
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Pip				

### Y3/4 Saxophone Concert

We would like to invite parents of Year 3/4 children into school at 2.45pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for a Saxophone Concert. As you will know, the children have been working very hard on learning the saxophone throughout the year and this will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about their learning and listen to their skills!

#### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break Up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3/4	Information to follow
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Rounders Competition	Y5/6	Information to follow
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Visit to Richmond Castle	Y1	Information to follow
<del>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</del>	<del>Sports Afternoon</del>	<del>All</del>	<del>Information to follow</del>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Backchat Brass Workshops	All	Information to follow
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Rehearsal Days at Tunstall Village Hall	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2-Y6 Performance at Tunstall Village Hall -2pm and 6pm	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	'Let's Learn Moor' Day at Grinton Moor	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Saxophone Concert	Y3/4	Information to follow
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Close for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class - Reception:** What a week! A great end to half term doing Art Week. The children have really immersed themselves in Art. They have created some amazing seaside pictures using a range of materials. We have been reading our new Art books – 'The Dot', 'The Magic Paintbrush', 'I am an Artist' and enjoyed reading them for pleasure. They have been showing us how clever they are completing their phonic assessments. Reading at home is definitely paying off - thank you. Remember to pop anything on Tapestry that you do at home that you that you would like to share - we love seeing your pictures and experiences.

**Robin Class - Year 1:** What a great final week! We have had a super time celebrating Art Week. Our artist was Mark Lewanski; your child may know some facts about him. Our focus has been Landscapes using different media which the children really enjoyed. Our final lesson was creating a beach collage, which linked very well with last week's trip to Saltburn beach. We have loved exploring in the roleplay Fish and Chip shop, serving a variety of dishes. Our English focus came to an end this week. as we wrote our own poem similar to the book, Commotion in the Ocean. We have also found time to squeeze in our phonics assessments – the children's attitude towards these assessments has been an absolute joy! I hope everyone has a fantastic half-term holiday.

**Kingfisher Class:** Another busy week in Kingfisher Class. We have really enjoyed our art explorations – finding out about different types of media and creating collages, photography and 3D sculptures. We have explored art vocabulary and artists and created some fantastic final pieces of work. We have continued to work hard developing our time skills in Maths lessons – lots of practice at home of telling the time to five minutes would be wonderful. In Geography we have continued to investigate Kampong Ayer – this time thinking about the natural landscapes around Kampong Ayer and Hunton. A great week Kingfisher Class – well done!

**Partridge Class:** It has been a lovely sunny week this week which has been perfect for creating our tie-dye t shirts as part of art week! This time the theme has been craft; we have created mood boards, practised our weaving skills and tried out some sewing! On Wednesday, we also enjoyed a sports competition with Kingfisher and Woodpecker class. This was a great opportunity for us all to show we are happy and healthy and work together as a team cheering each other on. I can't believe we are heading into our final half term; time really does fly! Have a lovely week off!

**Woodpecker Class:** What beautiful weather we have had to end the half-term and the children managed to make the most of it with one of our termly 'Intra School Competitions' - the children enjoyed the competitiveness greatly, all competed with great sportsmanship and it was great to hear the team chants ringing around school all morning! In addition to being 'Happy & Healthy', the children have also been 'Creators' this week as they have excelled with their art-work, focusing on a unit exploring how 'Every Picture Tells a Story'. The children have had an incredibly busy half-term but they have continued to take everything in their strides and they have been their usual fantastic selves; I hope everyone has a thoroughly enjoyable week off!

#### 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.