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Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

We have had a lot to celebrate in school over the last week and have had a wonderful few days. The highlight was, without doubt, the year 3 and 4 production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. Anyone who was lucky enough to see the show was absolutely blown away by the outstanding performances – the amazing acting, the wonderful dances, the incredible amount of lines learned by the cast, the hilarious jokes and the confidence shown by everyone involved. The children were even able to control the lighting and the sound systems independently and were able to work fantastically well together as a team to produce such superb performances. Everyone looked to be having the time of their lives up on the stage – it is clear to see we have some budding acting, singing and dancing stars in our midst!



Thank you to all of the parents for supporting the children to learn their lines and providing the costumes and to all of the staff and volunteers in year 3 and 4 for working so hard to prepare the children. Most of all, thank you to all of the children! We are incredibly proud of you all.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day on World Book Day – the hats were incredible – hats off (quite literally) to the amazing effort families had put in.

The children loved sharing their favourite books, completing a range of quizzes, activities and games linked to all things reading, sharing books with children from other classes and participating in a World Book Day assembly where Miss Dickinson shared some of Shaun Tan's beautifully illustrated books and announced the winners of our hat competition. Well done to Alice, Joseph, Zoe, Isaac, Elliott, Chester and Tilly for their winning creations – I know Mrs Hancy and Miss Dickenson found it incredibly difficult to judge.



All of the children will have come home with a World Book Day voucher, so don't forget to pick up their free book when you have the chance!

Thank you to Miss Dickenson for organising and for creating a celebration of reading across the school.

Other things to celebrate...

Well done to all of the musicians and dancers who were brave enough to perform in our music celebration assembly on Friday afternoon. We were treated to performances on a range of instruments, including piano, violin, guitar and trumpet, as well as singing and dancing performances. The performers showed such talent and confidence and the audience were respectful and incredibly supportive of one another. It was a lovely afternoon.



We have also had lots of sporting success this week! Year 3 and 4 participated in a York mini league dodgeball competition on Monday. We entered three teams and were thrilled that two of the teams came 1st and 2nd - we will wait to hear about the finals and if both teams have qualified in due course. Well done to all the children who represented our school brilliantly, Mr Sellers for the superb coaching and the parents for providing the taxi service!!

A group of girls from year 3 also participated in a football tournament on Friday after school. They came third after winning one match, drawing one match and losing one match – they demonstrated fantastic team work and skills and did the school proud. Well done girls!

Y5/6 netball and hockey to look forward to next week...more results to come!





Some KS2 children, who had attended the FIRST Lego League Club, participated in a Tournament hosted by Bosch on Friday. Dunnington came 5th overall, won a medal and trophy for judge's choice and won the tallest Tower competition! Miss Sugden said they all did a smashing job.

Thank you to Miss Sugden for running the club and to all of the families who transported children to and from the event.

Well done to Jimmy and Lance who took part in the North Yorkshire Schools cross country race yesterday. It was tough across muddy fields but they were smiling at the end and proud of themselves! Well done boys.



Riley's fundraiser for OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity

On Sunday 5 May 2024, the village of Hope in Derbyshire is the start and end point of Riley's ten-hour walk in the year of Oscar's tenth anniversary. She is taking on the Edale Skyline Challenge to help raise money for children with brain tumours and their families in memory of her friend Milo.

Riley is doing the 20-mile 'Train and Trek' route. Riley has already climbed Mount Snowden as a baby, at 5 she completed Ben Nevis and last year she did the Yorkshire Three Peaks!



As March is Brain Tumour awareness month, we have been asked to share her Just Giving Page. If you want to donate, please follow the link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/grahamandlucas20mileedaleskyline?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fgrahamandlucas20mileedaleskyline&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=fp-share

Well done Riley!

Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help prepare the ground for tree planting on Monday after school – it made a huge difference and we are looking forward to planting the trees with the school council next week. Thank you in particular to Dunnington Gardening Services, who offered their help on Sunday, and to the team from Tip Top Landscapes, who helped on Monday – we couldn't have done it without you!

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

Year 5/6 DODGEBALL WILL BE CANCELLED ON TUESDAY 19th MARCH (Mr Sellers and Mrs Rowntree are at a hockey tournament).

March 2024

Bikeability for year 5	Thursday 14 th March
Parent consultations Correspondence about year 2, 4 and 6 parent consultations to be sent out before Easter.	Wednesday 13 th March (until 7pm)
Butter and Ice Cream making workshops for the whole school	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Easter Services at St Nicolas Church	Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – 10am EYFS & KS1/ 11am KS2
Easter Lunch	Wednesday 20 th March
PTA Disco	Thursday 21 st March
School closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Back to school	Monday 8 th April 2024

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

Five Minute Read – A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying
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