



CE Primary School *'Growing together in love and learning'*

Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025...

Once again it has been a very busy month in school which started with our NSPCC Maths curriculum enrichment day. Byland had lots of number fun, that even included chocolate buttons! They made a beautiful number garden. Fountains carried out an investigation to see if tubes of smarties had the same number of orange ones in them. They counted carefully and then produced a pictogram of their results. We found out that there were some tubes containing no orange ones at all, and some had up to six in them! Bolton were tallying the number of Smarties in a packet and putting their information on to a bar graph. We also completed an outside KS2 Maths trail and made some number pyramids.



On Friday 7 February Fountains went on an educational visit to support their history learning. They went to The Beamish Museum and had a fabulous day!

Their first stop was the pit village where they looked around the miner's cottages. The main highlight here was of course, the outdoor privy with children asking, 'Where is the flush?' and, 'What is the newspaper for?'

They then headed to the school where 'Miss' greeted us for our workshop on what school was like for a Victorian child. Everyone agreed that they prefer school as it is today!

Next a quick bite to eat before hopping onto a double decker bus to the Victorian Street. They visited the sweet shop, closely followed by the dentist.

They had a lovely day and as always, the children were impeccably well behaved and Mrs Bennison and all staff were very proud of all the Fountains class children. A huge thank you to FOSS for subsidising this amazing and memorable trip for all.



Children's Mental Health week, 3rd - 9th February. As part of our ongoing work on mental health, we once again had a focus on the mental health of our children. Mrs Fielding led an assembly where children talked about mental health and how it impacts on our lives. Children then spent time during the week doing activities that are good for their wellbeing.

Lots of children said how much they love spending time being active and outdoors.

The children in Byland Class went for their first visit to Riverside Court Care Home in Boroughbridge. It was an absolute joy to see the faces of the residents as the children sang songs; many residents joined in with the actions. We played Valentines Bingo (everyone won a prize) and then had juice, biscuits and cake! The interactions between everyone were so incredibly heart-warming. We are so proud of the children. Roll on Easter when Byland will be going on a second visit to see their new friends again!



On Tuesday 11 February we marked this year's Safer Internet Day, following the theme 'Too good to be true?' In Bolton we talked about the 'Do's and Don'ts of online safety and what information is safe to share when you are gaming. In Fountains we talked about what is meant by the term 'scam' and that sometimes people online may try and trick us into giving personal information. This could be through clicking on a pop-up advertising an exciting game, clicking on a pop-up which says we have won something, or clicking on a pop-up saying our passwords have been changed. We talked about telling a trusted adult if there is anything at all we are unsure of whilst we are online. Doing this will keep us safe. In Rievaulx we completed an online quiz 'Are you a scam detective?' to learn more about recognising if an offer online was too good to be true and to give us strategies to make safe and reliable choices.



The Spring first half term ended with a fantastic School Disco. We certainly had some fabulous moves and singing on the dance floor! A huge thankyou to FOSS for organising this much loved event and to everyone who supported it and raised over £450!



Healthy Schools - the children in the Healthy Schools Pupil Voice Group led a collective worship at the end of last half term about the importance of healthy eating and a balanced diet. They shared information, asked questions and introduced the poster competition. Thank you to everyone who entered, there are some super posters. Entries will be judged by Miss Smith and the winners will be announced as soon as possible!

Finally, a huge congratulations to Olivia P who after her success in our Thirsk Cluster KS2 Cross Country, Year 6 girls race last month she has qualified to run in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Primary Schools' Championship event which is being held at Giggleswick School next month.

Friday 7 February Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding. Sessay Acorn Award – Ralph is such an asset to Byland Class, even on bad weather days he keeps us smiling and laughing! We are so pleased to see how well you are progressing in your learning. Well done Ralph! Headteacher's sticker – Jasper has done some super phonics work this week. He has been able to use his phonics knowledge to write words and simple sentences. Keep up the hard work Jasper. Mathlete – Billy has really enjoyed our maths work this week where we have been finding out about doubling numbers. He is very keen and quick to spot doubles around the classroom, such as Numicon and on tens frames. Well done. Writer of the week – Una is progressing so well with her phonics and writing. She is growing in confidence when writing words and sentences. Well done Una, we are really proud you.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison Sessay Acorn Award – Gege for helping around the classroom without being asked and for being such a lovely friend to others. Well done Gege. Headteacher's sticker – Olivia for her super attitude to her learning in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Olivia. Mathlete – Emily for some super work using arrays to support her with multiplication sentences. Well done Emily. Writer of the week – Alex for working so hard with his cursive script and presentation. You have really persevered this week. Well done Alex.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton. Sessay Acorn Award – Connie for her super Egyptian scroll – her attention to detail is wonderful! Headteacher's sticker – Fynnley for gaining full marks every week this half term in his spelling test. Mathlete – Alice for her accurate bar graph representing the different colours of Smarties in a packet. Writer of the week – Teddy for his good use of descriptive language in his poem about spiders.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie. Sessay Acorn Award – Isla H for her attitude towards her work this week, particularly her participation in maths and art. Headteacher's sticker – Olivia T for her painting of one of Henry 8th's wife, Catherine. Mathlete – Josh for his excellent test results in ratio this week and trying very hard in the fraction booster group. Writer of the week – Joel for his writing about whether children should have a screen free day once a week. He wrote a persuasive argument to support his ideas.</p>

Friday 14 February Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding. This week it has been impossible to choose the individual awards, as every child was such a credit to Sessay School on our visit to Riverside Court Care Home. So ALL the class are getting a Headteachers Sticker! We are incredibly proud of you Byland, well done!</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison Sessay Acorn Award – Genevieve for her super writing about our school trip to Beamish and for her lovely artwork. Genevieve has worked so hard with her collage picture of a beach this week – well done. Headteacher's sticker – Alfie for his super attitude to all his learning this week. He has worked so hard with his alien description and has really persevered with his maths work</p>

	<p>using a number line to subtract. Well done Alfie.</p> <p>Mathlete – Charlie for his work with the two times table and for completing the challenges independently. Great work Charlie.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Finlay has produced some lovely writing this week about our trip to Beamish and with his description of his alien. Well done Finlay.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Harriet for two super summaries of non-fiction texts about athletes and for her three questions for a celebrity.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Cameron for great effort with his cursive handwriting – keep it up after the holidays!</p> <p>Mathlete – Connie for trying hard with her work on factor pairs this week.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Alfie for his science work on the different types of skeletons.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Jack J for his excellent behaviour for learning in all subjects. This week he has produced an excellent piece of writing within our topic of Tudors.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – William A for his 'can do' attitude; despite having his dominant arm in a pot he has done his work to a very high standard, with a smile on his face!</p> <p>Mathlete – Edward for his enthusiastic contribution to whole class maths sessions and particularly for his great behaviour learning in his maths booster group. Well done and keep it up!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Darcie for her beautiful neat writing in English and topic this week. She has made massive progress with her cursive style and her work is a pleasure to read.</p>

Friday 28 February Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Jessica continues to show us what it means to be part of Sessay School. She is kind, caring, hard-working and a pleasure to teach. Keep being you Jessica, we love it!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Hailey and Jackson have been brilliant musicians this week. Mr Houghton was impressed with their rhythm work and focus during a music lesson. Well done to you both, Banana Phones!</p> <p>Mathlete – Jasper has shown an excellent understanding of our work on length this week. He is able to identify and order objects according to their length, using the correct vocabulary. Keep it up!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Una worked hard when writing a list for the '3 Little Pigs'. She used her phonics to write words, and tried really hard with her handwriting. Keep up the hard work Una!</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Gege for her fabulous independent work in science thinking about why certain materials are suitable for certain objects. Gege really thought about the properties of the different materials and gave some super explanations. Well done.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Martha for working hard in both her reading and writing this week. Martha really thought about her sentences and where to use full stops and capital letters. Well done.</p> <p>Mathlete – Seb for his accurate work with multiplication problems using the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Well done.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Frankie S for really thinking about how to improve his writing in our editing session this week. Well done.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Mia for some amazing sewing skills, she was using different stitches and doing applique.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Fran for excellent work in forest school and being a great team player.</p> <p>Mathlete – Joseph for his superb effort multiplying a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number,</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Billy for his beautifully neat work in RE, thinking about why some people believe in God and how it can help their wellbeing.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Jacob for working hard on his spellings and using them in his independent writing.</p> <p>Mathlete – Ellie for consistently working hard in maths, particularly persevering with fractions this week.</p>

you were really focused, well done. Writer of the week – Ebony for writing lots of information on what she already knew about forces and magnets.	Writer of the week – Henry for his work on a magazine article about one of the ‘Hidden Figures’ in the Space Race. Excellent research and beautifully presented.
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For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Humility. Your child took home a school values sheet of ideas earlier this week, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon **Celebration Assembly** will once again be held in St Cuthbert’s Church and everyone is warmly welcome to join us. Please be sure to wrap up warm!

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- **Spelling Bee Competition.** Once again we are wanting to raise the profile and value of learning to spell across the school. We want to celebrate the efforts that the children are making with their spelling. The children will be having fun, year group spelling competitions in their classes. Everyone will receive a special spelling sticker for their efforts in taking part, 1st and 2nd place will receive certificates and the children that come first will represent the school in a local school Spelling Bee competition.
- **February online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the February online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. As always we want to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.
- **Federation Governors.**

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY – WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A FEDERATION PARENT GOVERNOR?

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details please don’t hesitate to contact Miss Bennett.

WE WILL BE HAVING PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS THIS TERM

What is it like to be a Governor / Committee member?

‘Having been a School Governor since November 2023, I wanted to share some of my experiences and explain a bit more about what it is like to be a member of the Husthwaite and Sessay Local Governing Body.

Being a Governor is a great way to understand more about how the School's operate and support staff to improve the lives and education of the children and communities they serve. As a Governor, your role is to provide oversight of the School budget, curriculum, policies (including safeguarding), property and staff and act as a local voice to the trustees of the Elevate Multi-Academy Trust that we are now part of.

The Governing Body meets 3 times a year (once per term) for a couple of hours and Governor's should aim to visit at least one of the School's each term to maintain familiarity with the school and staff and discuss an area of school governance that you will have been assigned (known as a Link Governor). You do not need any specific skills or qualifications to be a Governor - however interest and experience in one of the areas listed above would be a great addition to our small group.

*If you are interested to know more about being a Governor / Committee member then please contact Miss Bennett.’
(P White – Parent Governor at Husthwaite)*

- **POLITE REMINDER REGARDING PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.** Please can everyone follow the highway code and **not park on the double or zig zag yellow lines**. We always need access outside the school to be clear for the school community to arrive and leave the site safely, for emergency vehicles and the school bus.

Please do park on the road up into the village and walk up on the footpath if no closer parking is available.

Traffic enforcement, parking services are aware of the situation.

We thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation as safety of all is paramount.

DIARY DATES:

3 March	Stay & Play 9am
6 March	World Book Day – special World Book Day Lunch
7 March	World Book Day non uniform day – dress up as your favourite book character or simply non-uniform. Mrs Smith the school cook will be awarding a £10 book voucher to the best dressed book character!
10 – 13 March	Year 6 Mock SAT's week
12 March	In School Spelling Bee Competition
18 March	Cluster Spelling Bee final at Linton on Ouse Primary School
19 March	Years 3 and 4 Educational visit to Bolton Abbey
21 March	Red Nose Day
24 March	Thirsk High School Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day
25 March	Parent Evening Byland
25 & 27 March	Parent Evenings Bolton and Rievaulx
25 & 26 March	Parent Evenings Fountains
27 March	Mother's Day / Special Lady Day plant gift sale. £4 per child, available on Arbor.
31 March	Stay & Play 9am FOSS Easter Egg decorating competition
3 April	Sessay Band concert at Sessay Village Hall
4 April	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church 1.30pm Break up for the Easter Holidays 2.30pm
22 April	Back to school for the Summer Term.