# Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 24th March 2023

As this will be the last newsletter this term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. We hope that you can join us at church for our Easter service on Wednesday at 11am. Next week in school we will be looking at different aspects of Easter though our Easter Journey Day. One of those will be the mixed emotions we feel at Easter- sadness followed by hope brought by Jesus' resurrection. This week Mr Pearson sent us this beautiful photograph of our school showing the rainbow- a symbol of hope and love spreading over our school.



### Mosque Visit

Years 5 and 6 received a very warm welcome to the Middlesbrough Central Mosque on Thursday. They were privileged to be able to explore the main prayer hall, and learn more about Muslim people. This was particularly special as it was the first day of Ramadan and they all received a gift of dates, a fruit with which Muslims around the world break their fasts with during the holy month of Ramadan. It was lovely to hear the children who pretended to be Imams asking that we should all respect one another too. Huge thanks to the volunteers at the mosque who gave us a lovely morning.







### Geography through Wisdom of the Woods

This term Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their Wisdom of the Woods session. To embed and enrich their geography work last term, they have been developing their knowledge of maps, plans and symbols. They have created 3d maps with natural materials, transferred these to paper and learned about scale. Today they have made a 'treasure hunt' where they had to use their maps of the school grounds and coordinates to hide...and find treasure!







### Cooking and Nutrition at Kirkby and Great Broughton School

Across the school children have been completing their Design Technology work this week focussing on food technology. From making healthy wraps in year 1 and 2, to adapting biscuit

delicious smells have wafted through the school making us all hungry and the feedback form those lucky taste- testers has been fantastic!

#### Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 have been learning about healthy food choices. They considered filling choices for a wrap following the brief of 1 protein, 1 vegetable and 1 dairy choice. They practiced good hygiene through washing hands in preparation for making the wraps. They also gave a good evaluation of what they would do to improve.







#### Years 3-5

Children in year 3 -5 have been trying out biscuit recipes before deciding how to adapt one to match their design brief. They have carried out surveys about biscuit packaging and have created packages for their biscuits too.







#### Year 6 Come Dine With Me

Year 6 have planned and prepared a banquet this week. After researching food across the world and preparing menus, they cooked and served a delicious 3 course meal to their parents and carers. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to Mrs Whittaker who was an amazing sous chef!

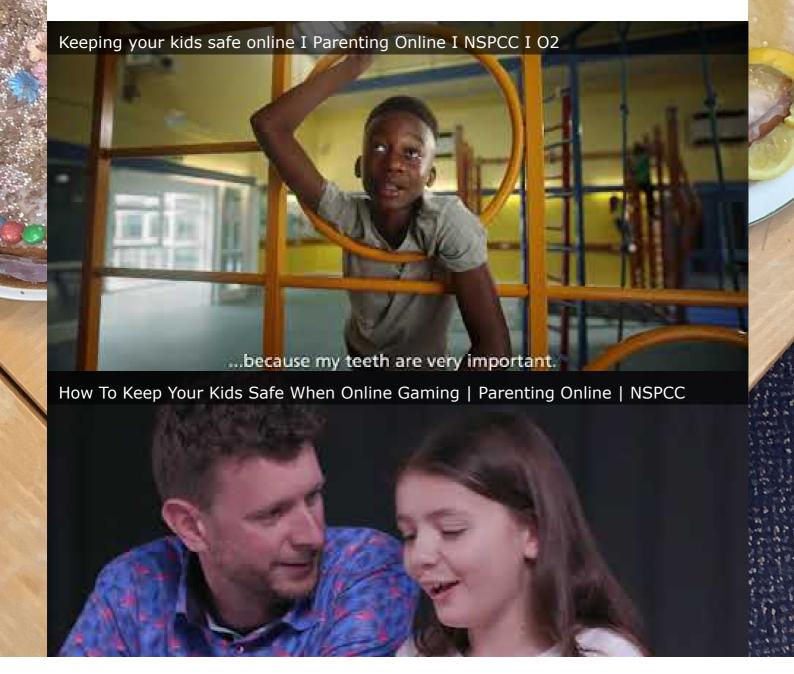






### Safety Online

Each newsletter we hope to share with you short videos that can help you support your children when they are online. We all see the news and this is a serious issue so it is important that we all work together to keep your children safe. What may look like innocent games can be detrimental to children's mental health and anxiety, which is why games have age ratings. We regularly cover online safety in school so please do talk to your children about what they are learning in school and about what they are doing online. Here are 2 short videos. Please do spend 3 minutes of your time watching them.



### Books Books Books

#### A HUGE THANK YOU

Wow! What can we say but thank you! The sponsored read launched on World Book Day raised a staggering:

#### £1513!

Staff are already making lists to update their libraries so our children can readily access more high quality and up to date books.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

To continue the momentum we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on 18th-21st April (1st week after Easter). There will be a whole range of high quality books to buy and school gets a proportion of the profits to purchase books. Please do pop in after school on these days to browse the books for sale.

### Comic Relief

We had a great day 'giving' last Friday for Comic Relief. We raised over £265 for the charity and raised a few smiles too. The 'joke off' got us all giggling and the winner was Ava's joke:

Last week, I limped up to my Doctor and I said: 'Doctor, my dog's bitten my leg!' My Doctor said to me: 'Oh no! Did you put anything on it?'
I said: Nooo! I think he was enjoying it perfectly well without any sauces!'





### Visit from the Fire Service

We received a visit from North Yorkshire Fire Service this week to share key messages about preventing and keeping safe from fire. Information, including ways you may get a free smoke alarm fitted can be found here:

Frequently asked questions - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (northyorksfire.gov.uk)

### Kirkby and Great Broughton Primary School



### Easter Eggstravaganza Competition

Your challenge is to get creative: decorate your boiled egg any way you like. Everyone is invited to enter the competition and should bring in their entries on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - winners will be announced the same day.







### Dates for Diaries

Weds 29th March 11am Easter Service at church - all welcome
Friday 31st Decorated eggs into school
Weds 19th 3:30pm Year 6 Sats Meeting for parents
18-21st April Scholastic Book Fair
Weds 26th April 9am Summer Term Parents' Forum
WB 8th May Year 6 Sats Week. Tests will take place Tues-Friday
5th- 9th June 2023 Y6 residential

# Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Borwell and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.



## Attendance Matters

At Kirkby and Great Broughton School we aim for excellent attendance and it is our legal duty to monitor this. Anyone with less than 90% attendance (this is 18 days in the whole year) is classed as a 'persistent absentee' and may receive a letter (although we know that in some circumstances this is unavoidable and we do take this into account). However please do read the leaflet attached below written by the Swaledale Alliance which the school is part of. This clarifies the impact of low attendance on children's learning and other aspects of attendance such as a parent's legal responsibility.

Please also be aware that Headteachers are not expected to authorise any term time holiday and should only authorise absences under exceptional circumstances (noted on the application form available on the website or via the school office). Please do support us with this.

If you would like a paper copy of this leaflet or if you would like to know your current child's absence please contact the school office.

Attendance Matters Parent Guide - printable.pdf

**Download** 

579.6 KB

Community News



Free Easter fun for those eligible for free school meals



Come with us and explore the beautiful surroundings of Baldersby Park. As we adventure across the 90 acre site, children and young people will take part in fun and active woodland games and try out some forest bathing, whilst learning about nature along the way. That's all before returning to our historic deer shed, where a lunch of hot soup and sandwiches will be provided. Your child will be able to choose from a selection of nutritious fillings, homemade baking and even sample some nettle tea!

In the afternoon, we will walk through the woolly residents of Baldersby Park to get to the archery range where Thirsk Bowmen will coach us in the ancient skill of shooting arrows.

Base Camp is an outdoor activity so lots of layers and a waterproof coat and footwear are required. We are able to provide a limited number of waterproof footwear and coats, so let us know on booking if that's something your child or young person will need.



