

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 11th October- 50th Special

We had a wonderful time last week celebrating the school's 'official' 50th anniversary! A series of joyful events that brought together our children, staff, and the wider community.

The celebrations began earlier in the week with a special worship to commemorate the school's journey where Reverend Anne led prayers of thanks for the school over the past five decades. We looked at pictures through the ages however the children weren't able to guess who the mystery child who used to attend our school was... until Mrs Johnson stood up. She shared with the children photographs of herself in school and a true or false quiz!

In addition to the celebrations, a book documenting the school's history is currently being written by local historian John Davies, with contributions from past students sharing their memories of their time at Kirkby and Great Broughton so look out for more information about this soon. Here's to 50 more years!

Fun around the school

Throughout Friday, some of the children explored in depth life in the 1970's including fashion, music and dance. The year 5s taught the Year 1s the YMCA and if you popped into Year 2 you would see lots of groovy dance moves! Years 3 and 4 interviewed some of our staff who remember the 1970's to find out more (but we won't tell you who !). Nursery produced a beautiful glittery 50 and Reception made fabulous cakes- both cardboard and delicious ones too!





Mosaic



1. As part of the commemorative events, the school gathered to unveil our amazing mosaic, which every child and adult played a part in making. Ros Smith, who worked at the school when it first opened its doors, was joined by Emma, whose design inspired the mosaic. In her design, the two old schools are either side of the 'new' one, as well as stars that reflect our vision of wanting each and every member of the community to 'shine like stars lighting up the sky'. It also incorporates aspects of other children's designs to make a stunning mosaic which now stands as a permanent tribute to the school and one in which each child has left their little legacy. Our visitors on Saturday loved seeing it too!



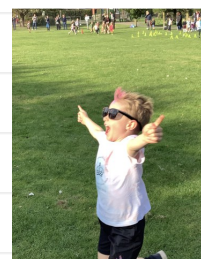
The Wonderful WI

An enormous thank you must go to The Women's Institute (WI) who played a key role in the festivities, creating a magnificent cake adorned with the school's logo, which was ceremonially cut by the Ralph and Jack: the oldest and youngest pupils in the school. A special thanks to Liz and Joan who made and iced it...the children thought it was delicious! The WI also provided the teas, coffees and cakes at our open morning and it is hugely appreciated!



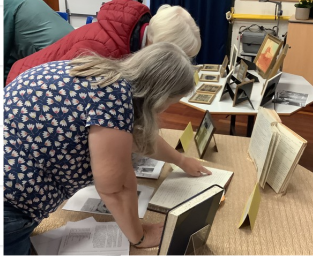
Colour Run

The day continued with a lively "colour run," where children enjoyed running through clouds of colourful powder in the school grounds, marking the end of a day filled with smiles and celebration. Thankyou, not only to the PTA for organising this but to everyone who contributed, raising over £1000! What an end to a fabulous day



Open morning for the community

The festivities carried over into Saturday, October 5th, when the school opened its doors to the community. Visitors were treated to coffee and cake, generously provided by the WI, while current Year 6 students led guided tours of the school. Guests had the opportunity to browse through historical logbooks, photos, original architectural plans, and other memorabilia, offering a fascinating glimpse into the school's past. It was wonderful to see so many past pupils and staff.



Harvest

Next Tuesday is our Harvest Service in church. Everyone is welcome at 11am. Again we will be making donations of food (non-perishable) to Middlesbrough foodbank., Please bring these to school on the morning of the 15th as they are being collected by the foodbank in the afternoon. Thankyou.

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 15th Oct 11am Harvest Festival at church **all welcome**, Donations of food for foodbank welcome

Friday 25th October Non-uniform day in return for prizes for the firework tombola

6th November Y3 Bible Service 10.15 in school - **Year 3 parents and carers welcome**

Weds 6th Nov Parents Meetings (watch out for letters next week)

18th Dec 11am Christmas Service in church : **all welcome**

EY/ KS1 nativities- dates tbc

Free Eye Test for Children



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

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 Gence 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Trail

5th October to
3rd November

Spooky season is nearly upon us in the Arboretum marking the start of our Halloween trail which opens 5th October and runs daily until 3rd November. Put on your cloak, grab your broomstick and head out into the Arboretum in search of spooky creatures. You'll stumble across tombs and skeletons and many more Halloween frights. Standard admission applies.



Santa's Grotto

Various dates from 30th November

Take a wintery walk through the Arboretum towards the cosy cabin nestled deep in the woods where the elves will be waiting to welcome you into an enchanted winter woodland. *Grotto tickets are priced at £12.50 per child and includes entrance into the Arboretum.*

Standard entry applies to the Arboretum.



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