

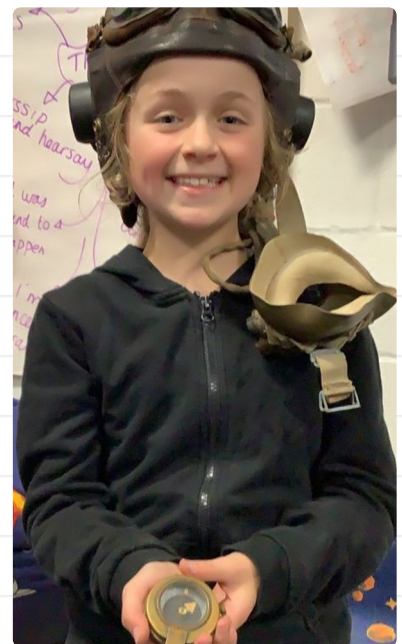
Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 25th October 2024

We have come to the end of our first half term of the year and hasn't time flown? It has been full of exciting learning and fun. Our new children in Reception and Nursery have settled in brilliantly and it has been a pleasure to see them develop in confidence and see the huge progress they have made in such a short time. This half term our Christian value has been 'thankfulness' and children have been encouraged to be thankful for the little things and 'count their blessings'. This was the message this week too when our Y6 worship team led a worship, acting out the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' showing how we should be grateful for what we have. Everyone here wishes you all a happy and safe half term and we will see you all back at school on November 4th for the Christmas term (see dates below for important dates)

History in Year 6

Year 6 have consolidated their half term's learning through a fantastic visit to Eden Camp. They particularly enjoyed the Blitz experience. Although 'it was a bit scary' it made them realise how hard it must have been to live through this. They also liked the submarine experience and visiting the 'street' to see what it would have been like in World War 2. On return to school, they put what they learned about shelters to use to make models of Anderson Shelters. Throughout the topic, Year 6 have been lucky enough to have visitors into school to talk about their experiences and have been able to see real artefacts from the time that have been brought in by the children. A huge thank you to you all for bringing this topic to life.





Y5 and 6 footballers

Over the past few weeks, representatives from our school have taken part in cluster football events competing against other schools in our area. We are very proud of their attitude and enthusiasm and being great ambassadors for our school. Well done to you all and we are looking forward to more tournaments next term.



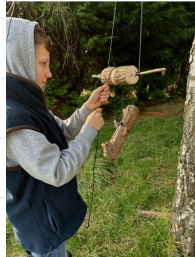
Remarkable Romans

Years 3-5 completed their unit on Romans by getting creative. They used knowledge of nets to design and make Roman forts and they made Roman shields. These were then used to practise some of the Roman formations they had learned about. Fantastic soldiers indeed!



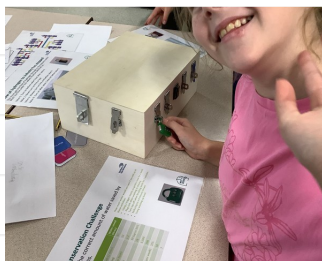
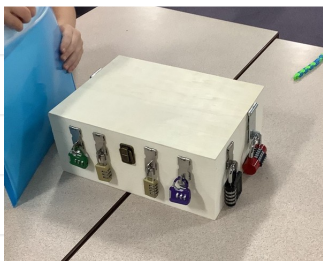
Wisdom of the Woods enriches the curriculum

Throughout the year, all of our children will have the opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning outdoors with David from Sylvan Lore. The teachers work with David each year to plan these sessions so they support learning in the classroom as well as learning new PSHE and wilderness skills outdoors. This half term, the Year 6 children have been learning about the forces involved in levers and pulleys. They were taught how to use their practical skills to make their own fantastic, working pulleys.



Year 5 Save the Polar Bears!

Year 5 had an exciting end to the week when they were visited by Miss Miller from the Northern Gas Networks. She had asked Ms Ronsano if she come come and try out a lesson with our children...and what an exciting lesson it was! The children had to use their knowledge of global warming to free the polar bear in an 'escape room' type of activity where they had to work collaboratively to solve the puzzles and unlock the many padlocks! Fabulous fun and so much learning going on . Thankyou Miss Miller.



Harvest

Thank you to those of you who attended our Harvest service last week and your kind donations to the foodbank. Reverend Anne has asked me to thank you also for donating to the collection in church- the PCC have decided that the money from the School Harvest Collection will go to FCN- Farming Community Network, rather than into Church Funds. FCN helps people in farming in any kind of need- financial, mental health, relationship problems and loneliness.

Children in the Early Years have also been learning about harvest and in nursery the children made some delicious bread which they enjoyed tasting on their 'Welly Walk'.

We know that at this time of year there are many pumpkins that are harvested! This year there will be bins outside the school from 4-7th November that you can leave pumpkins in. These will then be converted into energy! (see poster below)



Diwali in Early Years

Children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about the Hindi festival which will take place over half term. They have looked at Hindi artefacts, made Diya lamps and Rangoli patterns and some super firework pictures in Nursery.



Fossil Making

In their science Years 3-5 have been learning about rocks and soils. Part of this has been finding out about how fossils are formed. Over the last couple of weeks they have put their knowledge into action by making their own fossils. Some budding palaeontologists are in our midst.





Our PTA Need You

Are you looking forward to the events organised by our PTA over half term? (See below for information) Did your children enjoy the colour run and summer fair? We are lucky to have so many volunteers for these events and really appreciate the help. However, the PTA committee itself is very small and all members have children in either Year 5 or 6. This means that these events may be at risk in the future once these children leave our school. Without a PTA committee we can not run these events, so this is why we need you. Could YOU be the next chair, treasurer or secretary? Are you keen to make a difference and enjoy organising? Would you like to have a chat with Claire or Michelle to see what it is all about?



Please do get in touch if you would. They can be contacted through the school office or message them through their Facebook page [\(1\) Facebook](#)

Half Term Fun

Please support our PTA events over the half term. Get in touch via the Friends facebook page or by contacting Claire or Michelle.

Fireworks Extravaganza!

Saturday 2nd November

Great Broughton and Kirby Sports Club

Doors open at 6pm, Fireworks start at 7pm

Adults £7, Children £4, Family of four £20,

Family of five £23

Tickets include entry and hot dog

Glow Products

Cake Stall

Tombola Bar

Glitter tattoos



Scan for ticket sales

Friends of Kirkby and Great
Broughton Primary School

Pumpkin Party

And Disco!

Wednesday 30th October

3PM UNTIL 5PM
GREAT BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL
TS9 7ER

Tickets are £10 each
which includes 'Finger hotdog', crisps, a
drink and a treat bag to take home!
(Sibling discount £8 - under 4's must be
accompanied by an adult)

Prize for the best dressed!

wear your scariest costume !

Pumpkin Bin



Dates for Diaries

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

W/C 4th November: Parent's Meets

18th Nov Y6 Crucial Crew

25th Nov, 28th Nov, 4th December: Y6 Bikeability

6th December 9:30 am- Nursery and Reception Nativity: Refreshments available in hall from 8.45

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: 2pm 9th December

10th December: Visit from pantomime group

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

Christmas parties: KS2 18th Dec, EYFS 19th Dec, KS1 20th Dec (teachers will send info via Seesaw)

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.



Emma McCormick

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