# Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 14th February 2025



## Love Yourself Day

Today the whole school have been reflecting on how important it is to 'shine within ourselves'. It is often very difficult to say what we love about ourselves, but it has been a joy to see some of the reflections our amazing children have made:

"I love that I don't give up." "I love my special heart" "I love that I am spontaneous" "I love that I am kind" "I love that I am good at gymnastics" "I love that I have dyslexia and it makes me different" "I put others first before me" "I am proud because I am brave".

YOUR NEIGHBOR

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yourself

Our Reception and Year 6 buddied up to share what they loved about themselves, and Nursery shared their love by making yummy biscuits for themselves and their families.

Children in Rising Stars have made these beautiful hearts to wish you all a happy day :)



#### Year 6 'I am' poems

Using Valarie Bloom's poem as a model, the Year 6 children have been writing 'I am' poems which reflect the positivity of the day. Here are some extracts from some of the children's poems:

I am the petals on the flower

The whistle in the wind

The splash of a tumbling waterfall

The sweetness in strawberries (Isabella)

I am the warmth of a fireplace
The elegance of a swan
Spring's first snowdrop
The playful yap of a puppy. (A/ex)

I am the honey in the hive
The blood in the heart
The sweetness in the apple
The melody in a tune. (Marciano)

I am the warmth in a fire pit,
The lake's secret cave
The wisdom of a tree,
The silence of midnight. (Rose)

I am the calm waves on a beach
The golden of the sun
The bird's little tune
and I know I can. (Julian)







## Safer Internet Week

Throughout this week everyone in school has been learning more about online scams which is the focus of this year's Safer Internet Day. Information for parents can be found on the newsletter below and please do ask your children what they have learned this week.

A whole range of activities took place. For example, Year 6 took part in a live lesson on Tuesday telling them more about this issue. Year 5 looked at tell tale signs for scams and 'False News'. Year One created Online Safety Heroes and Year 2 designed safety slogans.









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# Bird Week

Last week, children in Nursery and Reception spent time finding out about the birds that visit us in our school grounds. They made bird feeders to tempt them in and then went bird spotting with their very own binoculars. Lots of fun.









#### **NURSERY OPEN MORNING**

Do you know someone whose child will be turning three soon? If so please let them know about an open morning on Saturday 15th March. Nursery will be open for drop ins for parents and children who can explore the environment and find out how our nursery works. Staff will be available from 10am-12 o'clock. We have some spaces on some days after Easter and good availability in September onwards.



#### **Kirkby and Great Broughton CE**



#### **School Nursery**

**Open Morning** 

Open 8:45-2:45
with wraparound care provided by our 'Rising Stars'

#### Saturday 15th March 10am-12

Will your child be turning 3 soon? Why not come and see our friendly nursery for yourself? A few places are available Summer Term 25.

Places are available every day from September 2025

What do our parents say?

"Staff are friendly and welcoming"

"We are very pleased with the hours and flexibility"

"My child is exceptionally happy"

"Fantastic longer opening hours"

"Great communication"

"Good that they have access to school dinners"

"We are absolutely thrilled with the nursery"

"I like the structure of the week- the welly walk is a welcome addition"

"Great that early years phonics has been introduced"

"A very relaxed and 'free' sense

"Great that the children can get familiar with the school surroundings"

Get in touch to find out more

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## Parents' Forum

Following on from the last newsletter giving dates for the spring parents' forum, I would appreciate it if you could complete the Google forms below . This will allow us to gauge numbers for the meeting so we buy enough biscuits. Also it will give you a chance to contribute if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

A reminder that this is for parents from Nursery to Y6 to be held at 9am on Friday 7th March. This is an informal gathering (with tea and biscuits!) with the headteacher to discuss what is happening in the school to ask for parents' input. If you would like anything to be put on the agenda do email <a href="mailto:admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk">admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk</a>. Thank you, I hope to see you there.

#### Spring Term Parents' Forum 2025

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

Child's Name

Your answer

Are you able to attend the Parents' Forum at 9am on 7th March?

Yes

#### Safeguarding Newsletter

Please see the attached below for February's Online Safety Newsletter. Included this week:

- Why Squid Games is rated 15+
- "Should children have mobile phones?"
- Messaging and Snapchat dangers
- -How to manage your child's device

I hope some of you managed to attend the Online Parents session. If you did not their a recording of the session here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BxcZWQ4XcUonNO8C1v-auZq65-AZx9gH?usp=sharing or here if you prefer to watch on a browser:

https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-jan-2025/



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Please could we remind you not to use the staff carpark to pick up or drop off your children from Rising Stars. This is for the children's safety.

Please could we remind you to let the OFFICE know (either by phone or email) if your child is absent. Teachers do not always look at their Seesaw account in the morning. We are legally obliged to find out reasons for absence and will call other contacts if we do not hear from you. Thank you

#### World Book Day Information

The 6th of March is World Book Day. As usual, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character if they would like. (There is no expectation for you to buy a costume and please be aware PE will still be happening if Thursday is their usual PE day ). This year we will be having a Book Quiz where our house teams will battle against each other for the Reading Trophy and extra pompoms! Poetry will be a focus of the day too.

#### ECO Church Competition

Children are again invited to take part in a fun competition with other schools in the area. This term it is called 'Waste 2 Art'. Details are on the poster below. Have fun!

#### **Eco Church Spring Challenge**





Create a piece of art from waste materials such as egg boxes, newspaper, card packaging, fabric etc.



Base your artwork on an eco theme such as nature, the oceans, rivers, farming, energy - there is a lot of choice

If using card or paper as a base, try to limit the size to A3



Launch January 2025

Completion End of March 2025



Have fun!









What can you make out of waste materials?

#### School News

#### **Supporting Families at KGB**

At our school, we are always looking for ways to support our families. We always try to find time to talk and help you in any way we can but know that sometimes you do not want to approach the teacher or headteacher. We know that there are times when for any reason a family can experience difficulties. You may be feeling a little overwhelmed by the stress of everyday life; or perhaps you are worried about something to do with your child or experiencing different behaviour at home and would like to talk to somebody about this.



Beginning this term, Mrs Atkinson, who many of you already know, will be available to support you as a family-link worker. She is

offering friendly, non-judgmental support, a listening ear and can try to signpost you to help that is out there. Although she will be in class much of the time, she can be contacted via the office or her email: <a href="mailto:mrsatkinson@kirkby-in-cleveland.n.yorks.sch.uk">mrsatkinson@kirkby-in-cleveland.n.yorks.sch.uk</a> and she will contact you back to arrange how she can help.

# 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.

## Dates for Diaries

**Monday 3rd March** Year 6 SATS and East Barnby Information session 330pm (presentation will also be sent home)

Thursday 6th March World Book Day Friday 7th March 9am Parents forum 13th March: Parents' coffee morning Saturday 15th March 10am-12 Nursery open morning drop in

2nd April: 11am Easter Service in church- all welcome

2nd April: Parent and teacher Meetings

4th April: Break up for Easter

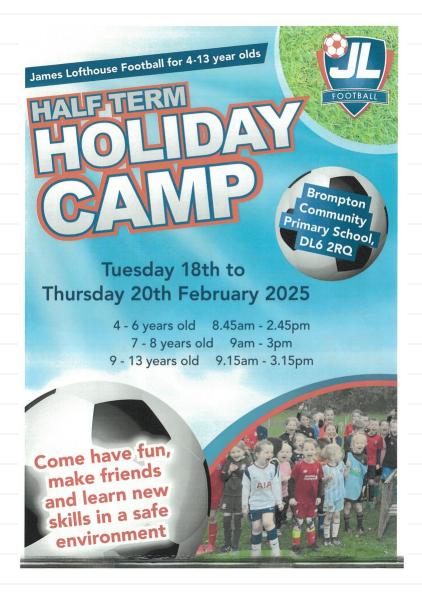
**Tuesday 22nd April:** Return to school **w/b 12th May** Year 6 SATS week

W/B 26th May: Half term

W/B 2nd June: Year 6 residential at East Barnby

18th July: Children finish for the summer

## Community News











**Emma McCormick** 

Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters