

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 17th January 2025

As this is the first newsletter of the term I wanted to wish you all a Happy New Year. The children have come back over the last two weeks with enthusiasm and smiles and we are looking forward to another busy and enjoyable term ahead. I will continue to share key dates at the bottom of each newsletter so do keep an eye out. Our Christian Value this half term is perseverance. The children always have the opportunity to reflect and respond to our value and I wanted to share a lovely prayer written by one the children:

Dear God.

Please help me and my friends and all of the shining stars in our school to persevere, even when we find things hard. Thank you God, you are the best.

Amen

Science Club

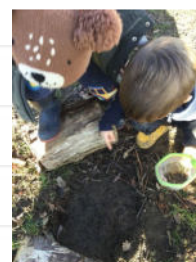
This term Miss Edwards has started a Science Club for Year 2.

"This week at science club we kicked off our CReST star awards with an investigations called 'Brilliant Bubbles'. Children were investigating whether they could change the shape and colour of the bubbles. We discovered (after lots of messy fun) that bubbles are rainbow coloured when we shine light on them and we cannot change their colour, however hard we tried. We also discovered that changing the shape was really difficult !"



Enjoying being outside

Despite the very cold weather, children across the school have enjoyed spending time learning outside. Nursery are looking closely at nature, finding and identifying bugs and looking closely at tree bark as well as using their mud kitchen! In geography, year one have been talking about the different seasons in the year. They went on a walk and made journey sticks. All of the things children collected on their sticks show them what season it currently is. This half term it is Year 3 and 4's opportunity to develop their learning through Wisdom of the Woods. They have been using natural resources to make maps and plans of the school. Wisdom of the Woods after school clubs will be commencing again soon- look out for emails.



Year 1 and 2 go back in time

Today, children in Key Stage 1 consolidated last term's history learning by visiting Helmsley Castle. They looked at the structure and imagined how the castle would have been used in the past. In the afternoon they took part in a technology workshop making catapults and knocking down walls. Year 2 have also made some fantastic castle structures using clay.



Eco Church Spring Challenge

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

Waste 2 Art



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: mrsatkinson@kirkby-in-cleveland.n.yorks.sch.uk and she will contact you back to arrange how she can help.



Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mrs Talkington and her partner who are expecting a new addition to their family later in the summer.

TA Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a part time Teaching Assistant. Information can be found here <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/4661/0/444374/20081/general-teaching-assistant-kirkby-and-great-broughton-primary-school> . Please do pass on to anyone who you think may be interested.

Safeguarding Newsletter

At school, we are committed to helping keep children safe online. As part of these we will now be sending you a monthly newsletter which provides up to date, relevant advice for parents. We will send this via email and also on this newsletter.

This month areas covered are:

- Fortnite and parental controls
- Influencers
- Age ratings
- Information about Smartphone Free Childhoods

Well worth a read.

Below you will also see a poster advertising a free online parents' information session. The link for this will be sent out approximately a week before.



Online Safety Newsletter Primary January 2025

Download

399.9 KB

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
29TH
JANUARY 2025
9.30AM – 10.15AM**



Free Course for Parents and Carers

Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers 2 Day Course

Unlocking Autism is a Free 2 day course for parents and carers of children & young people with communication and interaction needs. It offers a chance for parents to network & share experiences.



The 2 day programme includes 5 sessions covering Understanding Autism, Behaviour, Communication, Sensory differences and Resilience, providing practical tools and strategies to support children and young people.

This will be held at The Golden Lion - 114, High Street, Northallerton on 5th and 6th February.

Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend.

More information can be found here - please contact school if you would like to attend and we will book you on.

[Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers 2 Day Course | NYES Training](#)

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

28th January: Visit from Olympic BMXer for whole school

29th January: Online Parent online safety- see above

14th February: Love yourself day. More details to follow

W/B 17th February: Half term

13th March: Parents' coffee morning

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

Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre Presents...

SHREK

THE MUSICAL

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Picture and the Book by William Steig

THE FORUM
NORTHALLERTON

Tuesday 4th to
Saturday 8th February 2025

Tuesday to Thursday & Saturday 7pm
Friday 6pm
Saturday Matinee 1:30pm

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally Produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals
and Neal Street Productions



Adults £16
Children £12
Concessions £12 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/crash-bang-wallop
01609 776230

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

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