

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 6th February

Busy in Nursery

The Nursery children have had a busy and exciting week celebrating National Storytelling Week.

They have been exploring traditional tales (Literacy), listening carefully and using new vocabulary as they retold stories in their own words (Communication and Language).

The children brought stories to life by recreating them with props and acting them out (Expressive Arts and Design), while learning to take turns, share, and play together (PSED). There was also lots of energetic fun as they joined in with storytelling yoga, developing balance, coordination, and control (Physical Development).

What a lovely week for our youngest children.



Parking - Again

I am sorry to the vast number of you who must be sick and tired of these messages... However, parking continues to be a concern and was raised again during the recent parent survey. Many parents are understandably frustrated that a small minority are taking liberties, which can put children's safety at risk.



Please be aware that on a small number of specific occasions, parents have been given permission to park in the lay-by. These occasions are very limited, and we ask that this is not copied or assumed it is OK.

As a busy, teaching head, I am not always able to be outside at the end of the day, so this relies on **everyone** working together and taking responsibility to keep all our children safe.

I appreciate that the younger children's parents may not be aware of why we made the decision to close the layby at home time. I have attached the original letter below which explains the reasons behind this- the safety of all. It also reminds parents that there should be no parking across neighbours drives or turning in their driveway (I am trying my best to keep the peace!)

The advice from the police is when anyone is blocking the driveway and someone is in need of getting out then the resident should call police on 101 unless it's in an emergency situation then it's 999 and parking issues need to be raised with the council re the parking on the yellow line. We are pleased to share that our new caretaker is starting soon, which will mean the bollards can be put out consistently. In the meantime, please can we all work together to follow the parking expectations and set a positive example.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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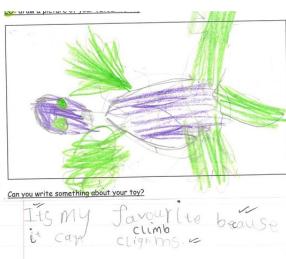
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Year One Poetry and Year Two Design Technology

Year One Poets

This week Year One have been using the text Toys poem by Joshua Seigal and will be writing their own poems soon. This week they all enjoyed bringing their favourite toys in to write some descriptions.



Year 2 DT – Chefs in the Making!

In DT, Year 2 have been busy developing their cooking and chopping skills – real chefs in the making! They finished the unit by making healthy choices to design and prepare a delicious wrap, learning how to handle tools safely and choose ingredients carefully.



Communication Update

Streamlining Communication

As mentioned, some parents commented on the parent survey about streamlining communication. We are currently looking into this and considering how we can make communication clearer and more consistent.

In the meantime, we would like to remind parents of the purpose of our different communication methods:

- Seesaw – Used for two-way communication between class teachers and parents, sharing learning, celebrations, and examples of children's work.
- Text messages – Used for last-minute or urgent messages.
- Emails – Used for longer messages or letters. If an email is particularly important, we will send a text message to let you know it has been sent.
- Paper letters – Used when a signature is required or when a written response is needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to review and improve our communication systems.

Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter – February

Please take a few minutes to read the February Online Safety Newsletter. It includes guidance on children using AI to alter images, advice on TikTok safety and parental controls, recommended safe apps for younger children, and tips on managing screen time and digital wellbeing.



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Dates for Diaries

Monday 23rd March 11am Easter Service in church- all welcome

Friday 27th March Break up for Easter

22nd April Parents' meetings

Free Eye Tests 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 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.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](https://nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/find-an-optician/)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**

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