

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 14th March

Shining Scientists in Science Week

We have had a fantastic Science Week full of excitement, curiosity and hands-on learning this week.. We were delighted to welcome visitors from all over, each bringing something unique to inspire our pupils.

The week began with Mr Trotter, a STEM Ambassador, who demonstrated distillation and sparked lots of scientific questions. Teesside University visited Year 6 to talk about the brain and how it works. We also enjoyed a wonderful session with Colin and Chris, who shared their knowledge of owls and brought science to life through nature.

Northern Grid joined us to explore energy, and Stokesley High School worked with Years 3 and 4 on an exciting hovercraft-building activity.

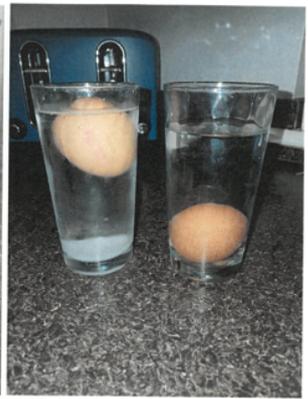
It was a brilliant week full of learning, exploration and inspiration for our young scientists! It is also inspired some children, like Rosie to carry out some investigations at home! A huge thank you to Ms Ronsano for organising and to all of our inspirational visitors.



Science Week

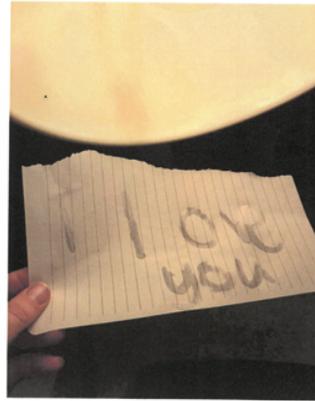
1. floating egg experiment

We put the egg in water and it sunk. Then we added salt to the water and the egg floated!



2. Invisible ink

We wrote a message in lemon juice. Then we held it up to a lightbulb and the message went brown.



3. fizz!

We got lemon juice which is acid and mixed bicarbonate of soda in and it fizzed!

World Book Day Fun

Library Visit

The whole school had a fantastic trip to Stokesley Library on World Book Day last week. Dressed in their amazing costumes they were able to explore the library and borrow books.

We received a lovely message from the library staff:

Thank you so much for bringing the children to visit the library today. It was an absolute pleasure to see their enthusiasm when choosing their books. Their manners, patience and maturity are an absolute credit to the school.

Thank you everyone- and particularly the PTA who funded the coach travel on the day.

For information:

Books borrowed on the day will be due back in three weeks.

Books can be returned to any North Yorkshire library: Stokesley, Great Ayton and Northallerton being the nearest.

Children can borrow up to 10 books on their ticket via the self-service kiosk.

Books can be renewed by phone with ourselves, if there are any issues with returning them. Tel: 01609 533461

For those children who came in today without cards, if they speak to our volunteers at the desk when they return their books, we will happily issue them with a new card.



Book Day Quiz

On Friday we held an exciting Book Quiz, where representatives from each house were put to the test. It was incredibly close, with just a few points separating the teams—but in the end, Antares emerged as the winner. Well done to all who took part and to the amazing audience!



Brilliant Walk or Wheel to School Success!

Fabulous news!

Almost 70% of all journeys since beginning this initiative have been active journeys – thank you so much!

It's incredibly close at the top: Year 1 and Year 2 are leading with 80% of their journeys active, closely followed by Year 3.

Keep it up, everyone!



Rising Stars News

Rising Stars children have been busy creating their beautiful Easter egg display while still finding time to play and be creative.

Rising Stars Breakfast and After school club offers a safe, supportive environment where children can play relax and have fun.

Our breakfast club provides a calm start to the school day with a nutritious breakfast and fun activities before school.

Our after school club offers a relaxed friendly space where children can play, create and spend time with friends.

To register your child or find out more information contact the school office or pop along and speak to Ange or Sally. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on our Governing Body:

- One Foundation Governor (see below)
- One Parent Governor (information sent home this week)

If you are interested in standing for election, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Completed forms must be returned by Thursday 27th March.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Please let anyone you know who may be interested know about this opportunity.

Foundation Governors should be able to demonstrate a Christian faith and a commitment to supporting the Christian ethos of the school.

What We're Looking For:

We are seeking governors who can support the school's continued improvement. Skills or interest in areas such as:

- Marketing
- Education and school development
- Strategic planning
- Health and Safety/Premises

If you feel you could contribute—or know someone who could—please get in touch.

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JOIN THE TEAM

Could you be a Foundation Governor?

Could you volunteer to join the Governing Body?
Do you want to serve your community and make a difference?

		
Experience and skills	Christian character	A team player
Could you bring your skills and experiences to complement those of other governors?	Could you help to ensure that the Christian vision and character of the school are upheld?	Can you work with leaders, governors and other stakeholders to ensure that the school thrives?

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Wisdom of The Woods

Wisdom of the Woods is back in full swing! This time it was Year 2's turn, and they had a fantastic day last week building teamwork with their friends and creating shelters together.



Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter – March

- Find out the latest guidance on children's smartphone use, screen time, and safety features.
- Learn about new YouTube parental controls and what you need to know about VPNs and hidden browsing.
- Discover how social media algorithms influence what children see online.
- Get advice on age-rated games like *Five Nights at Freddy's* so you can make informed choices at home.

Please take a moment to read the full newsletter – it's packed with useful tips to help keep your child safe online.



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Dates for Diaries

Friday 20th March Comic Relief- PJs and 'messy hair'

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

Friday 27th March Break up for Easter

22nd April Parents' meetings

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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/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- 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](#)
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