

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 12th June



Year Six shine on their residential

This week's newsletter is largely dedicated to Year 6. They had a brilliant time on their residential last week and were absolute stars—a real pleasure to be around. They took part in a wide range of activities including body boarding, nightline, rock pooling, orienteering, an alien hunt, canoeing, and climbing—far too many to describe in detail! However, they also found time to pause, think and reflect. They returned to school on Friday tired but very happy. I will let some of the Year Sixes describe some of the activities.

Bodyboarding by Thomas

When we got to Cayton Bay we unloaded the bodyboards and had a five or ten minute walk down to the actual beach where we would use our bodyboards. As we got to the sand, we placed our boards on the ground so the instructors could tell us the position we had to be in to use the board correctly. As we were just finishing our practice on the sand, Nikki told us to unstrap the wrist band that kept us held to our bodyboard and to line up. Suddenly, she shouted run and we all ran into the cold, salty water for a temperature test. After we had played in the water for a bit, we were shouted back to the shore to retrieve them so we could use them in the water. When I was in the water, I was riding the ways like a pro, it was so fun. I waited, waited and waited until I saw a massive wave in the distance. I saw the wave in the corner of my eye until it stood behind me and rode it like a pro.



Canoeing by Jasper

Loading the canoes out into the water, canoeing was our next activity. We started at Ruswarp and had some practice before canoeing along the River Esk. We then travelled along the river and found a dead goat in the river and other interesting things. We came to the weir but it was blocked off, so we brought our canoes over it and slid down (Jill's wellie was taken away by someone's canoe.) Our boats filled up with muddy water before docking at lunch island. After lunch, we set sail again and saw highland cows, a shipwreck and watched hundreds of seagulls fly by in a beautiful pattern. The instructors (Nikki and Jill) threw balls into the water and we played a game with balls where you had to throw them into each other's boats, we nearly tipped over trying to get one! Continuing the journey to Whitby, a massive, colossal bridge stood in front of us which was sold for 1 pound! It took thousands each year to keep it standing. We navigated the rest of the river and went over rapids and in front of us was Whitby Bay. My boat was first to dock and all of us were part of the 0.03% of the people who travelled by boat there. We travelled 2 miles in total and it was so much fun.



Beck Scrambling by Emma

The next day, we went beck scrambling to a rapid river called West Beck. In the mini bus, we passed a train station -in Goathland- that was in Harry Potter! Since it was going to be ice-cold and very deep in the water, we had to wear multiple layers of long-sleeved t-shirts, a jumper or hoodie, multiple layers of legging or tracksuit bottoms and a helmet. One of the hardest things was

definitely that we had to squeeze and climb through long, claustrophobic spaces. Entering the water, I suddenly felt shivers down my spine as the rocks got slipperier and slipperier it got a lot more difficult. A top tip Tom (our instructor) told us was 'if the rock is green it's mean' because if the moss was muddy and wet you had a more likely chance to trip over and fall. This really helped us carry along in our journey. The most terrifying thing for me, was that we had to crawl up this steep, tall boulder and slide down it into what felt like bottomless water. I was unsure at first but then I pushed myself to do the unthinkable and slide down it. Afterwards, I found it extremely fun and if I had the chance I would glide down the jagged, gigantic rock again.



The Griffs by Katie

On Thursday, we challenged ourselves climbing up/down the muddy, V-shaped valleys, and we saw a series of muddy, dirty bones!

First, we trekked down a steep, vibrantly green field that takes us down to the Griffs. On the way to lunchtime island, we found a plant with three leaves-like a clover- and Paul said they were edible (they tasted like sour Apple peel!)! Next, we carried on down the damp, slippery floor with a handful of the edible plants, we saw wood louses all over the floor and big beetles resting.. When we had eaten all our lovey lunch, we got to explore the rocky shallow river with little, grey shrimps in, they were so cute! After a couple of minutes, we got told by Nikki it's time to move on. We hopped out of the stream, put our backpacks on and carried on exploring the mysterious Griffs. A bit further on, we came across a pile of bones. Shockingly, under some of the leaves and bones there was a HUGE cow skull! It was so cool, there was also a sheep skull and big bones.



Evening Activities by Lucy

Did you know that every evening activity at Birch Hall was different? On night one we did an alien hunt, there were a variety of aliens hidden around the site. We went to look for them, it was a bit like a treasure hunt. On night two we did the night line. The night line is a course that is built around trees and tires and some tunnels that you had to crawl under or through. Your partner had to lead you around my partner (Eliza), lead me through the trail. On night three we did the night walk. It was a set trail that we had to follow, we had to find a sign with a number on. On it, it had a little blue ammonite (that is the East Barnaby symbol). The trail we took led us off site so we went with our teachers. On night four we did: a camp fire as it was the last night, we sang campfire,

roasted marshmallows and played games. It was my favourite night time activity by far, it was a good note to finish on.



Finally from Pippa...

On reflection, we all had the best time on the trip at Birch Hall with Mrs McCormick and Ms Ronsano. We learnt loads of new things like how to work in teams, develop confidence and overcome our fear of heights or something else. Not even words can say how brilliant a time we had. I will remember this for life.

Wisdom of the Woods

From the oldest children to the youngest who are also enjoying being outdoors. This half term Reception and Nursery are enjoying their turn exploring the outdoors. Last week they made amazing potions!



Summer Fair and Colour Run

Don't forget that next Friday is our annual Summer Fair and Colour Run. Thank you for all of your contributions to the tombola today—they are very much appreciated. Please do come along and join in the fun; it promises to be a fantastic afternoon for everyone!

**SUMMER
FAIR
and Colour Run!**

Friday 19th June 2026
From 3.15pm

KIRKBY AND GREAT BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- cake stall •
- tombola •
- game stalls •
- cold drinks •
- tea and coffee •
- fire engine •
- ice cream van •

• Colour run from 4pm! •

Kirkby Lane, Great Broughton, TS9 7AL



Nursery Open Morning



'Shine among them like stars lighting up the sky'

Kirkby and Great Broughton Nursery

We invite you to ...

AN OPEN MORNING

Saturday 4th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

Discover our amazing classroom and
explore the vibrant outdoor space

STAY AND PLAYS

Book a time to stay and play

9:00 - 10:00am on

any Tuesday or Thursday in June
or call us for a 1-1 tour



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sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk)

or phone 01642 712687



If you know anyone with nursery age children, please do share the information about chances to visit and see our lovely nursery in action. We welcome children from 3 and can provide wraparound care from 7.45-6pm.

School Uniform

School Uniform Reminder

Some parents have asked about ordering school uniform ahead of the new term. Just a reminder that items can be purchased using the following link:

<https://www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk/collections/kirkby-and-great-broughton-primary-school>

Please remember that branded items (such as sweatshirts and cardigans) are *not compulsory*, as long as children wear clothing in the correct school colours. The PTA also has a selection of second hand uniform which will be on sale before the end of term- we will let you know when .

Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter

June's newsletter covers popular apps, online scams, and digital footprints, with tips to help children stay safe. It highlights risks such as stranger contact, fake offers, and inappropriate content, and reminds parents to check privacy settings, talk regularly with children, and use parental controls. Please do have a read.



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Dates for Diaries

15th June Years 3,4 and 5 visit to Jarrow Hall

17th and 19th June Secure Roots visit school

23rd June KS1 visit to Helmsley

23rd June pm KS2 Cross Country at Stokesley

24th June Humanist visit to school

Weds 1st July Sports Afternoon (Thurs 2nd pm reserve for bad weather)

Friday 3rd July pm Y6 event- Performance and treat

6th-10th July National Sports Week- lots planned

Weds 8th-Friday 10th Y6 transition to Stokesley High

Weds 8th Transition morning for rest of school

Thursday 9th July pm Nursery graduation event

14th July Y5 and 6 Visit Stokesley School Adams Family

Weds 8th Transition day for rest of school

Weds 15th July 11am Leavers' Service in church all welcome

Friday 17th July Break up for the Summer

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH

Stokesley School

TS9 5AL

FREE PARKING (and lots of it!)

2-4pm

Find your new sustainable collection!

CLOTHES

Bring up to 5 items of clean good quality clothing and swap for up to 5 new to you items. Entry £2 per person including refreshments!



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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/
- 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**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**



Emma McCormick

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