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Weekly Newsletter: Week ending 20th January 2017

Curriculum: Rainforests

This week Key Stage 2 children were visited by 'Zoolab', enhancing our children's learning about the rainforest and the animals that live within it, special thanks to Rocky the snake, Goose and Beans the dumbo rats, Mildred the millipede and snappy the scorpion. These special events often create the best memories for our children; we like to ensure that the children in our school have fun when learning!

Keeping our children healthy: swimming tournament

Well done to our Key Stage 2 swimming team who swam at the South Craven School Sport's Partnership today, competing against our 6 local primary schools; our children recognise the importance of healthy lifestyles and fair competition.

Race	Competitor	Position
Y5/6 Boys backstroke	Diesel Turner	7
Y5/6 Boys breaststroke	Sam Smith	2
Y5/6 Boys front crawl	Harry Kaminski	1
Y5/6 Girls backstroke	Hallie Fitton	3
Y5/6 Girls breaststroke	Aliza Dobson	5
Y5/6 Girls front crawl	Lois Hunt	4
Y3/4 Boys backstroke	Finlay Beckwith	3
Y3/4 Boys breaststroke	Dougie Clayton	5
Y3/4 Boys front crawl	Leo Kaminski	3
Y3/4 Girls backstroke	Jodie Midgley	4
Y3/4 Girls breaststroke	Emily Keys	3
Y3/4 Girls front crawl	Evie Lewis	7
Y5/6 Boys Medley relay	Diesel Turner, Sam Smith, Greg Riddiough, Harry Kaminski	4
Y5/6 Boys Freestyle relay	Sam Smith, Diesel Turner, Greg Riddiough, Harry Kaminski	4
Y5/6 Girls Medley relay	Hallie Fitton, Aliza Dobson, Olivia Aldham, Lois Hunt	5
Y5/6 Girls Freestyle relay	Lois Hunt, Aliza Dobson, Olivia Aldham, Hallie Fitton	4
Y3/4 Boys Medley relay	Finlay Beckwith, Dougie Clayton, Maxim Syroka, Leo Kaminski	2
Y3/4 Boys Freestyle relay	Leo Kaminski, Finlay Beckwith, Dougie Clayton, Maxim Syroka	2
Y3/4 Girls Medley relay	Jodie Midgeley, Emily Keys, Evie Lewis, Emily Kerr	5
Y3/4 Girls Freestyle relay	Jodie Midgeley, Evie Lewis, Emily Kerr, Emily Keys	7

Sport: Football Finals

We found out this week that the school football team will be playing in the North Yorkshire Finals on 25th March in Tadcaster. The Year 5/6 boys will not only be representing our school, but the whole of the Craven area, having won two previous tournaments to reach the finals. They will be competing against the districts of York, Craven, Hambleton, Selby, Ryedale, Harrogate, Richmondshire, and Scarborough.

National Railway Museum Visit.

Today our Year 2 children visited the National Railway Museum, linked to their studies around transport. They had an amazing time exploring the museum and learning about the history of passenger trains. It is great that our school is able to offer such exciting learning opportunities that enhance the curriculum and stimulate the children's learning; enthusing their enjoyment of school. The school would like to thank those parents who accompanied the children on the visit.

Library Visit

Class 7 visited the local library this week. Through visiting the library not only are our children exposed to a treasure-trove of books and instilling a life-long love of reading and learning, they are also supporting our local community. Our school continues to work in partnership with the community; supporting one another.



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Fundraising: Children in Need

The school continues to fundraise for others; the school is pleased to be able to support a range of charities; demonstrating to our children the importance of thinking and caring about others. Below is the certificate we received this week.

The certificate features the Children in Need logo at the top, followed by the word 'SPOTACULAR' in large, colorful letters with 'with LLOYDS BANK' underneath. A central graphic says 'THANK YOU!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it reads 'Glusburn Community Primary School ...for raising a fantastic £274.63 to help disadvantaged children and young people across the UK'. The certificate is decorated with various colorful icons including stars, a bear, a plus sign, and a diamond. At the bottom, it includes the receipt number 'E1276 0006168' and the Children in Need logo with the text 'Proud Schools Partner'.

Mr Evans

Mr Evans attended the Craven Awards ceremony on Thursday evening last week accompanied by Mrs Forster and Mr Hunt, following a nomination by school for 'Volunteer of the Year', although he didn't win – we are all still very proud of him. The school values Mr Evans' involvement as much as he loves being here; we are a very supportive family to each other.





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Basic Skills Award Review

The school was visited by a Basic Skills Assessor on Wednesday this week. After discussions with the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Maths Coordinator, Literacy Coordinator and Head of Foundation Stage, it was more than satisfying to receive such high praise from an outside agency and a huge pat-on-the-back for all our staff; acknowledging the school's hard work in promoting the basic skills of reading, writing and maths. Below is the report in full:

*"Thank you for a most enjoyable visit to Glusburn Community Primary School to review the work being done in Basic Skills. The school continues to do excellent work to ensure that children of all abilities achieves their potential in speaking & listening, reading, writing & mathematics. It was clearly obvious that the school is very well led and managed in terms of Basic Skills. The staff are a very effective team who work together with enthusiasm and dedication. There is a whole school approach to everything that is undertaken to ensure that the provision in Basic Skills is of a high quality throughout the school. The school has clearly written action plans for Basic Skills to ensure that targeted areas for improvement are thoroughly addressed and then evaluated to measure impact. The staff have appropriately high expectations for all pupils. The children in Early Years were very keen to share their Learning Journeys with the assessor. They spoke confidently and enthusiastically about their work. It was a pleasure to be with them and share their learning experiences. The school was last inspected by Ofsted in March 2015 and was judged to be **GOOD** in all areas.*

Good practice' identified in relation to the 10 Elements of the Quality Mark:

The school can demonstrate 'Good Practice' in all of the 10 Elements of the Quality Mark Framework. I can only mention a few examples in this brief report.

- *Elements 2, 3, 1 & 10 all relate to assessment, target setting, planning, monitoring and evaluation. There is good practice in all of them. The school uses information from on-going teacher assessment and summative assessments to make appropriate provision for all pupils (Element 2)*
- *Appropriately challenging targets are set at all levels for groups and individuals (Element 3)*
- *There is a very strong and clear whole school strategic approach to Basic Skills that is based on very good self-evaluation. The School Development Plan and Subject Plans for Literacy and Numeracy are excellent. (Element 1)*
- *The school meticulously monitors and evaluates its whole school strategic approach to Basic Skills. The Governing Body are kept well informed on progress, standards and the impact of development work. (Element 10)*
- *Under attainment and under achievement is identified through effective formative and summative assessments and appropriate provision is made, delivered and evaluated. (Elements 4 & 5)*
- *CPD opportunities are available to all staff and are based on an analysis of needs and whole school priorities (Element 6)*
- *A wide range of teaching and learning styles are used. The school has recently introduced the Singapore Mathematics Programme which concentrates on Mastery. The children's responses to this new way of teaching and learning in Mathematics has been very positive and their confidence has increased. The subject leader for Mathematics has been selected to be a 'Maths Mastery Specialist' and will share his expertise with other schools.*
- *ICT is effectively used to enhance teaching and learning in Basic Skills as and when appropriate. The school has good systematic procedures in place for subject leaders and members of the SLT to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of teaching and learning (Element 7)*
- *There was clear evidence that teaching and learning materials and the physical environment are used effectively to support learning. All classrooms were well organised and had materials / displays available to support learning in literacy and numeracy (Element 8)*
- *There were some excellent examples of strategies being used throughout the school to communicate with parents and carers and to support them in encouraging their children in Basic Skills. The Learning Journeys in EYFS are superb! Parents are frequently consulted and are kept well informed. The induction procedures for the parents and carers whose children are starting the EYFS are excellent. (Element 9)*



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Choir in the community: Anchor Housing Donation

Following performances by the school choir at both Townend and Sunnybank Anchor Housing over the Christmas period, this week we received from them a very generous donation of £200. This money will be used to support further choir events and the music curriculum. Again this demonstrates our school's healthy links with the local community, and to the children that you can achieve great things when you work/sing together.

UNICEF

This week we have begun preparations for the forthcoming UNICEF Day For Change on the 3rd February. Our UNICEF team of children led our whole school assembly on Monday, speaking confidently and passionately to their colleagues about the upcoming event. More details will follow to parents. Our school encourages pupil voice and teaches our pupils how to articulate their thoughts sensibly.

South Craven Mentors

This week we welcomed two South Craven 6th form student mentors. They will be working alongside Mrs Hunt in supporting her work as Learning Mentor. Our pupils enjoy the interaction with older students; recognising them as good role models as they grow into independent learners.

Equalities team

Representatives from our school council members have joined with Sutton school council members this week to form a joint equality team. Their focus will be on issues such as race, gender and disability. Their first project will focus on diversity: our children want to ensure that all visitors and members of our school community feel welcome at Glusburn Community Primary School.

Performing arts event / Language Fair

A group of KS2 children will be joining Mrs Gates at South Craven School next week to take part in a Performing Arts workshop. The children will be joined by other pupils from our local primary schools; whilst Mrs Stoney will be taking a group of students to a Language Fair at South Craven later in the half-term. It is pleasing that our school continues to forge strong links with our local secondary school, offering our children exciting learning opportunities.

Star Learners

Class 4:	Class 5:	Class 6:	Class 7:	Class 8:
Archie Lord	Seren Ansell	Alyssa Pickard	Rita Sollberger	Millie Brown
Class 9:	Class 10:	Class 11:	Class 12:	Class 13:
Betsy Willis	Millie House	Lola Cannon	Georgina Mazurke	Aidan Mitchell

Housepoint Champions

Class 4:	Class 5:	Class 6:	Class 7:	Class 8:
Lillie-mai Charlton	Maisy-Lee Oliver	Erin Allan Daisy Kaminski	Rita Sollberger	Thomas Nutter
Class 9:	Class 10:	Class 11:	Class 12:	Class 13:
Leona Sunter Phoebe Hopkinson	Alana Hardy	Zach Filkin	Kaylar Sykes	Brandon Lambert

Friendship stars

Mari Gamston, Jack Hardaker, Amelia Wilcock, Emilie Keys, Jacob Craven, Summer Lister, Annie Bell, Millie Brown.



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Open Mic Night: *Friday 27th January: 7:00pm – 10:00pm: This event has been postponed.*

Spring 1st Half-term

26.01.17 Y1 trip National Railway Museum
27.01.17 Class 8 assembly to parents. (2:45pm)
03.02.17 Class 6 assembly to parents. (2:45pm) UNICEF Day for Change.
10.02.17 Class 7 assembly to parents. (2:45pm)
15.02.17 - 17.02.17 Year 5 Residential trip to Arnside
17.02.17 End of Spring 1st half-term

Poetry corner: The Minister for Exams

When I was a child I sat an exam.

The test was so simple. There was no way I could fail.

Q1. Describe the taste of the moon.

It tastes like creation, I wrote, It has the flavour of starlight.

Q2. What colour is Love?

Love is the colour of the water a man lost in the desert finds, I wrote.

Q3. Why do snowflakes melt?

I wrote, they melt because they fall onto the warm tongue of God.

There were other questions.

They were as simple.

I described the grief of Adam when he was expelled from Eden.

I wrote down the exact weight of an elephant's dream.

Yet today, many years later, for my living I sweep the streets or clean out the toilets of the fat hotels.

Why? Because constantly I failed my exams.

Why? Well, let me set a test.

Q1. How large is a child's imagination?

Q2. How shallow is the soul of the Minister for Exams.

Brian Patten (from 'Armada', 1996)

We do amazing things at Glusburn Community Primary School, beyond testing.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Social Media

The school hopes that you are able to find all the information you need via the website and school newsletter, such as dates of events and key information. Text messaging and emails are now also used to inform, alert and remind parents when necessary. However, the school would like to draw your attention to a further source: **Glusburn Parents' Forum**, which can be accessed via Facebook. It is important to note that **this is not a school run-site**, but one which some parents might find useful.