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## Newsletter 23 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It looks like we are going to have quite a cold spell this week weather wise! It's another busy week in school with Aquatic Finatic visiting EYFS today and I'd also like to thank everyone who supported World Book Day last Thursday where we had fabulous costumes and books shared in school.

### Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

**EYFS:** This week in Early Years, we have been learning about minibeasts. We have built a bug hotel in the outdoor area with pots, wood, stones and sticks and we can't wait to investigate which minibeasts come to make their homes in there! In preparation for this, we have been reading non-fiction books about the features of minibeasts so that we can identify them when they arrive. The Reception children have written some insect 'What Am I?' clues to read to the Nursery children, such as 'I have wings. I am red and black. What Am I?' The Nursery children have had great fun guessing which minibeast is being described and have learned some new names too. We have also found out some more facts about hot countries like Africa and followed the journey of a Fairtrade banana from the tree to the shop. In Maths, Reception have been finding different ways to make 10 whilst the Nursery children have been building six. We have loved learning the words to the nursery rhyme, 'Sing A Song of Sixpence'.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week Year 1/2 have been learning about Orion and his fear of the Dark! We have been making links between our story last week and this week to see what is the same and what is different! We have written a character description of Orion, looking at the different elements of his personality. In Maths the Year 2's have been exploring the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables both multiplying and dividing. The Year 1's have been exploring place value to 50. We had lots of fun exploring our special objects on Monday, the variety of objects and artefacts varied from toys they



had been given at birth to special clothing - it was amazing to see and hear about each and every one.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed using both our Geography skills and History knowledge together to create sketch maps of what would have been seen in an Iron Age Hillfort. We have also enjoyed setting up and conducting fair tests to investigate what would happen to chocolate when exposed to different temperatures. In English, we have been busy writing persuasive letters to try and encourage the purchase and use of Fairtrade foods.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have been writing a diary entry as Willie Beech from 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We have been reading a range of diary entries, looking at their features and then we planned our diary entry based on where we had got to in our class text. The children have really got into character and have produced some amazing writing with events, thoughts and feelings.

### Aquatic Finatic – EYFS

Today EYFS were lucky enough to have a visit from Aquatic Finatic as part of our topic about Amazing Africa! The children were impeccably behaved and handled the animals with care and respect. They asked excellent questions and James (the animal keeper) gave us lots of interesting information all about the animals that we met. The children had the opportunity to handle a snake, barn owl, tortoise, chinchilla, rabbit and a mouse. Thanks to Aquatic Finatic for a great visit!



### Online Safety Newsletter – March Edition

Please find attached to this newsletter the March edition of the Online Safety Newsletter. I would highly recommend that all parents / carers read this newsletter as it has particular reference to TikTok and Roblox. Children must be over 13 years old to use TikTok and Roblox has a Parental Guidance label because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. Roblox is rated for 'teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

### Comic Relief – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.



## Key Stage 2 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March all of Key Stage 2 are visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for the day which looks like it will be a wonderful day enhancing the superb art work which has been covered in school.

Year 3 / 4 children have been learning about the modernist sculptor Barbara Hepworth who created works using stone, wood and bronze which represented people in relation to the natural landscape. Year 3 and 4 children will be undertaking an artist led visit which will allow children to see some of the key sculptures in the park and then make their own creations under the artist's guidance.

Year 5 / 6 children have been learning about Larry Lerew, an artist who uses wax crayons and a water colour wash to create wonderful paintings. Year 5 / 6 children are going to take equipment, and paint some landscapes at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

## Easter School Lunch – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding with  
Sage and Onion Stuffing

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(V) Veggie Sausages and Yorkshire Pudding

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Roast or Mashed Potatoes

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Gravy

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Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce

## Reading

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**



## PE Kit

A reminder that the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy.

At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

## PE

Notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school:

**EYFS: Please have PE kit in school every day**

**Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday (swimming)**

**Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Friday**

## School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of **March** is **£67.85**.

## Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

## Bookings for Dandelions Child-care

All bookings must be made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children.

Please either telephone the school office or email [admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.





## AWARDS

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

### **Celebration Cup**

The cup this week goes to someone who is a kind, considerate and caring member of our class. This person is always keen to volunteer their ideas in class discussions. They are a good friend and have an amazing sense of humour.



We are proud of how hard they are working and their determination to improve. We can see the changes in your learning – so keep up the effort.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Dottie!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has shown great determination with their reading recently. This person worked very hard over half term to learn all their Read Write Inc sounds. They can now use Fred fingers to spell out words.

They also enjoy practising writing simple words correctly on a whiteboard. Keep up the good work, Tristan!

**Year 1 / 2** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has amazing ideas and has lots to share in class discussions. We are so proud of the effort and determination and your growing independence with all your learning. You are a great friend and have beautiful manners and we love having you in our class. Well done Theo!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their focus on learning and positive can-do attitude in lessons. They have made some super contributions to our class discussions and have demonstrated some strong Science knowledge. Keep up the great work, Kiera!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made a superb start at Dishforth Airfield. This person has settled well into school life. They are making new friends and they're working hard in lessons. We are so glad this person has joined our class and we can't wait to get to know them more! Well done to Eva!



## Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school value of compassion.



This person has been nominated because he makes me laugh whenever I am down.

The values award goes to Oscar who was nominated by Anthony.

Well done, Oscar!

## Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	99%	98%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Executive Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

March 2023	
6/3/23	EYFS visit from Aquatic Finatic
17/3/23	Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day
	Clubs finish



21/3/23	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
<b>April 2023</b>	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term  Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth CE Primary School
<b>May 2023</b>	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King’s Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	Break-up May half term
<b>June 2023</b>	
5/6/23	School open Year 4 Multiplication Check window begins
12/6/23	Phonic Screen Check window

**Mrs Lyon’s working week:**

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

