



Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter

March 2017



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

On Thursday 2nd March, our pupils dressed up as their favourite book characters and each class winner got to choose a book of their choice from the book fayre. As usual, parents made a huge effort in supporting this annual event and many attended the parent/pupil reading sessions held at the end of the day. Class winners were: Tristan (Rec); Jack (Year 1); Ella (Year 2); Bobby (Year 3); Beth (Year 4); Lilia (Year 5) and Lucy (Year 6). Well done to everyone who dressed up. You all looked brilliant!



Can you guess who the book characters are?



Chloe and Lily-Mia from Year 5 work with Rev John at Holy Trinity Church, Pelton, as part of Lent activities.

KS 2 Basketball Team



“It was really fun at the basketball competition at Park View! We won 2 games out of 5. Kai scored 3 hoops. We worked well as a team and we passed to each other.”
(Ben & Jess)



Reception Class getting ready to take part in Infant Agility tournament. Look at those happy faces!

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter is fast approaching and as usual we have a variety of fun-filled activities for the children to participate in.

- **Decorated eggs competition:** Decorate your eggs at home and send them into school week beginning 3rd April. They will be judged Wednesday afternoon so entries must be received by then. Please ensure your entry has your family name on it and good luck. The standard of the entries is very high but judges always look for quality of finish and original ideas.
- **Egg Jarping:** Class finals will take place from Monday 3rd April. Please send your child to school with a hard boiled hen's egg if they wish to take part in this popular competition. Parents who want to take part can attend Friday's assembly at 9.00 a.m. when the grand finals will take place.
- **EYFS EASTER BONNETS:** Our annual Easter Bonnet competition will take place on Monday 3rd April and judging will take place at the disco. Please send your bonnets in on the day.
- **EYFS Easter disco:** will take place on Monday afternoon 3rd April. It will finish in time to pick children up at the normal time.

- All other pupils will attend the disco at the end of the school day. Please be prompt to pick your child up at 5.00 p.m. Party clothes should be brought to school in a bag to get changed.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

We had double the usual numbers so it was very busy but we hoped everyone enjoyed having their lunch with their children.

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that every day your child is absent from school, we need a telephone call to let us know. If we do not receive a call, it will count as an unauthorised absence.

RED NOSE DAY

Thanks to your generosity, we managed to raise £143.12. We also had a very talented group of pupils across the school performing in our Talent Show which was great fun!

RESULTS OF PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES ON ANTI-BULLYING

Thank you to those parents who returned questionnaires and submitted comments to help us in our policy review. 29 questionnaires were returned.

What do you think? Please tick only one box for each question.	Yes	No	Not sure	Answered question
1. Do you feel that the school is committed to creating a safe and caring environment for all pupils?	86%	3%	10%	100%
2. Do you feel that the staff help your child to feel safe in the school?	93%	3%	3%	100%
3. Does bullying concern you?	72%	21%	3%	100%
4. Do you feel confident to report concerns of bullying to a member of staff?	93%	7%		100%
5. Are you aware of the school's Anti-Bullying Policy?	83%	7%	10%	100%
6. Has your child ever been bullied in school?	31%	62%	3%	97%
If you have answered yes to Q6 please complete Q7 -8				
7. Did you report the bullying to anyone in school?	24%	3%		27%
8. Were you happy in the way that the school dealt with the bullying incident?	17%	7%		24%

Please note amounts might not add up exactly to 100% because of rounding.

Our Anti-bullying policy is on the school's website. However, we are in the process of reviewing it.

1) In the comments section, we were asked how we would identify that a child is either a bully or being bullied and how the parents would find out.

A key message in our anti-bullying policy is to tell someone if you are being bullied. We can't do anything, if we don't know it is happening. Some pupils and parents sometimes think a disagreement/fight between two children is bullying but it's not. It is when one child regularly upsets another and there is an imbalance of power. When we are told about it, we speak to the two

children and monitor the situation. We also log all incidents of bullying. If your child is involved in a bullying incident, we will contact you by phone; catch you on the school yard or message you on Clasdojo.

2) One parent would like harsher punishments as she thinks a restorative conversation is not enough to deal with bullies.

The school acknowledges that restorative conversations do not work with every child. However it does with the vast majority of pupils. We tell the children that saying sorry then repeating the unwanted behaviours means they are not really sorry at all. Consequences such as missing playtimes; missing treats or internal exclusions may result for children who seem to be having lots of restorative conversations. These pupils are also flagged up to staff who will start to monitor their behaviour more closely, which partly answers the first question.

A selection of additional comments included:

“Happy with the way the school deals with bullying and how it is resolved and kept informed.”

“My son has been the victim of name-calling in the past. He, himself, told a teacher and the incident was dealt with straightaway. Plus happy as was informed on what happened and how it was resolved.”

“We chose this school because it has a lovely warm feeling to it when we had a look around and knew that bullying would be stamped out straightaway. We haven’t been disappointed up to now. Keep up the good work.”

Thank you for your comments. We are about to have our Restorative Approach evaluated by the Education Psychology Team, who delivered the training. We will let you know the outcome in due course.

HEADTEACHER’S WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee this month:
3/3/17 – Kelsey W (Year 1) for her progress in reading, writing and maths.
10/3/17 – Kai P (Year 6) for his performance in the basketball competition; for learning his times tables and being a good friend to a new pupil.
17/3/17 – Jamie W (Year 6) for reciting the 12 x table forwards and backwards in front of the whole school (without a single error and at great speed)
31/3/17 – Chloe Y (Year 2) for her skill and creativity in gymnastics; her exemplary behaviour and achievement in all lessons.

Birthdays in March

Lots of children have had birthdays this month:
Kaydee was 3;
Olivia was 4;
Kyle was 5;
Zoe was 6;
Joel, William and Faith were all 7;
Ceanna and Barry George were both 9;
Callum & Lilia were both 10;
Kenzie and Savannah were 11;
Birthday wishes to you all!

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th April – Break up for Easter holidays

Notification of Reception Places for September 2017 – **16th April**

Back to school **Monday 24th April**

Year 3 tennis tournament – **Wednesday 3rd May** – pupils need their PE kits please

Thursday 4th May – County & Parish elections (school will be open: voting in community room)

Week beginning May 8th – Year 6 SATs WEEK

Tuesday 16th May – Year 6 swimming for 4 weeks

Tuesday 23rd May – Year 4 to Song for Europe

Friday 26th May – break up for half term

INSET DAY – Monday 5th June

Pupils back on **Tuesday 6th June**