



# Water Street Weekly



Summer Term 2024

Friday 12th April 2024

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## March 2024 Newsletter

### Welcome to the March Newsletter.

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday and that our children and families who have been celebrating Eid this week have had a wonderful time.

The children have certainly made a fantastic start to the new term, which has got off to a great start. Congratulations to everyone in Wensleydale for being last half term's winning house. The children will be receiving their reward next Friday afternoon.

Also, I'd like to wish Mrs Bownass the very best of luck for the Manchester Marathon, which is taking place on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend - fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Many thanks

Neil Gunstone  
Headteacher

WE  
**create**  
BRIGHT FUTURES

# Stars of the Week...



Year R: Fox & JJ

Year 1: Meghan & Rosie A

Year 2: Lillian & Fatimah

Year 3: Aria & Lucy R

Year 4: Sophie & Alex K

Year 5: Isla & Nati

Year 6: Martha & Niamh

Well done everyone!  
Keep up the great work!

## House Points...

Wensleydale = 145

Ribblesdale = 173

Swaledale = 149

Nidderdale = 92

*Congratulations to  
Ribblesdale*

## Attendance

**This week = 93%**

**Year to date = 96.2%**

## IMPORTANT

We have a number of children in school with serious nut allergies. Please remember there should be no food in lunch boxes or breaktime snacks that contain nuts. This includes Peanut Butter or Nutella Sandwiches.



**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**WE ARE A NUT  
FREE SCHOOL**



# Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 9th April	School Reopens
<b>Friday 19th April</b>	<b>Wensleydale House Treat (PM)</b>
Thursday 25th April	Year 4 Sound Workshop Year 6 Diverse Role Models Workshop
Monday 6th May	School Closed - May Day
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 22nd May	Reception Pedal & Scoot (All Day)
Thursday 23rd May	Reception Pedal & Scoot (All Day)
Friday 24th May	Reception Pedal & Scoot (All Day) School Closes - Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	School Reopens
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 12th June	School Disco
Monday 17th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
Friday 19th July	School Closes - Summer Holiday

**There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses.  
We will keep you updated!**

**Any new or amended dates added this week are shown in red**

## **Please Do Your Part To Reduce Water Street Traffic!**

**This is just a reminder to encourage you to use Coach Street Car Park.**

**The traffic wardens allow you to park for a short time in Coach Street Car Park whilst walking to and from school, without requiring a ticket.**

**Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.**



## Year 6

March has included lots of special theme days, including the opportunity to do some amazing dressing up for World Book Day!- There were some incredible costumes and creativity- including Audrey Hepburn, Mr Stink and several Dolly Partons. Our famous person of the day was David Attenborough. We created some amazing new creatures out of clay and then re-enacted David Attenborough discovering them.

Skipton Music concert is always a highlight of the month as well. Well done to all our Y6 singers, recorder players and pianists that took part.

March has also seen Year 6 take part in the annual Crucial Crew event, organised by North Yorkshire Police. Amongst other things this included- water and fire safety as well as looking at issues around vaping and electrical safety. As always it was a busy and very informative day!

We also made the grand announcement of this Year's KS2 production which is going to be: Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. We think you will love it! Lots of copies of the scripts went home over the Easter Break.

And of course the final day included our annual egg rolling egg-stravaganza and some very lively singing of "The Spring Chicken".

As the new summer term begins, we have been preparing for our SATS test in May, including completing the Year 6 Maths curriculum, tackling some tricky reading comprehension texts and also making sure we know the end of year grammar and punctuation expectations!

Mrs Macnab, Mrs Procter & Mrs Jardine



## Year 1

It has been another month of wonderful learning in Year One leading us up to Easter.

We started March with a spectacular Space Day to celebrate World Book Day. In Year One, we love reading books and it was exciting to celebrate this day by reading about Neil Armstrong through a Space themed day. We had lots of space activities including building a launchpad or rocket, packing a suitcase for a trip to space, watching Apollo 11 take off and building constellations. Mary Berry even baked moon rocks for a sweet treat. Delicious!



In Phonics, we have been continuing to learn some more obscure phonemes whilst revising all learning so far this year. We have enjoying putting our phonics into practise by reading both real and alien words. These names of alien have been testing our segmenting and blending skills.

In English, we have been reading and exploring traditional tales. First, we read lots of traditional (and many non-traditional) tales in guided reading with Mrs Rushton-Hall. Next, we learned how stories are structured into a beginning, problem, solution and ending before putting all our writing skills together to write our own dragon stories. Here is a sneak peak of some super sentence writing:

*"One day, there was a mysterious fire set on the castle."*

*"The snowflakes shimmered on the trees."*

I think you will agree that the imagination and creativity that has been shown in these stories is incredible and hope you all had a chance to read these during parents' evening. We are very impressed with this wonderful writing from our Year One authors!

Lastly, we had such a fun time in our first egg rolling event. It was full of excitement, laughter and cheering as everyone had a chance to roll their egg across the playground. A great way to end the Spring term and get us into the Easter spirit.

Look out for some more exciting news in April.

Miss Anderson, Mrs Rushton-Hall and Miss Tariq



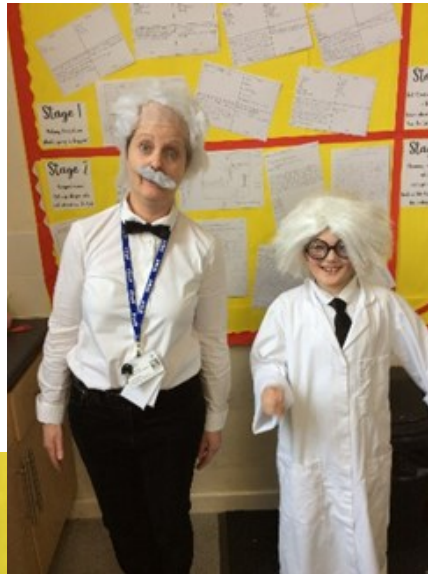
## Year 4

It's been a busy month in March with one of the highlights being World Book Day. We were blown away by the effort that had gone into the children's costumes and the attitudes of the class throughout the day were second to none. We focused the day on a Science theme with our chosen 'Small people Big Dreams' book being based on Marie Curie, the children made flip books and x-rays while learning all about this phenomenal woman. On the day we were lucky enough to win two Golden Tickets from the Water Street Bars and have so far enjoyed a film afternoon thanks to Jessie's winning ticket. We still have an own clothes day to look forward to at some point.

In Geography we have really got our teeth into the topic – South America and Rainforests. The class have loved using the atlases to find out more about this continent in relation to the rest of the world. We linked this topic to our English unit and wrote some extremely passionate letters to the Timber Loggers, asking them to stop cutting down the Rainforests.

Overall we have worked incredibly hard throughout March. We have studied fractions and multiplications in maths, Peter Pan and The Butterfly Lion in English, Living Things and their Habitats in Science and much, much more. Let's hope April is as big a success!

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Armstrong



## Year 2

What a very exciting month we have had in Year 2! This month we want to dedicate our news to all the fantastic, creative learning we have spotted in the classroom, as well as some of the fun activities that have taken place across school.

In PE, we worked in small groups to create a sequence of movements, showing off our agility and balancing skills. We made sure to include matching partner balances, high and low balances and a way to transition between each one. Each group presented their sequence to the class, with the audience practising their constructive feedback skills to say one thing they loved and one thing that could be changed to improve the sequence next week.



In Art, Year 2 immersed themselves in the enchanting world of Beatrix Potter, using water colour paints and pencil to create their own animal character inspired by the beloved tales of Peter Rabbit and friends.

This month we also celebrated World Book Day. We learned all about Greta Thunberg and her important work to help the environment. We created some fantastic posters to spread awareness about environmental issues. We also talked about what our super powers are. We discovered that kindness, creativity and friendship are some of our amazing super powers in Year 2.



Last but not least, we ended the Spring term with our annual egg rolling contest. It brought lots of laughter and competition to the playground, with students showcasing their creative egg designs and rolling skills.



Well done on such a fabulous and creative month of learning, Year 2!

Miss Airey, Miss Savage and Miss Ireland

## Year 3

March has been a busy month in Year 3!

We attended the sports trilogy event at Sandylands Sports Centre where the children learned skills in golf, handball and dodgeball. They all got involved and enjoyed playing against other schools in Craven. Year 3 also performed as a class at Skipton music festival on their recorders and their performance was amazing! We also thoroughly enjoyed world book day where we looked at Amelia Earhart and made our very own 3D model spitfires and paper helicopters. We launched both of these from various points around school, which was very exciting!

In Maths, we have been doing lots of measuring and reading all sorts of different scales. We have been learning both practically, with measuring jugs and lots of measuring scales, as well as formally. The children are becoming increasingly curious mathematicians and it is lovely to see!

In English, we have researched lots of endangered species and found out interesting facts about them. We have used the new ICT suite lots to conduct our research and the children also enjoyed publishing their final reports on Microsoft word. We are now reading adventure stories and enjoying 'The Barnabus Project' and 'The Red Prince'. We are aiming to write our own adventure story.

Science has been fascinating! We are looking at the human body, our skeleton, our muscles and how they all work together to keep us healthy and active. This linked with our PSHE of a healthy lifestyle, whereby we enjoyed lots of workout sessions in the classroom with Joe Wicks!

In Year 3 we are very creative and the children have enjoyed producing Easter cards with our Binka sewing. Lots of determination and concentration went into our finished sewing creations and it was a great task to build our resilience. We hope you liked our Easter cards!

In the Summer term, we have lots to look forward to! The children have started their weekly swimming lessons, we will be looking at food and where it comes from, making sandwiches in DT, reading lots of adventure stories and looking at artist Monet's work with watercolours and having a go at re-creating his famous watercolour lilies.

Miss Dale and Mrs Griffiths





## Year 5

The weather may have been up and down over the last few weeks but the effort and attitudes of Year 5 have stayed high.

In English we have been learning all about the features of a non-chronological report and then using our skills to write our own all about Biomes. The work produced was of an excellent standard showing some great progress.

Maths has been all about everything that could possibly be related to Fractions and Decimals. We are now experts in the topic and have been amazing at seeing the links between the 2 and applying our knowledge to solve problems.

In Art we have completed our 'People In Action' topic by choosing our own style based in what we had learned and created artwork using this. We planned it and then chose our materials and enjoyed sketching and painting.

In History we finished our Ancient Egypt topic and learned about how historians know about Ancient Egypt.

In PSHE we have been learning about finances. Considering different ways of saving money and learning about how to budget our 'wages' for a month. Pupils had to decide if items were needs or wants and then prioritise which ones to include in the months budget and which things to either miss out on or save towards for the future. One pupil was heard leaving the lesson saying to her friend that she hadn't realised being an adult would be such hard work.

We have been carrying out lots of practical experiments in our Science Forces topic. We have designed and dropped parachutes to research air resistance, dropped objects into water tanks to investigate shape and its impact on water resistance, planned and carried out fair tests to learn about friction and designed and made see-saws to learn about levers. The most fun we had was using our levers and mechanism knowledge to design a mangonel (type of catapult/ trebuchet). With ping-pong balls flying we adapted our designs before competing to see whose could fire the furthest.

As always we are keeping ourselves active as we know how important it is for both our mental and physical health. In PE we have been improving our gymnastics skills and improving our net skills with Ueli from Skipton Tennis Club.

We always write the monthly news and feel amazed at how much we have managed to fit in and this month has been no different. The monthly news only shares a snippet of what we have done; our days really are varied and jam packed!

Mrs Bownass, Mrs Smith & Mrs Hay



## Reception

Where has March gone? Time certainly does fly in Reception. We have had another super month in and out of class. It is really noticeable how grown up and independent the children are becoming, and Mrs Busfield and I are very proud of the super sharing, teamwork, co-operation, confidence, concentration and independence that the children are demonstrating!

March started with a week of activities based around 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' when Mrs Busfield's pancake café was a hit once more. How she gets 30+ pancakes out in just over an hour always amazes me!

And then it was Spring! We have been loving seeing our outdoor space spring into life and colour with our snowdrops, daffodils and crocus flowers. The tulips arrived last but have grown so big so quickly. We have been discussing what might be happening under the soil – great ideas Reception!

In phonics we are now quite the expert sound-blenders, developing fluency and confidence week by week. In Maths we have also been exploring odds and evens, counting in twos, explore more and less and how numbers to ten can be made by combining two numbers together.

The end of term was very special with a visit from the Easter bunny and our traditional Easter egg hunt in the playground! Enjoy the photos of our Egg hunt!

This week we have been learning about Eid as well as beginning our first theme of the summer term which will be based around the story, 'Tad'! Yes, you've guessed it, we've got tadpoles!

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Busfield & Mrs Balderstone

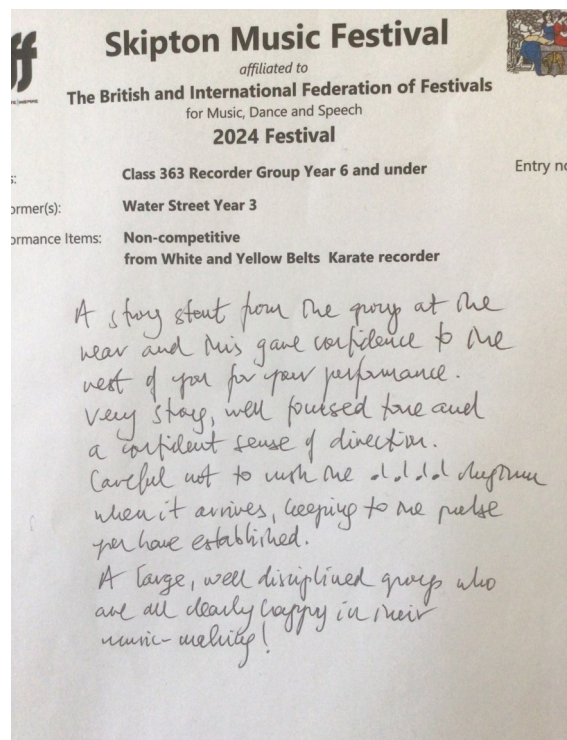
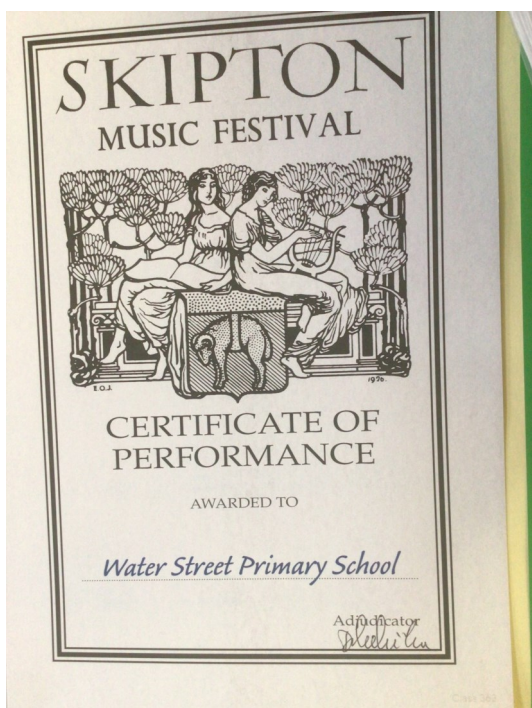


## Music @ Water Street

Last term we were delighted to once again be able to enter Skipton Music Festival.

Well done to everyone that took part. We took over 50 recorder players to the event and 40 children in the choir. We were delighted with the judge's comments- he seemed to enjoy our musical performances. Well done also to all those children who entered the competition as individual competitors and playing duets. We obviously have lots of talented pianists and musicians in our school.

Well done to you all!



# FRIENDS OF WATER STREET SCHOOL



## Spring term fundraising 2024





50-50 CLUB  
£180 

COFFEE MORNING £152 

  
BAG2SCHOOL  
£76

**TOTAL RAISED**  
**£1,694**

WORLD BOOK DAY CHOCOLATE  
£124  

 EASTER RAFFLE £297 

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING  
£147 

  
DOUGHNUT FRIDAY  
£136

QUIZ NIGHT  
£582 



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TUESDAY  
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7.30-8.30PM  
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### Price

£30 per child per day  
Childcare vouchers accepted

### Age

Reception - Age 13

### May Half Term

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May  
AND Monday 3rd June

*Birthday parties also available year round -  
email us for more info*



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate

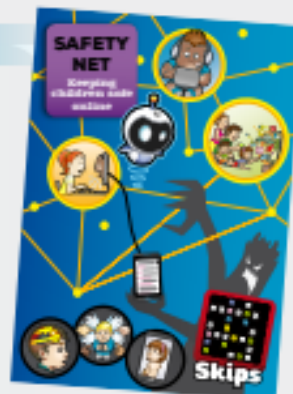


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### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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Listen to what our players have to say....

"Winning's good, taking part's better,  
but it's the friends that are the best."  
Millie (Year 8)

"I have made new friends, and I love  
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other."

Penny (Year 4)



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