



Water Street News



Autumn Term 2023

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November 2023

Newsletter

Welcome to the November Newsletter.

I want to begin by thanking the Friends of Water Street and staff for organising and running the wonderful Winter Fair last Friday. It was brilliant to see so many of you there; your support is greatly appreciated and the money raised will put us a step closer to achieving our vision for the Computing Suite. Congratulations to Mabel in Reception for cracking the code and unlocking the penguin and to Arthur in Year 1 who guessed the correct name of the School Council teddy, which was Cosmo. And, well done to the speedy people who recorded the fastest times at the 'Stack the Snowman' stall

It has been another busy and exciting month at Water Street and the children have worked amazingly well. We hope you enjoy the articles for each year group and finding out more about what your children have been learning during the last month.

Many thanks

Neil Gunstone
Headteacher

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BRIGHT FUTURES

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th December	Christmas Post Boxes Open Monthly Newsletter
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper, Bobble Hat & Christmas Sock Day!
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 Church Performances - 2.00 & 6.00
Friday 15th December	Y6 Christmas Party - Afternoon
Monday 18th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity - 2.00 & 6.00
Tuesday 19th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity - 9.30
Wednesday 20th December	Y5 Christmas Party - Morning Reception Christmas Party - Afternoon Year 1 Christmas Party - Afternoon Christmas Raffle Draw - School Hall - 3.30
Wednesday 20th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December	Year 2 Christmas Party - Morning Year 3 Christmas Party - Morning
Friday 22nd December	Candle Service School closes for Christmas 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!



The traffic levels on Elliot Street have definitely started to improve.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

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.

Stars of the Week...



Year R: Jacob & Nicholas

Year 1: Ros & Nina

Year 2: Will & Billy

Year 3: Faris & Druthii

Year 4: Alex R & Jessie

Year 5: Lucy & Christie

Year 6: Hunter & Martha

Well done everyone!

Keep up the great work!

House Points...

Wensleydale = 138

Ribblesdale = 145

Swaledale = 170

Nidderdale = 121

*Congratulations to
Swaledale*

Attendance

Last week = 98.3%

Year to date = 96.6%

Our next monthly newsletter will be ...
Tuesday 9 January 2024

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. Thank you



PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL



Reception

November has been another super month in Reception. We started by learning all about remembrance, a great opportunity for the children to learn about our past. Although it's hard for them to comprehend such a long time ago, their comments and discussions were so thoughtful. We loved hearing the story 'Where the poppies now grow', which inspired us to make poppies using split pins, lolly pop sticks and paper plate (we hope you like the photos of our poppy display).

In November we also took part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week', a great opportunity for even more singing and music making than usual in reception. Particularly enjoyed making up our own versions to traditional rhymes. The actions were incredible!

We have now finished phase two of our phonics now we are so delighted with how well the children are now blending phonemes to read and segmenting them to write. They are also remembering the special words and loving writing in every area of provision. Maths is also going well - the children are developing such a sound grasp of the number system and the relationships that exist between numbers. They are all huge Numberblocks fans too – as are we! The photos on this newsletter show us learning how to partition five into different parts in maths and sound-blend words in phonics.

This week our classroom has started to change once more as we begin our Christmas theme. December is always a busy month in school, but a magical one too – for pupils, parents and staff. There will be lots going on with the nativity, secrets stall, card making and swapping, decorations, calendars and crafts as well as our class party. We will also be having daily visits from Ernie the Elf... If you haven't heard he made a surprise appearance on Thursday and has been keeping an eye on things and reporting back to Santa ever since!



Year 1

Year One have been BUSY this November!

We started this month celebrating two special days in the calendar; Remembrance Day and Diwali. Together, discussed the significance of the poppy and collaged our own poppies. We also explored the Hindu festival of Diwali, by looking at some special clothing, diya and designing rangoli patterns.



In Maths, we have been using lots of classroom resources to build and write addition and subtraction facts. This week we have put our learning together to build 'fact family house'. Year One have also been working hard writing numbers 0-9 correctly using the Numberblocks song to help us.

We have been studying the book 'Little Goose's Autumn' in English. We started our project by creating a piece of artwork using autumn leaves and printing in seasonal colours. We learned what beavers, bears, squirrels and geese do to prepare for Winter and wrote facts using our new knowledge.



In Geography, we have been exploring our local town Skipton. We looked at different types of maps and investigated human and physical features in our town. We even used Google Maps to find our school and Skipton High Street. This week, we made aerial maps of the classroom in groups, thinking carefully about the shape of the room and position of the furniture.

The highlight of this this month has to be our class trip to Ilkley Toy Museum. In groups, we looked around the amazing collection of old toys, drawing our favourite toy and even had a chance to play with some old toys. This was a wonderful way to start our 'Old Toys' History topic.



Another month of fantastic learning in Year One!

Miss Anderson, Mrs Rushton-Hall and Miss Tariq.

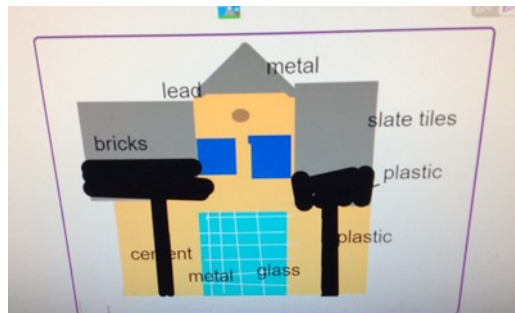


Year 2

What a busy and festive month we have had in Year 2! Nativity preparation is well under way and the children are doing a fantastic job at learning their lines and projecting their voices. The nativity songs are already sounding fantastic, I'm sure you are becoming familiar with them at home too!

In and amongst Nativity rehearsals, the children have been working very hard in class. We have started learning about materials in our Science work and have been thinking about the different types of materials, their properties and the suitability of different materials for different purposes. We have been linking our Science closely with our ICT work, creating bar charts showing the number of objects we found made from certain materials, and drawing a diagram of our school and labelling the different materials we could spot. Our English work with Mrs Stockdale has also continued with the materials theme. We have been reading the book 'Clem and Crab' which is a story focussed on plastic waste in the ocean. We will be doing some descriptive writing based on this story and we will also have a go at writing a persuasive letter.

In PE we have been practising multi skills. We have been doing circuits, with the focus being on coordination, balance, speed, agility and object control. As you know, we attended a Sports Festival at Sandylands and completed activities practising all of the above skills. The children were fantastic and an absolute credit to our school. They listened carefully to the coaches and sports leaders, tried their hardest and worked really well as a team. Most importantly we had lots of fun as well! We have attached lots of pictures so you can see some of the exciting activities we took part in.



Year 3

November has flown by! Where do I start?

At the beginning of the month, we had our Year 3 trip to Skipton Choir Festival, held at Christ Church. All of the children had a brilliant day and were an absolute pleasure to take! I would like to say thank you to all of the parents who made it to the performance in the afternoon. It was a really lovely atmosphere and it meant a lot to all of the children to have such a large audience to perform to at the end of the day. What fabulous singers they all are!



In class this month we have been doing lots of work linked to our Stone Age topic. We have written an incredible non-chronological report stating facts all about Stonehenge. We have also read 'The Stone Age Boy' following a little boy's journey back in time. This story allowed us to reflect on the key societal differences between today and the Stone Age. We have been busy making Woolly Mammoths out of plastic milk cartons and learning all about the mystery of Stonehenge. Many children also brought in models of Stonehenge as one of our Year 3 choices homework. The most inventive and unique of these creations had to be the Stonehenge created on Minecraft by Sam and Linnea's cake creation, which all of the class enjoyed! We also had lots of creations out of Lego, biscuits, toilet rolls and other household items. It has been lovely to see the children get very inventive and excited about their topic learning.



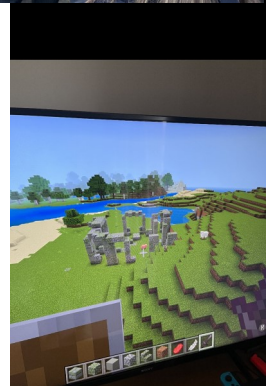
In Maths we are having a large focus on our Year 3 times tables (3s, 4s and 8s), as we are looking at multiplication and division. Please continue to encourage Times Tables Rockstars at home as this will help them lots with our learning in class.



We have a fantastically busy few weeks up until Christmas; full of Christmas singing, 3D Christmas pop-up cards, formal letters to Santa, discussions around the true meaning of Christmas and of course lots of rehearsals for our annual Key Stage 2 Christmas production! We can't wait for you to see it and hear the children sing. They are amazing!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale and Mrs Griffiths



Year 4

Where has November gone?! Year 4 have worked so hard, the month has flown by.

In History, we have continued learning about the Anglo-Saxons and also the invasion of the Vikings. We have learnt that there was quite a cross over between the Anglo-Saxon and Viking periods and have been quite fascinated by some of the significant kings. We are really looking

forward to seeing the choices homework as the children's excitement toward this has been fantastic. Bring on December when we will immerse ourselves in Viking Day!

In Art we have been working hard to produce our contributions toward the KS2 Christmas Corridor, hopefully you saw how great it all looked at the FOWS Christmas Fair. The children all contributed to the making of the Three French Hen pompoms, 10 Leaping Lords and 7 Swimming Swans. We are all now experts in the making of origami birds. I wonder if anyone has had another go at making them at home?

Maths has seen us battling area and column subtraction. We began our column



subtraction with a hands on practical using the base 10 resources to show exchanging and re-grouping. All the class loved taking part in this and we had some brilliant 'glamorous assistants' showing everyone how it's done.

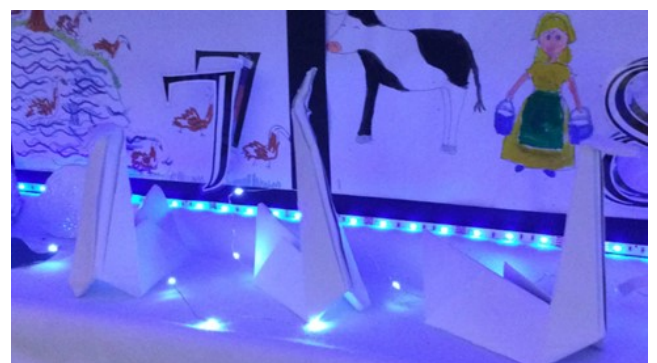
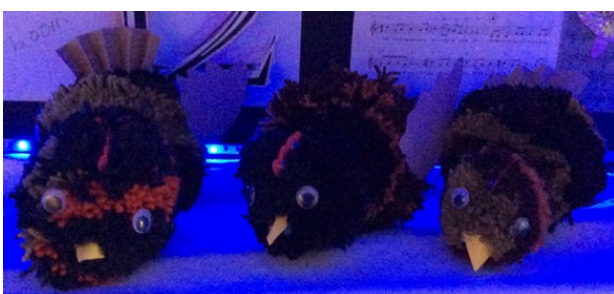
Our new English unit is based on a film clip called 'The Lighthouse'. Some fabulous predictions were

made when listening to the soundtrack without the images on the screen. We have been developing our understanding of time conjunctions and adverbials and studying the features of diary entries in order to write a diary entry from the point of view of the Lighthouse Keeper at the end of the unit.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the tag rugby sessions over the last few weeks and have learnt lots about teamwork and the skills of tag rugby.

Well done Year 4 on another fantastic month. We are all excited for the festive celebrations to come in December!

Mrs Taylor, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs J



Year 5

Year 5 are continuing to impress us daily with their effort and attitude towards everything we do, whether it's the recent Football Festival at Sandylands, singing rehearsals, musical stick practises or a more formal lesson. They really are a great team of pupils.

Maths has been all about multiplication and division. Investigating prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. We have been amazed as we have discovered rules for finding out rules of divisibility. The excitement rose as we learnt that the digits in a multiple of 3 always add up to 3, 6 or 9.

We are enjoying reading our new novel 'Kidnap on the California Express'. In English we have been predicting what will happen, building up character studies, filling our work full of outstanding vocabulary and learning all about relative clauses. We will soon be writing newspaper articles to go with the novel. I am sure we will have some budding journalists among us.

In DT we are busy and excitedly making our Worry Monsters. We have designed them, made patterns to cut our fabric to the correct sizes, pinned it all in place and now we are now busy sewing (or trying to thread needles). Watch this space to see photos of our finished products.

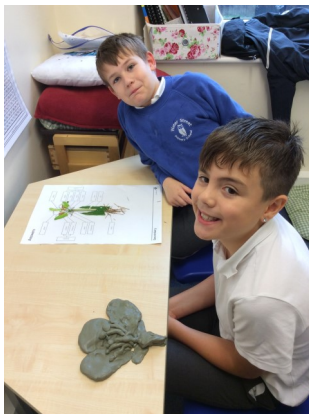
In Art we have been enjoying using some of the skills inspired by David Hockney. We have used perspective to produce some lovely artwork, which is displayed in the classroom and corridor. We have also looked at creating compositions by using main lines and then adding details.

We have started our new Geography topic which is all about North America and we were very surprised to find out how many countries there were that make up North America. We have studied the different geographical features found in North America and the weather and climate in different parts of the continent.

In Science we have been learning all about plants and how they reproduce. The pupils collected a whole array of seeds they found on their journey to school as we found out about seed dispersal. We have been learning the names and functions of all the parts of the flower. We have dissected lillies to see all the parts in real life and then learnt about the pollination and fertilisation processes. Mrs Smith literally flew across the classroom re-enacting the role of a bee pollinating the beautiful year 5 flowers. The things we teachers do in the hope of making knowledge stick!

Over the next few weeks we will be fully engaging in the exciting build up to Christmas. We will be thinking about what makes this time of year special, what we can each do to spread joy to others and appreciating the happiness that can be found in making others happy.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Bownass, Mrs Hay & Mrs Knapp



Year 6

So we promised news on our Year residential this month!- so here goes....

We had the most AMAZING! time, and although the weather in Skipton was drizzly during the time, the weather in Pateley Bridge was beautiful and we were fortunate with some stunning Autumnal Blue Skies. As you may have seen on our Facebook posts, we were busy every day with lots of brilliant outdoor activities including going down a mine, canoeing, gorge walking, a visit to Brimham Rocks and orienteering. In the evening we had a disco in the common room, even Mrs Procter, and Mrs Jardine showed us their dance moves. Mr Mukherjee ran the gift and tuck shop, and lots of children purchased an amazing array of cuddly toys and fluorescent hats. We even had time for a celebration camp fire on the last night where we enjoyed a few campfire songs and marshmallows and popcorn on the fire. We hope parents enjoyed the photostory during parents evening. Y6 have written some lovely thank you letters to the instructors and also done some amazing persuasive writing, enticing other people to visit the centre.

In English this term, we have enjoyed sharing the story "The Windrush Child". It's been an amazing novel to learn more about the history of the Windrush- although once we got to the end of the story many children said " No- it can't end like that!"- We certainly had some amazing discussion around Human Rights and the Windrush Scandal, as well as some brilliant letter writing.

This term we are reading Poppy Field by Michael Morpurgo which is the story behind the "Flanders Fields" poem by John McCrae. We have a new class story this term- The Christmas Pig, by JK Rowling, Thank you Lucy for lending us the book (and all the other amazing books you have contributed to our Year 6 class library)

In other news, our Y6s teams have taken part in a inter school football tournament- well done to both teams . The girls' team- who were unbeaten in all their matches, are through to the next round against other schools in the Craven Area. Well done Girls.

This coming month, we will be completing our geography topic on the Yorkshire Dales and our History WW1 topic. We have also started our Science topic on how the heart works and the circulatory system. Of course we'll also be squeezing in some Christmas Art and festive activities!

We hope you enjoyed reading our November News.

From Mrs Macnab, Mrs Procter and Mrs Jardine.





ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
 Expected
attendance.



**Expected attendance means
having no more than seven
days off this school year!**

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday
19th December



10:30am or
7:30pm



Held on Zoom

Please email the
address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing the close relationship between physical and mental wellbeing, covering such topics as sleep, nutrition and keeping active. This topic will cover how to maintain overall wellbeing



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50-50 CLUB

The winners for Oct & Nov 2023 are:

1st Prize of £25 Helen Martin (No. 128) & Lee Oliver (No. 11)

2nd Prize of £15 Daniel Hood (No. 246) & Grace Mills (No. 109)

3rd Prize of £10.50 Sarah Warwick (No. 176) & Judith Duxbury (No. 74)

Thank You and Congratulations!

If you have any questions or would like to join the club
please email Jo Nixon (jo@philandjo.co.uk)
or speak to anyone in the Friends of Water St.

Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER



COMPETITION THEME - REBUILDING



CLICK!

Calling all young photographers

Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test at the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 8th December 2023

Contact: Nicky Shoesmith - Skipton Rotary

Email: nicky.shoesmith@skiptonrotary.org

For more information visit: rotary.org.uk



Rotary YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION



THEME - REBUILDING



A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS!

Calling all young artists

Express yourself and share your creative talents by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Artist competition.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 8th December 2023

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Rotary YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION



TOOT!

MUSIC TO MY EARS!

Calling all young musicians

Share your gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument and perform live in the annual Rotary Young Musician competition. (You must be 17 yrs or under by 31st August 2023 i.e. max 18 yrs up to 31 August 2024)

To be held at the Keighley Shared Church on 6th January 2024

For entry forms and local competition information contact Chris Issott
chris.issott@keighleyrotary.org tel. 07974 797164