



## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new look Thirsk Community Primary Newsletter. We hope that this half-termly newsletter will give you a feel as to what has been happening across the school over the last 7 weeks. Each class/ Key stage has written a short paragraph outlining some of the different things that our pupils have been involved in.

Thank you for all of the donations that we received last Friday. Yesterday afternoon Mrs Mansfield spent some time sorting through them and bagging them up ready to go to Thirsk local food banks. For many people in our community this coming winter will be challenging and your kind donations will make a difference to those in need.

As well as lots of interesting learning in the classrooms some children have been involved in different sporting activities. So far this term, this has included pupils from Year 5 and 6 taking part in a Quick Sticks competition and a Tag -Rugby competition as well as amazing effort from pupils in Year 3 and 4 finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Quick Stick Competition.

As we move into the cooler months please can we make sure that pupils have their coats and jumpers clearly labelled. With their name. This makes reuniting lost property to their owners much easier!!

## Nursery News

This half term Nursery have been learning about fantastic families. This includes how we also belong to our school family and how they help and look after us.

Nursery have created a curiosity cube with photographs of our families and ourselves as babies, to see how we have grown and changed. This gave the children opportunities to ask questions, look at the differences and similarities between us. In turn this supported the children with drawing family pictures and discussion around who are important to them. They have enjoyed reading lots of different stories around families and transition to school, "Dogs don't do ballet" being a firm favourite showing the children they can achieve anything.

In Phase 1 phonics Nursery have been listening to environmental sounds, learning to identify pitch and distinguishing the difference between loud and quiet sounds. They have also been listening to stories such as the three little pigs and Goldilocks and the three bears, which supports the children in story recall and identifying key phrases and rhymes.

As the weather has started to turn Nursery have begun to enjoy autumn. We have been outside in all-weather exploring our woodland area, collecting leaves, sticks, conkers and acorns that we have used to create all sorts of wonderful things!

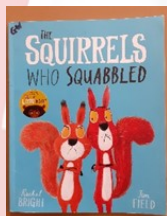
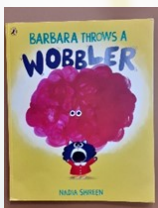






## Reception News

Reception have been learning about being part of our school family, with lots of learning about our Super Scholar skills of Fantastic Focus, Ready, Respectful, Aid and Assist, and Prove it! They have studied stories to support this learning and had some special circle time activities.



Reception have started Phase 2 phonics, practising their blending skills and learning the first set of sounds/ letters. They are really proud of the fact that they have started to read and are showing an increasing interest in the print around them – they are currently fascinated by the Exit signs and staff lanyards!

Each afternoon Reception have been learning about the season Autumn, further supported by our Science focus 'the five senses'. Reception have been on a five senses scavenger hunt, made seasonal sensory pictures, and made music to a time lapse of a tree from Spring through to Winter.

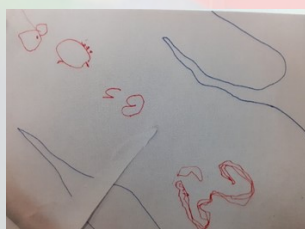


## Year 1 News

Year 1 have been working hard every morning, singing their days of the week songs, months of the year (learning when our own birthdays are) the alphabet song and the 5 times tables. It is lovely to hear them joining in and growing with confidence. In English, the improvement of letter formation and placement on the line has been excellent! They are using finger spaces and remembering to complete sentences with full stops. We have been using adjectives to describe animals in more detail and have increased their writing pace.

In maths we have been learning our 5 times tables (they are really good at singing it!), increasing our knowledge on part-whole models and starting to use number lines. We have been looking at 'Blockzillar' for  $<$   $>$  and seeing which number is the largest and smallest. The children are able to use numicon and counters with confidence to show number bonds up to 10, also they can explain the number sentences.

In Science Year 1 have been learning about the human body. This has included naming body parts on the outside and on the inside! One popular activity has been re-writing the song Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, to include brain, heart, lungs and stomach! The children also really enjoyed drawing body maps and labelling the main body parts - with the small and large intestine causing the most curiosity!





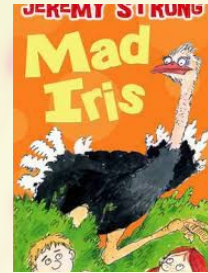


## Year 2 News

Year two have been working incredibly hard in all their curriculum areas. In Maths they have been doing lots of fabulous work on place value. They have been ordering and comparing numbers to 100 as well as partitioning numbers. We have also been learning to add and subtract 10 from any given number. The children have enjoyed using the mathematical equipment to do this.

In English we have been reading the fiction book 'Mad Iris' by Jeremy Strong. We have enjoyed reading about the very mischievous ostrich who is always causing trouble. We have written some fabulous character descriptions using wonderful adjectives and we have also enjoyed retelling the story using lots of wow words and conjunctions.

In Topic we have constructed maps of our school as part of our Geography. We used compasses to find the North direction and we enjoyed completing a walk around the school site to complete our final maps. In Science we have been learning about the human body. We have been labelling the parts of the body that can be seen and identifying their functions and we have also explored the parts of the body that can't be seen including the heart, lungs and kidneys.



## Year 3 & Year 4 News

Year 4 have been reading the Michael Morpurgo book 'Cool' in English. We have used influences from the book to plan and create some wonderful pieces of writing, in the forms of newspaper articles and diary entries. In Maths we have been securing our place value knowledge and have moved on to column addition and subtraction using 4 digit numbers with multiple exchanges!

Year 3 have been reading 'The Worst Witch' and have completed a setting description, diary entry, and a set of instructions to their own magical spell! In Maths we have also been securing our knowledge in place value and using column methods to work out addition and subtractions of 3 digit numbers.

In Topic LK2 have enjoyed learning all about the digestive system. Children have made model teeth and even demonstrated the digestive system using a pair of tights!







## Years 5 & Year 6 News

In Upper Key Stage 2, we have really enjoyed our topic 'Pump it up', exploring the workings of the heart. Through a hands-on dissection, we identified the four chambers of the heart and main blood vessels (some of us most definitely enjoyed this more than others!). Across the unit, we have also plotted the journey of a red blood cell and made a blood smoothie (out of fruit juice and sweets..just to be clear!). We have linked this to our work in Music, PHSE, and PE, looking at how we can keep both our bodies and minds healthy.

Inspired by our topic, in our English lessons, we have read the book 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman, which tells the story of Cameron, a young boy who undergoes the world's first transplant from an animal donor. We have been really invested in the story, and have enjoyed writing a newspaper report outlining the details of the transplant and a balanced argument, debating the pros and cons of animal transplants.

In Maths, the first part of Autumn term always focuses on number and place value, and the four operations. Across Upper Key Stage 2, we have put reasoning at the heart of our Maths lessons, using a range of representations to prove our understanding

## Attendance - up to Thursday 20th October

We are determined to ensure that we have good attendance at school. Our attendance target for this year is 96%. Thank you to all parents and carers that ensure that their children have good school attendance.

Attendance is led by Mrs Kaufman. Where we have concerns relating to your child's attendance you will be contacted by Mrs Kaufman to look at strategies to improve it. Good attendance at school is very important to success. Gaps in knowledge quickly develop from only missing a small amount of time. Frequently missing school can also become a safeguarding issue.

Good attendance at school is in excess of 96%. Where attendance dips significantly below this e.g. 90% you will be invited in to school to an attendance meeting. In this meeting targets relating to attendance are set along with developing strategies to support attendance.

The Hive	88.7%
Sutton Bank	88.5%
Roseberry Topping	91.1%
Helvellyn	85.2%
Scafell Pike	94.7%
Snowdon	94.0%
Ben Nevis	91.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>92.4%</b>





Thank you for all the Harvest Festival donations



Our October Composer of the Month is Elton John

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The Hive visit our local library



Year 4 Quicksticks Team winning Bronze in the Inter School competition



Our very soggy yet smiley Year 5&6 Tag Rugby team! What great sports!



## Dates for your Diary

### Thursday 10th November

KS2 Ritz Cinema Visit

### Thursday 17th November

Year 1&2 Ritz Cinema visit

### Friday 18th November

Children in Need Non- uniform day (wear something spotty!)

### Monday 28th November

Individual and family School photo day

### Friday 2nd December

PTA Christmas Fayre

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lunch Time Club					
		Dodgeball/ Benchball (Mr Steel) Yr 5 & 6 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov - 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rugby Tots (Mr Steel) Y1 & 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov - 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Art Club (Mrs Bullock) Y3 - 6 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
			Glee Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Football Club (Mr Steel) Y3 & 4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	

## Events happening in our local community

Worried about being **cold** this winter?



**A warm welcome to your warm hub**  
Come to the Library for a warm up and more . . .

- Hot drinks
- Crafts
- Jigsaws and board games
- Books, newspapers and e-magazines
- Sudoku and crosswords

*All welcome*

**Opening Times**

Mon	10am to 5pm	Fri	10am to 5pm
Tues	1.30pm to 5pm	Sat	9.30am to 3pm
Wed	Closed	Sun	Closed
Thurs	10am to 5pm	From	Mon 17th Oct

Thirsk Community Library, Meadowfields, Chapel Street, Thirsk YO7 1TH  
Phone: 01609 534589

# HALLOWEEN SPECIAL MEET THE ANIMALS!

**30.10.2022**

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE A THRILL!  
ALL THE SPOOKY, UNUSUAL, DISGUSTING AND  
FRIGHTENING ANIMALS COMING OUT TO PLAY

**-£4 PER PERSON-  
-CHILDREN TEENS AND ADULTS  
WELCOME!-**

**AQUATIC FINATIC  
THIRSK ROAD A168  
NORTHALLEROTN  
DL6 3SB**



## THIRSK HOCKEY CLUB – OPEN DAY

**22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022 – 1.30 – 3.30**

**CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-12**

**COME & JOIN THE FUN, PRIZES TO BE WON!**

**THIRSK ASTROTURF PITCH, THIRSK SCHOOL**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT**

[THIRSKHJCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THIRSKHJCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM)

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**







## Introduction to working in schools & colleges

Would you like a career working in schools, but are unsure where to start? This 5 week **FREE** introductory online course will help you decide on the qualification that's right for you.

**Tuesdays 8 November - 6 December 2022**

**13.00 - 15.00 or 18.00 - 20.00**

This course will be delivered live online by one of our highly experienced teachers and it will prepare you for a future working in a school environment. You will gain confidence through having discussions and carrying out tasks to develop an understanding of which future learning pathway is right for you. Progression will be to a qualification course at level 1, 2 or 3, to be agreed with your teacher.

View the course information and enrol online by searching 'NYCC ALSS courses' and going to the Education & Training area on our website or scan the QR code shown and go to pages 2 & 3. If you'd like further Information, Advice and Guidance, please phone us on 01609 536066 and ask to speak with a Learner Engagement Officer or email: [learningAdvice@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:learningAdvice@northyorks.gov.uk)



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**Thirsk Kids**



*Light  
in the  
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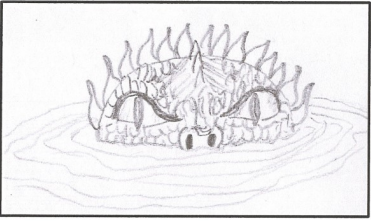
**Join us for activities, stories, games, refreshments, and to find out more about why we need light!**

Free — Donations Welcome  
Children up to 11 years old, accompanied by an adult

Wednesday 26th October — 10am to 12pm  
East Thirsk Community Centre  
For more details email [thirskparishes@gmail.com](mailto:thirskparishes@gmail.com)

  
**Thirsk  
parishes**

## Fantastic Beasts and How to Draw Them!



- Join local artist Chris and find out how to draw your own fantasy creatures. Chris will give you loads of tips and ideas to create something from your own imagination – anything from scary monsters to mythical beasts to fluffy pets!
- Illustration workshop for children and their parents/carers to join in.
- Chris has previously run this at York Art Gallery, to great reviews: "Thanks Chris, we had a great morning letting our imaginations run wild!"  
— Parent, York Art Gallery, 2018

**Please book your FREE places in Advance:**  
01609 534589 or [library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk)  
**Monday 24th & Thursday 27th October 2022**  
2:00-3:30pm, Thirsk Community Library  
Search for "Chris Geeson Creativeclubs" on Facebook



## *Halloween Trail*

Spooky season is nearly upon us in the Arboretum marking the start of our Halloween Trail which opens 8th October and runs daily until 1st November.

**Book your tickets today at**  
[www.thorpperrow.com](http://www.thorpperrow.com)




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## The Canterville Ghost

Thursday 27th October 2022  
11am & 2pm

  
Kiplin Hall  
& Gardens

Enjoy comedy and chills in this original adaptation of the charming Oscar Wilde tale, written especially for children and young families. This one-man show, featuring much audience participation, is guaranteed to raise more than just a host of a smile!

Philip Jennings stars in a show that's written by Jonathan Goodwin, and directed by Gary Archer, from "Don't Go to the Cellar".

After the 75 minute show, discover more spooky thrills exploring Crowe's Wood Halloween Trail with exclusive access on the day when Kiplin is closed to the rest of the public.

**Performance at 11am (doors 10:30am)**  
With time to explore the trail until 2pm


**Performance at 2pm (doors 1:30pm)**  
With time to explore the trail until 5pm.

Performances will take place indoors with seating provided. The Tea Room and Hall will be closed during the event. Light refreshments will be on sale.

Outdoor picnic facilities and toilets will be available. (We recommend bringing a torch to the afternoon performance as dusk approaches!)

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL £10 per person**





[www.kiplinhall.co.uk](http://www.kiplinhall.co.uk)

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