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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

Welcoming back the parish 'Open the Book Team' to our Collective Worship this week We were delighted to welcome back into school the Open the Book Team from the Parish. Volunteers from our local parish work with the children to dramatise stories from the Bible and help us reflect on these. All the children get an opportunity to take part during their time in school. **Pictured below taking part in the dramatisation of 'Jonah and the Whale'.**



Celebrating our sporting success with 2nd place in the Tri Golf Tournament Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Tri Golf Team who competed against other schools this week in a Tri Golf Festival. They had lots of fun, were excellent ambassadors for our school and finished in 2nd place. Well done!



Collective Worship and Special Mentions Assembly We all share in Collective Worship each morning. On Friday afternoon we celebrate together in Special Mentions Assembly. If children have certificates or achievements to celebrate from out of school please bring them to school on a Friday.

Gold School Games Mark Award 2021-2022



We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the 'Gold School Games Mark' award for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including clubs, competitions, PE lessons and the ways in which children support one another in Sport across our school.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone in our school has been rewarded.

A special thank you to Mr Ramsbottom, our PE subject lead and to all our staff, parents and children for their hard work supporting Sport and PE in our school and community.

We look forward to another great year of Sport!

Reminder: Year 1 and 2 Multiskills at Richmond School on Wednesday 28th September. Children have taken home letters with all the details enclosed. **Children in Year 1 and Year 2 should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday next week.** Class 1 and 2 will continue with normal PE kit days on Tuesday and Thursday.

Friends of the School logo design competition winner. Friends of School would like to thank you for all your excellent entries. The winner is Stan Newall in Year 5 and his design will be incorporated into Friends of the School publicity. Stan won a gift voucher. Many congratulations. **Pictured below is Stan's winning design.**



Flu Immunisation for all children—reminder to complete the consent form online. This will be offered in school on Thursday 13th October to all children providing you complete the consent form emailed to you by Mrs Newton last week. Please ask if you need help.

Parent Governor Vacancy We have one vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. This is an important voluntary role and the letter sent to all parents by email with this newsletter outlines the areas of responsibility. Equally, please do contact me for an informal conversation about what this involves.

School lunch—Fish and Chip Friday extra if your child would like school lunch on a Friday only, please email Mrs Newton in the office on admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk (cost for KS2 only is £3, payable on Parent Pay; Class 1 and 2 children are free).

Shelly's Wrap Around Care October Half Term Holiday Club will run in school on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October. Please see booking details in the letter sent by email with this newsletter. This is run on the school site and is always lots of fun! Please book directly with Shelly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Please see highlights and learning in each class this week on the next pages.

This week in Class 1 Mrs Reynolds has enjoyed all our Science work on seasonal change and signs of autumn. We have explored our beautiful school grounds and collected and observed signs of autumn. Everyone is making good progress with their phonics, reading and enjoyment of books. We have developed our use of colours in autumn themed art work. Reception children have had fun on our field and trim trail with their Year 6 buddies. They continue to enjoy working together in our outdoor area.



This week in Class 2 Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Dutton have been impressed with Class 2's writing this week, especially when editing their sentences. In Maths we have continued our work on shape; recognising and naming 2d and 3d shapes and beginning to compare and sort shapes. Y1 enjoyed working outside to create triangles, squares and rectangles using natural materials. In Computing we have been learning to programme floor robots and have practiced our spellings using computer games and activities also.



After School Board Games Club Children from Class 2 along with other children in school have also been enjoying playing a variety of games together.



This week in Class 3 we have been creating art work and portraits using fruit and vegetables in the style of Giuseppe Archimboldo. In RE we have looked at why our created world is so wonderful. Our English work on Stone Age Boy has allowed us to focus on using descriptive language for settings. In Maths we have continued our work on Place Value finding flexible ways to partition numbers. In PE we are developing our Netball skills. A great week with lots of hard work. Well done!



This week in Class 4 we have enjoyed learning about Nicholas Copernicus, a famous scientist from history. We have studied his heliocentric model with the sun at the centre of the Universe. In R.E. we have looked at the 2011 census and analysed data from the UK population reflecting on different religions and beliefs. In Art, we have used marbling as a technique to illustrate different colour and texture for our Space work inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe. In music we have learnt about Gustav Holst's Planets Suite.

