



# Kirkby Malzeard CE School Newsletter

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## Welcome back...

It has been a great few weeks at school with all the children back together. It has been lovely to see them fall back into routines and friendships so quickly, settling back as if they haven't been away. I know these have been strange times for them but we are always amazed at their resilience.

Since the return to school, staff have been working closely with the children to ensure they are settled and happy; they have re-established routines, offered plenty of opportunities for socialising and reconnecting, checked in on wellbeing and are in the process of assessing the children's attainment on return.

In order that staff can share this information with you, we will be holding parent consultations on the first week back in school, week commencing April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021. Please ensure you book an appointment via the website.

## Science Week



Oak and Acorn class took part in lots of different experiments to celebrate Science week.

Acorn have been discovering and exploring the frogspawn as part of our RSPB 'wild challenge' and are working towards their bronze award. These exciting explorations have led to them exploring eggs and different animal eggs. They have had great fun looking at real eggs which has involved lots of exciting science investigations.

Oak class have been exploring different materials and their uses working with materials to build a bridge out of paper that could hold at least 250g and creating a marble run. Lots of fun was had by all!





## World Book Day and Library reopening

World Book Day was celebrated in style in school. The children brought in props and clues for their characters and books, and we had great fun creating drama sketches with these. The children also completed lots of other activities, such as quizzes, designing book tokens and post boxes! We completed the celebrations with a visit to our revamped school library with exciting new reads available, followed by hot chocolate and story time at the end of the day.





The reading ambassadors did a fantastic job getting everything ready for reopening and are currently recruiting a new Year Five ambassador for the team. The library is now open each week to the Key Stage Two children.



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## Cedar Class Author Visit

Cedar class have been working on the novel 'Kick', which explores themes surrounding poverty and child labour. Thanks to a generous donation from a member of our school community, Cedar had a live zoom in class on Tuesday with Mitch Johnson, the author, where they had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about this and his next book. They are now embarking upon fundraising for amnesty international after the discussion which the book prompted; watch this space for more information on their efforts.





## Shakespeare Workshop



The children celebrated Shakespeare day with each class sharing and reading Shakespeare stories. Cedar then spent the week finding out about Shakespeare's life and then writing biographies about Shakespeare



Cedar also had a Shakespeare workshop last Friday afternoon, where they learnt to juggle - splitting into 2 teams, 'The Montagues' and the 'The Capulets' for a juggle-off. They also dramatised the prologue from Romeo & Juliet - using etymology skills to decipher Shakespearean language. Well done, Cedar!

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## Comic Relief - living out our values...



Children came to school wearing red for the day to celebrate comic relief and were asked to think how they could raise money for this cause at home, living out our values of kindness and love. What amazing fundraising raising ideas! A family bake off was held by Ted's family, Lizzie and Phoebe made homemade ice-cream for an ice-cream stall with Rosie selling hair clips for her stall all to raise funds for this cause. There were also lots of other exciting plans such as sponsored reads and sponsored fasts. We are incredibly proud of our children and their Christian values.

Violet and Grace have also been raising money for Cancer Research - they did a sale which raised £154.30. Well done, girls!

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## Pastoral Support

We are very lucky to have Mrs Martin in school. A large part of her role is to offer pastoral support. She works with small groups and on a one-to-one basis with our children to offer a friendly ear, some nurture time, wellbeing support or additional support for children where concerns have been raised by parents or staff. She will also be offering a drop-in service which we will share with children shortly. As a school, we remain committed to the wellbeing of our pupils; should you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please check in with your class teacher who will be able to offer advice and support where necessary.

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## Clubs

We are very excited to announce our clubs for next half term; these include chess, rounders, gardening, weaving and percussion club for years 3-6 and Sports club and book club for years R-2. Please ensure you have booked these in before half term with Mrs Blakey.

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## Parent governor

We are currently recruiting a parent governor. Information for this has been sent via the website. Please complete the relevant forms should you wish to apply.

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## Day of reflection

A year on from the first lock down, we joined the country for a day of reflection in school. We spent some time in collective worship sharing prayers and sharing our hopes for the future moving forward.

Have a lovely Easter break – let's hope the weather is kind to us! We look forward to welcoming you back at the start of the summer term.

Mrs Sarah Taylor  
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