



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Diary Dates

9th May – SATS Week

10th May – Meet Mrs Armstrong
at 3.30 pm

27th May – Half Term

4th June – Village Jubilee
Celebrations

6th -8th June – Yr6 Residential

7th June – Return to School

8th June – Base 1 Quad Kids

16th June – Survival Day at the
Forest School

23rd June – Yr6 Trip

24th June – Base 2 Quad Kids

29th June – Base 2 Athletics

1st July – Base 2 Trip

6th July – Base 2 Rounders

8th July – Sports Day

11th July – Year 6 Transition
Week

21st July – Break up for summer

Dear Parents,

It's been a slightly odd start to this term with the Bank Holiday weekend arriving so soon but the children have, as always, quickly settled back into school. We also welcome back Mrs Nixon (nee Ready) into Base 1 and hope she enjoys her time with us. This will be a very short half-term, but a busy one – especially for the Yr6 children who will be sitting their SATs next week. The girls have worked incredibly hard in the run up to these and Mrs Bordoli is extremely proud of them.

Base 1

In Literacy, we have been looking at 'Lost and Found', a story about a lonely penguin and a kind boy. The children have looked at penguins and where they come from, created some story maps and painted some lovely penguins. Next, they will try to create their own story using an animal/character of their choice. We will link this to our Geography looking at where each animal may come from.

Our topic this term is: Beneath our Feet.

In Art, we will be painting, drawing, sculpting and even creating some photographic collages. So far we have looked at Clarice Cliff and her 'Circle Tree' pattern. The children have created their own designs and are ready to put them onto their paper plates. Next, they will be looking at shells, both drawing and taking photos.

In music we have been looking at 'The Underground Dance' and



deciding how we can use a variety of body parts as percussion instruments in order to create different sounds. We have also investigated items in the classroom and the sounds they each make.

Base 2

Our Literacy text for this half-term is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone which some of the children are already familiar with. During the first week, alongside reading the story, the children researched information about 'Hogwarts School of witchcraft and wizardry' then, this week, planned and wrote their own 'Welcome to Hogwarts' leaflets to tell new pupils all about the staff, rules, lessons and life in general at this rather unusual school.

Our Science topic this term is; Rocks, Soil, Fossils and Evolution so, last week, the children began by investigating a selection of rock samples using magnifying lenses, then making detailed drawings and writing short descriptions about each one. Next, they read the scientific names and descriptions of the rock samples and tried, generally quite successfully, to match the samples to the correct names.

In PSHE we are exploring the link between Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. The younger children have been learning about the importance of a good sleep routine and healthy eating to keep both their bodies and minds in good condition. The older children have been revising the importance of personal hygiene, investigating how bacteria and viruses are spread and treated and learning some facts about allergies, immunisation and vaccination. They have also been considering the differences between prescription drugs, legal drugs and illegal drugs and discussing the effects all of these can have on our bodies and minds.

Whole School

On Friday afternoons the whole school is getting messy with clay. During the first session all the children learnt about and explored the properties of natural clay, then investigated different tools and made their own clay models. The older children also learnt about the four main types of clay and what each variety was used for. In the second session the children learnt about the Spanish sculptor Joan Miro and then created their own surrealist animal sculptures in a similar style. Hopefully these will be dry by next week so the children can paint them and we can begin to create our own sculpture gallery.

P.E

The children are once again based at the Hub for P.E. on Tuesday afternoons. This half-term we are focussing on athletics so the children having been practicing their throwing, sprinting and long jump skills. They are all working towards certificates from the English Schools Athletic Association which range from Stage 1 to Stage 9 depending on age and ability.

We have some very competitive and determined Base 2 children who are trying to get to stage 9, called Podium level. This requires sprinting 50 metres in under 7.3 seconds! For Gold (stage 6) they need to run 50m in under 8.6 seconds – I challenge any sporty parents to give it a go!

The Yr3/4 children also went to Caedmon this week to take part in the local 'Quad kids' athletics events. They competed brilliantly and showed great team spirit. Well-done everyone



School Meeting

We appreciate that families may have questions regarding the developments in school. We invite families to join us for an informal meeting on Tuesday May 10th at 3.30pm, where Mr Wood and Mrs Armstrong will be available. We hope you will join us.

Nursery Provision and Job Vacancy

Following our successful nursery consultation, our plans to welcome the first cohort of nursery pupils are well under way. We are currently recruiting a teaching assistant to join our Early Years team and we look forward to confirming a start date for our provision very soon. We have had several requests to offer additional sessions in addition to the (universal) 15 hours. Governors have now considered this very carefully and we are delighted to announce that afternoon sessions will also be made available, taking our offer to the full 30 hours. The exact details with timings and costs will be available before half term, once our recruitment process is complete. We would encourage families who are interested in registering their children to contact Mrs Watson in the school office

We are looking for an experienced Early Years Practitioner (Level 3) to support children in our Early Years/Key Stage 1 class. This exciting opportunity coincides with the launch of our new Nursery provision and the post will involve a key focus on supporting our youngest children. There may also be opportunities to support the older children as required. 16 hours per week. Closing date 13th May.

Crisp Packet Recycling

As many of you will be aware from previous media posts, Walkers Crips and Terracycle are closing all local collection points (including our Village Hall). The crisp packets were collected and sent away by David and Carol Hardwick and in return the school received a donation from Terracycle. As a school we will no longer be collecting crisp packets but we are reliably informed that the Terracycle collection points are located at Sainsburys or the Co-op. Thank you to Mrs and Mrs Hardwick for sorting, cleaning and packing the crisp packets and raising funds for Goathland School.

From the staff at Goathland Primary School.

