



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

From Mrs Armstrong

It has been another hard-working week at Goathland School and I am really enjoying seeing how much everyone uses the opportunities in our area to give the children really great learning experiences. Children have been representing the school in cross-country and done extremely well; they have been out in our Forest area and on a trip to Danby Moors Centre, and more trips are planned for both Base 1 and Base 2. Parents are also being welcomed in to visit Base 1 to enjoy our lovely provision and find out more about how we teach maths and phonics. Thank you staff and pupils for your hard work, and families for all your support.

Who to Contact

We always welcome and encourage contact from families and you can expect a timely response to emails and phone calls within working hours.

Head Teacher, Mrs Armstrong, is in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays - you can meet her at the school gate or ask Mrs Watson to arrange an appointment. Mrs Armstrong is always available by email on headteacher@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Reporting Concerns

If you have any worries about anything that happens in school, please contact Mrs Armstrong or your class teacher straight away

Diary Dates

30th Sept – Rugby Mega Fest – Base 2

7th October – Harvest Festival – 5pm St Mary's Church

13th October – Base 2 Science and Engineering Day

19th October – Base 1 – Spooky Day

19th October - X- Country - Base 2

20th October – Base 2 Trip

20th October – Base 1 Trip

21st October – Break up For Half Term

31st October – Return to School

9th November – Flu Immunisation

2nd December - Dodgeball - Base 2

8th December – Christmas Jumper Day

and we will do everything we can to help. If your concern is about another child, again please tell your teacher - do not approach other parents to try to resolve it yourself as this can make it more difficult to resolve in school.

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Armstrong, and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Bordoli. Safeguarding is everyone's concern and you can pass on a worry about the safety or welfare of any child, even if they are not your own, at any time in complete confidence.

Base 1

Base 1 has had a very busy couple of weeks. We were lucky to have a delivery of new sparkly numbers in Maths and we have been practising recognising numbers to 10.



We also had a delivery of bricks! We practised building towers and enclosures and took the opportunity to count with our new numbers.

In Science we have been making observations of plants, we found plenty of plants and seeds in our school garden and made some observational drawings of chives.

We are looking forward to planting bulbs next week.

In Literacy we have really enjoyed reading 'Bog Baby' and the children have been practising writing sentences using their sound mat and learning about adjectives.

Our younger children enjoyed a listening walk around school, building the foundations to our phonic work.



Base 2

Last week we began our History topic, the Stone Age to the Iron Age, by thinking about what a Stone Age man would need to survive. As part of this the children made cardboard spears and axes in school, then made wooden bows and arrows at Forest School. On the way back from Forest School, I overheard one boy say to another, "This has been the best day ever," so I think it is fair to say the children are enjoying this topic.



This week we began exploring how the homes and lifestyles of the people developed and changed during the 3-million-year period of prehistory we call the Stone Age. The children also had a fantastic day at the

Danby National Park Centre working as a 'tribe' to learn about and practice a variety of Stone Age survival skills.

In Literacy the children have been using the text I'll Take you to Mrs Cole, to revise how to write and punctuate direct speech. As it was Roald Dahl Day last Tuesday we have also begun reading George's Marvellous Medicine which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

Our PSHE topic this half-term is Healthy, Happy Friendships so the Yr3/4 children have been thinking about the characteristics of friendship such as respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness and generosity. This was extended with the older children through discussion about their personal safety, how to recognise who to trust and who not to trust when making new friends and how to seek help from parents or other adults when necessary.

In Computing the Yr4/5 children have begun to learn how to use Python – the general-purpose coding language used in computer programming while the Yr3 children have been revising some of the basic coding skills they learnt last year.

On Friday afternoon this week, Miss Taylor joined Base 2 to teach Art. This term's Art theme is painting portraits so the children are going to begin with self-portraits, then move on to painting members of their families. We will be creating a gallery of their work in the Shared Space to share with you later in the term.

Whole School

The children have begun learning a song for the **upcoming Harvest Festival at church on Friday 7th October**. They will also be learning a short poem to recite at the service, which will be at the earlier time of 5pm this year to (hopefully) enable some of our youngest children to take part in offering the symbols of Harvest. Full school uniform and black shoes please. In the shared space is our Harvest Collection box for Whitby Food Bank. Please bring into school tinned food and toiletries so they can be donated to the Food Bank after our church service.

Forest School

There was no Forest school this week as Base 2 were out at Danby, but last week the older children had a great afternoon making bows and arrows.

They whittled lengths of doweling to ensure their

arrows had very sharp points and used long branches they had cut from the trees to make bows. After stringing their bows, they practiced shooting their arrows at a woolly mammoth - stuck on the water butt!



Base 1 children collected autumnal leaves, berries and grasses and they worked together to create some lovely patterns. This also linked nicely to their pattern work in Maths.

P.E.

We returned to the village hall for gymnastics last week only to discover a new door had been put on the building to which we didn't have a key so Mrs Bordoli did an impromptu PE lesson on the grass whilst Mrs Gallon dashed off to find the key. Once Mrs Gallon returned and we were inside the children began to learn and practice some of the different gymnastic skills they will need to achieve their next BAGA awards.

Base 2 also went to the Whitby and District Primary Schools Sports Association Cross Country at Caedmon last Friday and as ever did brilliantly. Miss Taylor and Mrs Watson escorted the children to Caedmon and

once there were joined by many supportive parents and family members. Thank you to all who came to cheer on the children, it really makes a difference to them.



Base 1 attended Multi Skills at Caedmon College, Whitby. They joined 10 other local schools to practice their balance, hand eye co-ordination, throwing and stamina in this fun filled sporting activity.

Next Friday afternoon, 30th September, Base 2 will be attending the Rugby Mega fest at Whitby Rugby Club so please can parents ensure the children have both shorts and either leggings or jogging bottoms in their PE kits to cover all weather options. **They will also need rugby or football boots if at all possible** Thank you.

Lunch Money is Now Due

Lunch £96.90 (Base 2 children)

Milk £6.12 (5 years and above)

Enjoy your weekend,

From The Goathland School Staff