



**GOATHLAND  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
*Believe you can  
Together we will*



9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful, supportive families and staff at Goathland School. We are very proud of our Scarecrow display and have received a huge amount of positive feedback. We couldn't have done this without your help and imagination. The little birds are a delight, each with their own personality! Miss Winter used her artistic talents when designing and making the head of the crow (Base 1 will get another cushion cover!). Thank you to Mr and Mrs Watson for constructing and creating such a great display with the children's birds. The display will remain in our veg/ flower patch for the rest of the summer term so we can all admire your birds for a little bit longer.

Bag2school also raised £38.00 for our School Fund. Thank you.

### Base 1

This week the children enjoyed reading a lovely story called 'The Sea Saw', a superb rich text where all children have produced some great work from. Year 1 children will be delving into the text further next week and I look forward to reading their creative work.

In Maths KS1 children are working on place value within 100, ensuring that children can count forwards and backwards from any given number. We have also been exploring place value practically using tens and ones.

## Diary Dates

PE – Tuesday afternoons

Forest School - Friday  
afternoons

13<sup>th</sup> June – Tennis – Base 2 at  
WSF

16<sup>th</sup> June – School Trip

26<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Week

4<sup>th</sup> July – Base 1 Trip

5<sup>th</sup> July – Base 2 Rounders at  
CCW

6<sup>th</sup> July – Base 2 Trip

14<sup>th</sup> July – ProRide Bike Race -  
Base 2

18<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

20<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> July – Break up for Summer

In EYFS children have been subitising, recognising numbers and Reception children are beginning to double numbers using objects.



In PSHE KS1 children have been learning about committed relationships and discussed their families.

In PE this week our youngest children joined in with a practice for Sword Dancing! Well done!

Year 1 children have their phonics screening check next week, thank you for the support that we have received from home in practicing their sounds.

Our Great Fire of London topic came to an end this week. The Tudor houses in DT were a great success, all the children worked together to create their own version of 'Pudding Lane'.

We have been very lucky to get some deliveries this week in Base One ready for our Seaside topic so watch this space for new activities.

In addition to these we have been using our new balancing stones to extend our track making outside. The younger children also enjoyed our new trikes for gross motor skills.

It was great to be back at forest school this week in the wonderful outdoors, we are so lucky! The children did a great job at tidying up the site.

## Base 2

In literacy the children have been working hard on their reading comprehension and spelling skills since we returned to school. We are now coming to the end of the Frostheart story and will be moving onto another, completely different, text next week.

In their second Ancient Egypt lesson the children learnt about the importance of the River Nile to the Egyptian people, what daily life was like and the different jobs people did. It was interesting to discuss the similarities and differences between life so many years ago and the modern lives we lead.

The children have been continuing to learn about Islam in RE with Mrs Giddins. They have been finding out about the main Islamic beliefs and why Muslims go to mosque. As we don't have any local mosques, videos were used to explore exactly what mosques are and what they look like inside.

Our PSHE topic this term is families and committed relationships. In the first session we explored the characteristics of good friendships and discussed what is essential and what isn't. Children can be influenced by what they see in the media so understanding that how friends behave and how they make you feel is more important than how they look or where they live is a significant part of their social development. The second session focused on family relationships, understanding their imperfections and acknowledging the fact that there are a wide variety of families so the word family means different things to different people.



The children have also continued with their year group specific computer coding lessons. Year 3 have been developing their use of click events, Year 4 have been practicing creating sequences and animations whilst Year 5 are extending their understanding of algorithms by programming repetitions and loops.

In Art the children have completed their contemporary collage images by combining different colours, shapes and textures. Their final artworks are all unique and quite striking. They have also been developing their sketching techniques by drawing pictures of the school building and natural objects in the environment.

## Forest School

Our first Forest School session this term focused on safety and exploration alongside a bit of environmental upkeep and tidying up. The children were all extremely happy to be back on the field playing games and investigating what needed maintenance or improvement in their dens.

## P.E.

We have been focusing on rounders skills in PE during the last couple of sessions with throwing, catching and batting practice activities. We have some talented players so even though we may be short on age specific children for the Yr5/6 rounders at Caedmon on July 5th we will be going there with confidence.

At the end of this week's session the older children also began practicing sword dancing for the summer village show. The younger children were also involved, the length of the wooden swords makes it quite a challenge for them but they were very determined to have a go.

## Liz Million

On the Wednesday afternoon before we broke up the children were visited by the illustrator Liz Million. She is a very lively lady and the Base 2 children had a brilliant time learning to draw cartoon style characters under her animated guidance. As part of her lesson, she drew some colourful cartoons which we intend to frame and display in school.

## Next Week

Hats and sun cream (applied before school)

**13<sup>th</sup> June – No whole school PE.** Base 2 will be travelling by minibus to Whitby Sixth Form College where they will be taking part in the Whitby Schools tennis tournament. PE trainers/ shorts/ baseball caps and sun cream required looking at next week's forecast! Hoodies and t-shirts will be given out prior to leaving school. **Base 1 - please bring PE kits but collection is from school at 3.15 pm for all.**

**16<sup>th</sup> June – Yr1 – Yr6 school trip to York Opera House to watch the Demon Dentist.** Full uniform and **water** bottles required. Packed lunch will be supplied by Mrs Brown. No snacks. **Nursery and Reception** children to remain in school with Mrs Gallon and Mrs Armstrong. Collection at 3.15 pm for all.