



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



24th March 2023

Thank you so much for all the brilliant responses to our School Vision consultation. There was an excellent response rate so we really do have a good idea of what everyone wants for our school and it was heart-warming to see the wonderful values that are held by children, staff, governors and families. The word cloud below shows all the suggestions that have been made; the larger the word, the more times it has been mentioned. We clearly have a shared vision for what we want Goathland School to provide for our children which gives great hope for the future.

Our task now is to distil everyone's ideas into an overall Vision Statement. Other suggestions that you have made will be used to write our Mission Statement, which will lay out what we will do in our daily work in school to achieve our vision. I look forward to sharing this with you in the near future. Thank you again for your work on this.

I have enjoyed speaking to staff this week about pupil progress and I am so pleased with all the work that is going on in both classes. I would like to thank all staff for their commitment to the children - their care and ambition for every individual just shines out and I feel very fortunate to work with such an excellent team.

After the Easter break the Reception and Nursery children will once again be using the Base 1 external door to enter and leave school (this was stopped during covid). Older siblings will continue to use the main school door, however if you have more than one child in Base 1 you will be able to pick up your children at the end of school together from Base 1. Everyone will still need to enter and leave the school premises via the main gate.

Mrs Armstrong.



Diary Dates

Swimming every Tuesday during the Spring term

31st March – End of the Spring Term

18th April – Return to School

19th April – Birds on the Edge Project PM

28th April– Police Visit – Online Safety

8th May BH – Coronation Weekend

18th May – Parent Briefing on Online Safety by NYP at 3.30 pm

16th June – School Trip



Safeguarding at Goathland School

A number of parents have indicated that they would like more information to help keep their children safe online - this can be a tricky area as technology moves on so quickly and children become more and more active in the online world as they grow older. All families are invited to a talk on online safety by our PCSO Pete Lewis, in school on **Thursday 18th May at 3.30 pm**. Children will be looked after by Mrs Armstrong during the meeting and we really hope you will join us to hear what he has to say and ask lots of questions

Base 1

Base One worked hard for their assessment week and I can see some steady progress for each child, well done!

In Geography KS1 children have been learning about the River Esk. We then moved on to researching The Amazon River and compared the contrasting locations. They were very interested in the animals that live in the Amazon River compared to what is in the River Esk!

In Literacy KS1 have been focusing on extending sentences and also looking at the depth of grammar used.

We have enjoyed traditional tales this week such as Goldilocks and The Three Bears. EYFS children were able to retell the story using our new storytelling puppets, well done!

Year One children have been learning to write instructions for Oliver Jeffers book 'How to Catch a Star.'

In Maths we have been learning about mass/length and height. We looked at using non-standard and standard units. The EYFS children also spent time investigating with objects around the classroom, great teamwork!

In PSHE we are learning about changes and growth, children were able to recognise that 'baby' animals need the same things that human babies need in order to grow and live.

We also enjoyed Easter Crafts on Wednesday, this was a really nice treat for the children.

Base 2

Last week was assessment week and as always, the children did their very best. The results show they are making steady progress in Reading and Maths so well done everyone.

In Literacy this week the children have been focussing on the correct use of singular and plural possessive apostrophes and planning some non-fiction writing about our local area. We have also begun reading the book Frostheart by Jamie Littler in preparation for next term's creative writing.

Last week in Geography the children explored Ordnance Survey maps and learnt about the symbols used to represent different places. They then had a practical session on the playground orientating their maps, using compasses to find North and playing games using their compasses to give and follow directions.

A week last Friday, in the penultimate session of their Seasonal Food project, the children prepared and cooked their own pizzas with Miss Taylor. I think it is fair to say this was a highlight for all of them. The week after was a snow day so the children had to wait a little longer to begin their final session, in which they made an apple crumble – another activity they thoroughly enjoyed. Going forward, Miss Taylor will once again be leading Art on Friday afternoons.

In Science the children began a new topic, exploring the 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. This week they carried out some experiments to investigate the four processes that cause water to change state and practiced recording their results in a scientific manner using labelled diagrams and factual explanations. They also learnt about the water cycle and made their own miniature terrariums so they can watch the water cycle in action.

P.E.

At the Leisure Centre the older children have been spending their time in the deep end of the main pool learning about water safety and self-rescue techniques. The youngest children had their first session without Mrs Bordoli in the small pool as they are now much more confident in the water and the middle group continued to challenge themselves by swimming across the small pool with fewer floatation aids.

Base 2 also attended the Primary Cross-Country league at Caedmon last week and ran brilliantly. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough children in any specific year group to qualify for the league placings but there were some excellent individual placings. The boys achieved 5th and 12th in the Yr5/6 race and 7th, 18th & 50th in the Yr3/4 race. Niamh, being our only girl, had to run without a buddy so did very well to come 32nd in the Yr3/4 girls' race. A huge well done to everyone and a massive thank you to Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Lonsdale who came down to support the team and ended up helping Mrs Bordoli organise the children for the different races.

Goathland School Staff

