



Welcome to Our SPRING TERM Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing Spring term we have had. It has flown by and so much has taken place at our incredible school.

I would like to begin by saying a huge thanks to you and your amazing children. You make everyday a wonderful experience. Your children are a pleasure to work with and I am so proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to say a huge thanks to the incredible team of staff we have at Thirsk Community Primary School. The passion and commitment they show on a daily basis makes this school a fantastic place to work and be a part of. I am so proud to say I am part of this family.

This term, there has been a hive of activity across the school. The learning which has taken place has been rich and varied and I have loved being able to see this first hand. Everyday, I see children and staff working incredibly hard – the classrooms are always engaging places to be. The Geography enrichment week in the final week of term was full of fascinating activities. Everything from river workshops in Year 5, to orienteering in Key Stage 1.

There have been sporting competitions at the High School, many of which I have had the pleasure of attending, and all the children who have taken part should be so proud. World Book Day was an utter success and visiting the Book Bistro filled me with such joy – seeing the children excited about the books they were 'tasting' was brilliant and I loved being a part of that. Thank you to Mrs Wall for organising such a booktastic event.

The school disco was rocking and was a real hit. Safe to say, hearing a chorus of KS2 boys voices sing along to Rick Astley – Never Gonna Give You up is a memory which will stay with me for a long time – absolutely fantastic! Thank you to Miss Wood for organising and for all the parent and staff volunteers who gave up their time to make it such a wonderful event. Young Voices was probably the best I have attended throughout my career, the children sang and danced the night away and they put on an incredible show. Thank you to Mrs Collier, Mrs Van Huet and Mrs Twinn for giving up their time to enable this event to take place – I think they may have enjoyed it more than the children!

Looking ahead to next term, there will be many more exciting events and incredible learning taking place. If you don't already follow us on Facebook, please do. It is a great way to see what is going on! As staff, we will be really focusing on attendance – this is an area we do need to work together on to improve. More information will be shared after the Easter break with what will be happening to help us succeed. I would like to say thank you for your support in this in advance – I recognise there are many challenges you may face and I firmly believe in working together to move forward.

This has been a term I will never forget. You have all welcomed me into Thirsk Community Primary School with such kindness and compassion and I really do appreciate it so much. We are at the beginning of our journey together and I would like to thank you all for your support.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Kind regards,

Mr. Harrison



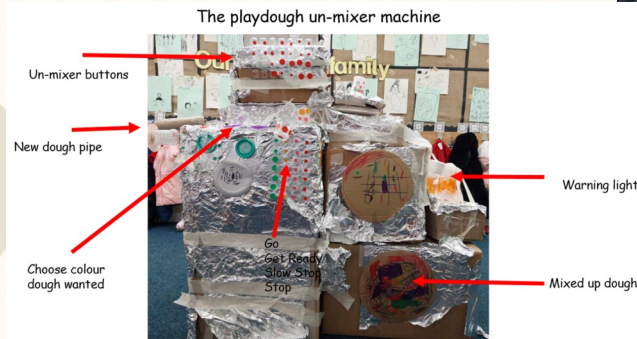
The Early Years

Magnificent Machines

In the first part of this term our youngest children have been learning about Magnificent Machines. Curiosity has been sparked by our focus story time books, with the adults modelling the wow words; magnificent, machine, invention, vehicle and emergency. The children have planned, designed and made various machines. They have explored cogs, wheels, axels, and magnets, as well as the tools and resources to join and fix materials together. Not only did this got the creative juices going, it has promoted talk and team work. In week four the children worked together to create an Art Attack style Magnificent Machine!! We think you will agree, it is pretty amazing! All this work has made our fingers strong and our minds grow!



This is our playdough un-mixer machine!



Are all beans magic?

In the later part of the term we have learnt to tell Jack and the Beanstalk off by heart. The children especially liked playing the part of the Giant!! We read three different versions of the story, learning to spot similarities and difference, and suggesting our own versions. Reception wrote their own recount of the story, and all the children planted beans. We are currently observing and recording to find out how long they will take to reach the castle. Our prediction is 20 days.





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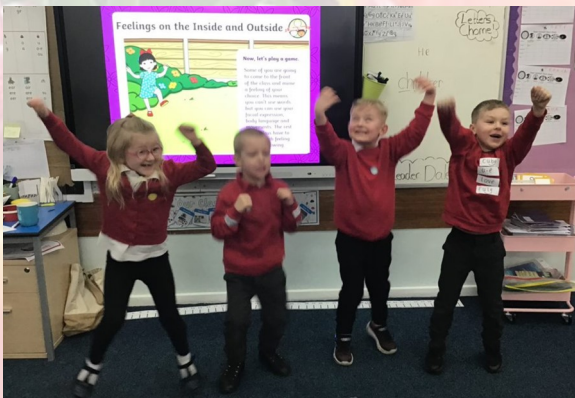
KS1

We have had such a fantastic term down in KS1! The children this term have been learning all about animals, plants and local heroes under the theme 'All Creatures Great and Small'. This started with learning about animals and their habitats, where we investigated how animals survive, and what would happen if they were moved to a different habitat. We have also studied trees, plants and food chains. We looked at influential people such as Sir David Attenborough and a local hero James Herriot, we even finished with a wonderful trip to the James Herriot Centre in Town!

In art, the children were able to use a range of techniques to create patterns in their colouring, such as: hatching, cross hatching, blending, circling and stippling; making a fox's fur come to life.

Year 1 completed a biography for James Herriot, writing a sequel to What the Ladybird Heard and we had lots of practical fun writing instructions on how to grow a bulb, ensuring our instructions were clear and would not be misinterpreted! Year 2 have written an information piece about plants (including a plant that eats animals) and a formal letter to Mr. Harrison.

We got to celebrate world book day this year with a fantastic visit to The Book Bistro, where children tasted a range of delicious books!

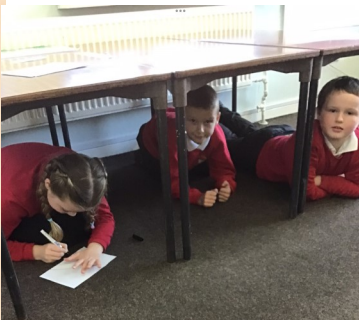


YEAR 3

This term in Year 3, we have been learning our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication and division facts! We have been working super hard on practising these and found some fun songs to help these facts stick. In maths, we have also been learning about fractions, mass and capacity, and length and perimeter. It has been a very busy half term but the children have shown excellent determination towards their learning and progress.

In English, we read Paddington Bear, a class favourite which we all loved! The children produced some fantastic pieces of writing about Paddington Bear including an acrostic poem about London and a short story using dialogue. The children have shown great perseverance and enjoyment in our writing lessons, which has shown in the pieces they've produced! We then moved onto reading about The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age which linked to our curriculum focus this half term 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place.' The children were fascinated whilst reading this book and made clear links between what they had learnt and what they were reading.

The Year 3 and 4 children have been learning all about the very early years of Britain – journeying all the way back to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Learning about how people used to live and find food and drink (when we did not have supermarkets!) The children were amazed. We made comparisons about life then and now, explored artefacts, looked at fossils, enquired about how Stonehenge was built and looked at Skara Brae. We even got to make our very own land art after researching about the famous land artist 'Andy Goldsworthy'. What a fantastic term we have had!





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Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term and have welcomed their new teacher in and made a great first impression!

They have worked hard in maths this term learning all about Fractions and working with Decimals to explore the correlation between the two.

In English, they have studied the Non-Fiction book 'Life of a Stone Age Hunter' and were fully emerged into how people lived during the Stone Age. They were able to write diary entries immersing themselves into the past and becoming a Stone Age hunter. They finished the term off by creating audio guides for their own History Museum and even recorded them so we could listen to them back. Their writing was so creative, and we all felt like we'd been on an excursion to the different History Museums.

Following our English learning, we have also learnt all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age during our History lessons. The children have been so enthusiastic and engaged with how different life was back then. They created their own fossils in D.T and used natural resources in Art to produce their own Land Art. In Science, they worked scientifically to create their own investigations to discover whether the length of our femurs affect how far we can jump whilst learning about the skeleton. During our topic on Rocks, they also recreated the three different types of rocks using starbursts – yummy! We look forward to our Rainforest Rescue topic next term and the start of swimming



Year 5 and 6

What a super busy term it has been for Year 5 and 6! Within Year 6 they have focused upon reading a range of texts such as "Breadwinner", parts of "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" as well as a range of newspapers and Malala's life story through the narrative biography "The Right to Learn". Year 6 have delved deep into the life of Malala Yousafzai – discovering her significance and impact around the world. Having researched into Malala's life, they worked hard at writing their own version of Malala's biography as well as a newspaper report on her dramatic transfer to a UK hospital after she was shot.

Within Maths, Year 6 have done fractions, decimals and percentages in just about every possible way! Their arithmetic skills are constantly being sharpened with daily practice in working with the four operations, mental calculations and yet again more fractions! They've also a taste of some SATs papers this term in their preparation for the official ones in May. Their resilience this term has been commendable.

Their focus for the afternoons has been around Ancient Baghdad – looking at the legacy of ancient Muslims and how this has impacted the world today. With very few historical sources to provide a clear picture of what Ancient Baghdad might have looked like, Year 6 were tasked with drawing how it might have looked using just 10 clues – many not providing much information. They rose to the challenge and interpreted what they could very well. They also discovered what life might have been like through a range of artist's interpretations and accounts from travellers to Ancient Baghdad.

In Year 5, they have read both 'Journey to Jo'Bug' and 'Breadwinner'. They have really enjoyed both texts and have learnt a lot about other countries and their histories. We also learned a lot about Malala and wrote some fantastic biographies all about her and her life. In Maths, they have spent time learning about decimals, negative numbers and area and perimeter. They have worked so hard in these sessions and shown such fantastic progress.

On an afternoons, they have looked at the religion of Islam and how they worship. Also, we have looked at Diversity in Britain. They have learned about the different groups of people and how we come together to build communities. They have shown such enthusiasm in this and have thought about their own community and the people in it.

In Geography, they have looked at rivers and their features. This week, Year 5 have had the Yorkshire Rivers Trust in. They were able to look at how rivers worked and what they can do to look after them. They also had the opportunity to look at some of the wildlife from a local river and identify them.



Competitions

Swimming Year 5 and 6



Tchoukball Year 3/4



Dodgeball Year 5 and 6



Key Steps Gym KS1



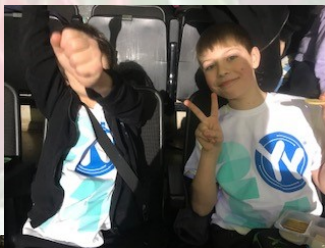
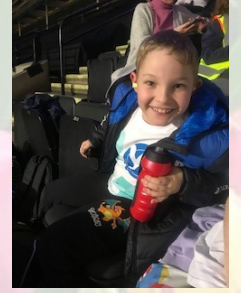
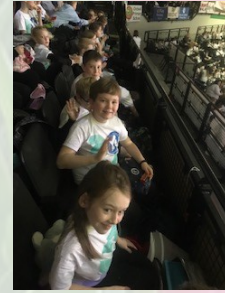
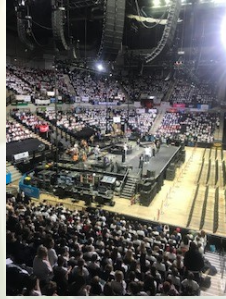
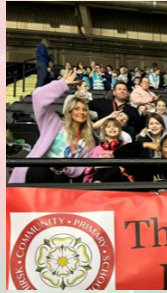
KS1 Team



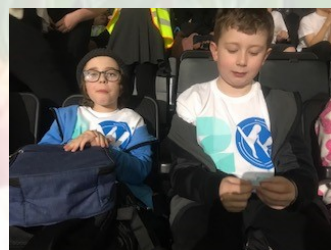
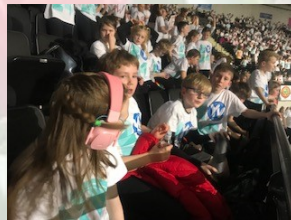
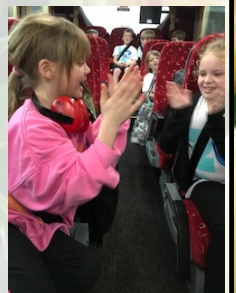
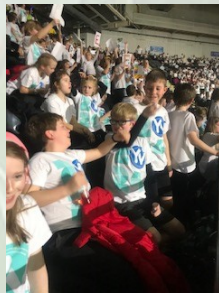
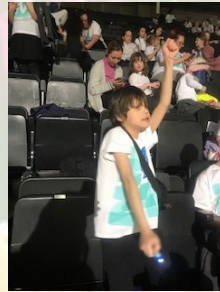
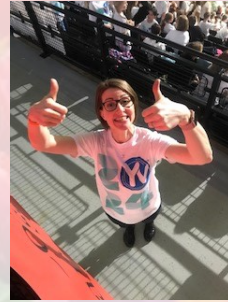
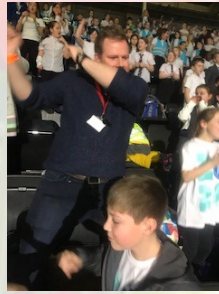
MORE from the event!



YOUNG VOICES



YOUNG VOICES 2024



Geography Enrichment week



James Herriot Museum

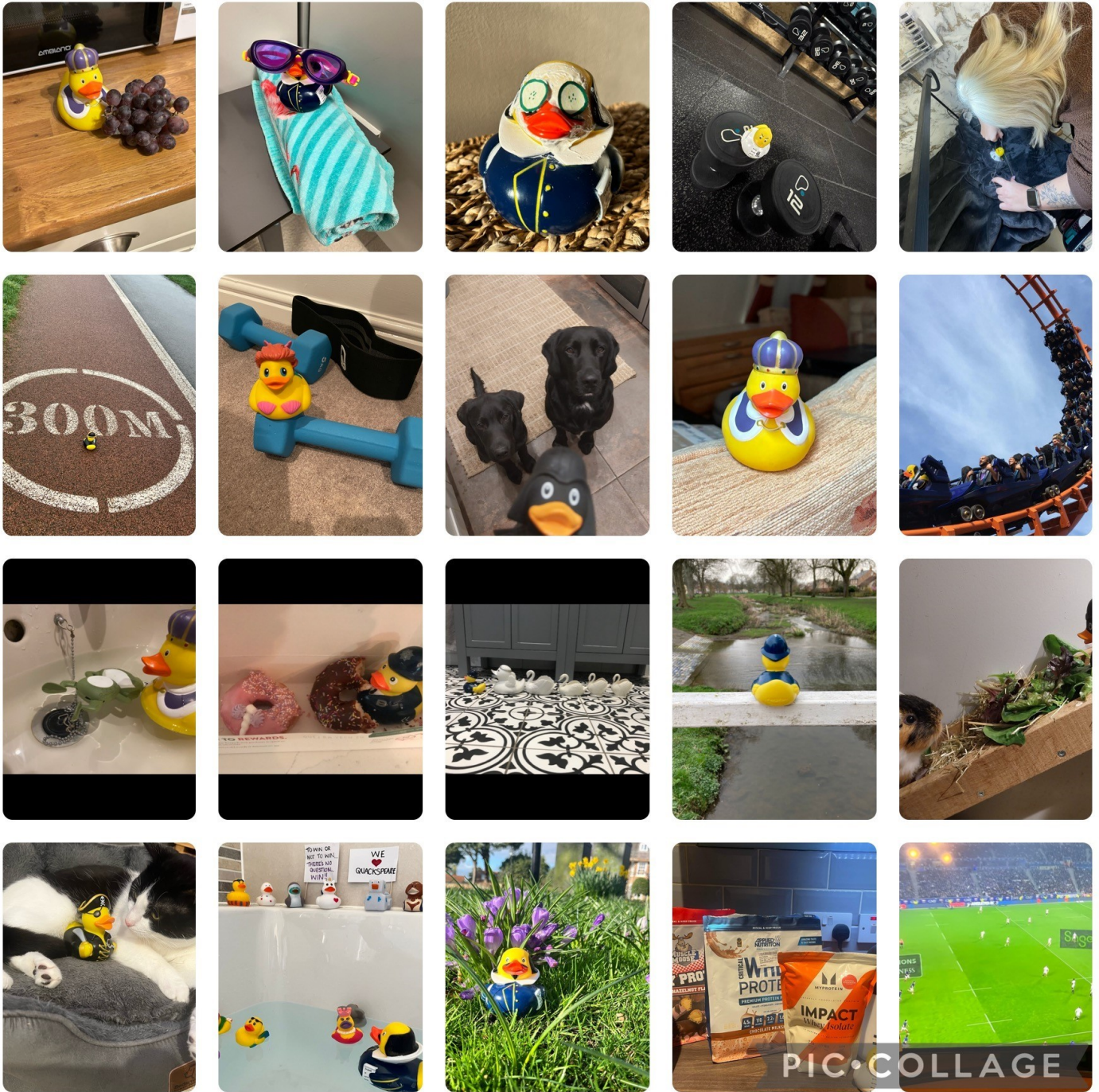


PTA duck race

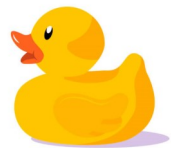
1. **Quack Vader:** Quack Vader has been exploring the hive and getting race-ready by hitting the gym and Pilates! With a dedication to fitness, this duck is honing his skills at warp speed, making new furry friends, and training with his dark side brethren. Ready to take on the galaxy... or at least the annual duck race!
2. **Quacky Chan:** Quacky Chan is levelling up for the duck race! From pampered spa sessions to boosting protein intake, this quack-fu master is hitting the gym hard. With a focus on strength and agility, get ready to witness some epic quacktion scenes and maybe even a few flying kicks!
3. **Captain Quack Sparrow:** Captain Quack Sparrow is setting sail for the duck race! With flippers and wings at the ready, this ducky pirate is practicing TTRockstars and sprinting towards victory. Swapping the high seas for high-intensity PE sessions, get ready to cheer on our swashbuckling sensation!
4. **Quackmaid:** Quackmaid is gearing up in style! From weight training to pampering massages, this duck is ready to quack its way to victory. With a focus on physical fitness and self-care, stay tuned for some hilarious behind-the-scenes updates!
5. **Officer Quackson:** Officer Quackson knows how to quack-tastically prepare! From honking hello to mastering tractor driving, he's got it all under control. With expert skills and a quack-tastic attitude, join us for a thrilling duck showdown at the farm!
6. **Sir Quackspeare:** Sir Quackspeare is taking a 'chill' approach to prep! Catch him riding rollercoasters, lounging at the beach. Getting Race ready with metal prep and boosting his knowledge with Year 6 SAT he'll wing his way to victory. With a laid-back style and a flair for adventure, get ready for some quacktastic updates fit for a baird!
7. **King Quackulus III:** King Quackulus III and his faithful servant Ollie are on a royal quest to conquer the great outdoors, one puddle at a time! Follow their majestic journey as they navigate the wet and wild terrain in preparation for the epic duck race. With regal determination and a spirit of adventure, stay tuned for some quacktastic updates fit for a king!

The race will be held over the Easter break and filmed ready for the children's return. Each class will receive a % of the money raised from sponsors to spend at they choose in the class. The winning class duck will receive a little extra.

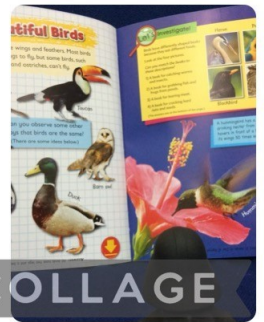
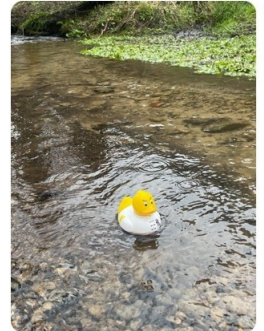
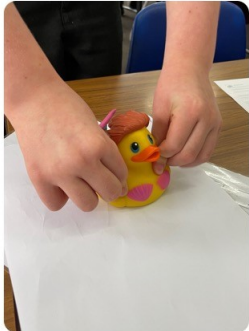
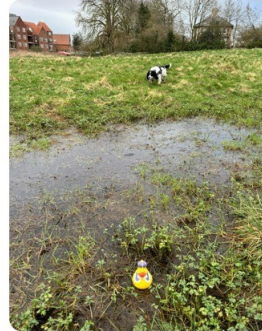
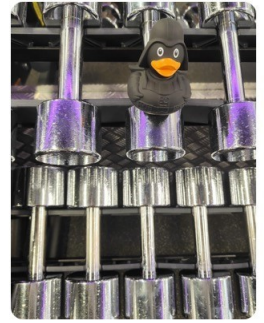
Sponsor forms and money can be returned to school between now and Friday April 12th.



DUCKS IN TRAINING !!!!



PIC·COLLAGE



Can you spot your class duck????





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Attendance Matters W.C 11.3.24 Our School attendance target is 96%

Reception/ Hive 86.5% Below

Sutton 95.9% Below

Roseberry 85.3% below

Helvellyn 99.2% Expected

Scafell 87.8% Below

Snowdon 94.8% Below

Ben Nevis 89.3% Below

Whole school 91.2% Below target

Attendance Matters:

School gates open at 8.40am ready to start learning at 8.50am

Good attendance at school improves your child's learning at school

Good attendance and punctuality at Primary school help form good attendance habits – for high school and eventually for the world of work!

If your child is ill or not able to attend school, please always contact as soon as possible. Telephone: 01845 524349

If your child's attendance is below 90%, it is classed as Persistent Absence
Persistent Absence from school affects your child's learning and achievement.
If you need support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to the schools attendance leader Mrs Kaufman.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

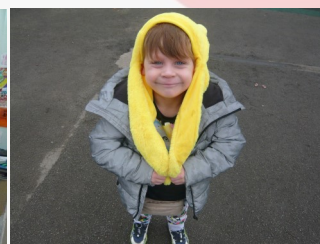


BOOK BISTRO



COMIC RELIEF 2024 Wear something funny for money

We raised £126- THANK YOU!!!!

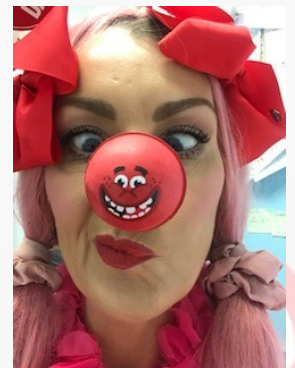


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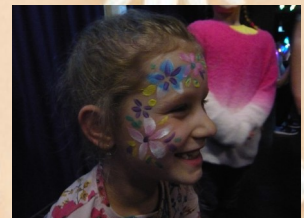
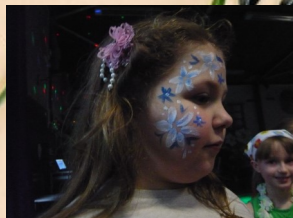
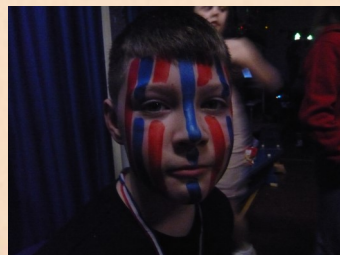
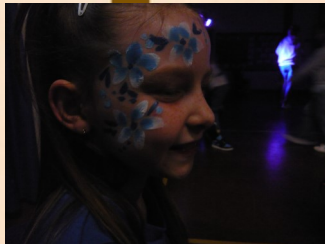
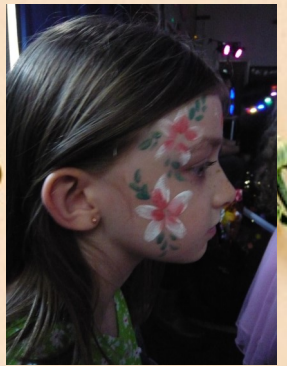
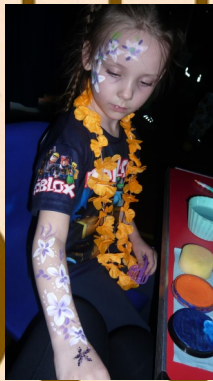
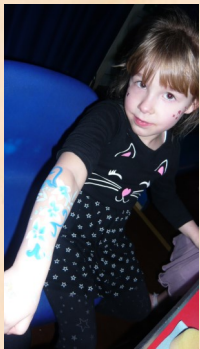
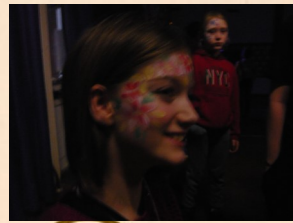
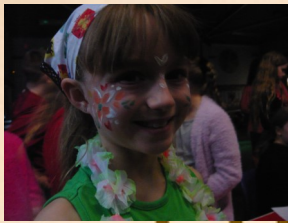
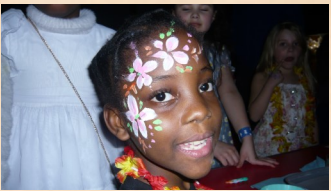
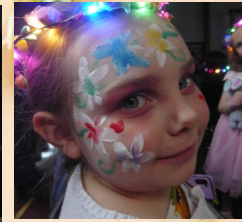
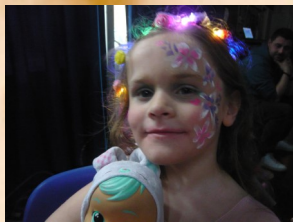
Wear something funny for money



**SILLY
STAFF !!!!**



SPRING FLING



Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 9th April	School reopens for Summer Term 1 and after school clubs start
Wednesday 10th April	Year 3 swimming
Thursday 11th April	Y 1 & 2 Multi Skills Tournament
Tuesday 16th April	R & Y6 Height and weight measurements
Thursday 18th April	Y 3 & 4 girls football tournament
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 10th May	Dynamo cricket tournament y 3&4
W/c 13th May	Y 6 SATS week
Wednesday 22nd May to Fri 24th May—PEAT RIGG residential y6	
Thursday 23rd May	Dynamo cricket tournament 5 & 6
Friday 24th May	break up normal time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Within School				Guitar and keyboard lessons	
	Miss Wood's Gardening Club <small>KS2</small> 15.4.24 - 20.5.24 6 weeks Collect from side gate	Mr Steel's Summer Sports Club Year 1&2 9.4.24- 21.5.24 7 weeks Collect side gate	Mr Steel's Cricket and summer athletics Year 3 & 4 10.4.24- 22.5.24 7 weeks Collect side gate 4 wks cricket 3 wks athletics	Mr Steel's Dynamo Cricket year 5&6 11.4.24- 23.5.24 7 weeks Collect side gate	

Summer Term 2024

	WEEK 1 Week commencing 8 th April, 29 th April, 20 th May, 17 th June, 8 th July	WEEK 2 Week commencing 15 th April, 6 th May, 3 rd June, 24 th June, 15 th July	WEEK 3 Week commencing 22 nd April, 13 th May, 10 th June, 1 st July,
M O N D A Y	Pizza (v) Potato wedges Peas and sweetcorn Home Baked 50/50 bread Tuna Sandwich Bean Jacket jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato and basil ***** Waffle, fruit & ice-cream Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Beef burger in a bun Potato wedges Carrot and cucumber sticks Ham Sandwich tuna Jacket potato PASTA POT– tomato and basil ***** Summer berry flapjack Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Cheese and tomato pasta (v) with crusty bread Summer veg sticks Tuna sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Chocolate crispie cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
T U E S D A Y	Chicken pitta pocket 50/50 rice Broccoli & carrots Cheese Sandwich Tuna jacket potato ***** Fruit muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Creamy mac and cheese (v) Homebaked garlic bread Peas and sweetcorn Tuna sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Iced lemon finger Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	All day breakfast (hash browns, sausages, beans, egg, tomato, ketchup Homebaked 50/50 bread Ham sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Oat cookie and cheese Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
W E D N E S D A Y	Minced beef and Yorkshire pudding Mashed potato, gravy & medley of veg. Crusty Bread Chicken sandwich Cheese jacket potato PASTA POT - tuna & sweetcorn ***** Cheese & Biscuit Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast gammon, gravy, baby potatoes, medley of veg Homebaked 50/50 bread Cheese sandwich Baked bean jacket potato PASTA POT – tuna ***** Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast chicken and stuffing, mashed potato, gravy, medley of veg Sliced wholemeal bread Egg mayo sandwich Tuna jacket potato ***** Lemon shortcake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
T H U R S D A Y	Sausage and tomato pasta Green beans & cauliflower Homebaked garlic flatbread Ham sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Chocolate orange sponge choc sauce Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Chicken Korma 50/50 rice Green beans & carrots Naan bread Egg mayo sandwich Cheese jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato & basil ***** Chocolate & vanilla swirl muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognese Peas & sweetcorn Homemade garlic bread Chicken sandwich Cheese jacket potato ***** Fruity jam sandwich & custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
F R I D A Y	Fish fingers Chips Baked beans & peas Ketchup Homebaked wholemeal bread Egg mayo sandwich Cheese jacket potato ***** Summer drizzle cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Harry Ramsdens battered fish Chips Sweetcorn & peas Ketchup Sliced wholemeal bread Chicken sandwich Baked bean jacket ***** Custard cookie with orange wedge Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Crispy salmon bites Chips Mixed summer salad ketchup homemade sunflower seed bread Cheese sandwich Baked bean jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato & basil ***** Jelly mousse pot Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt



EASTER CAMP DAYS



- TUES 26TH MARCH
- WED 27TH MARCH
- THURS 28TH MARCH
- WED 3RD APRIL
- THURS 4TH APRIL

● 10AM TIL 3PM

● AGE 7-13YRS

● BOROUGHBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL

● £25 a day

Discounts for multiple
dates & siblings available



www.netball4all.com



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Thirsk Community Library

Easter Holidays 2024

Lego Drop In

Tuesdays 26th March and 2nd April

10.00 to 12.00



Come and use our Lego and Duplo

All ages, drop in, no need to book

FREE

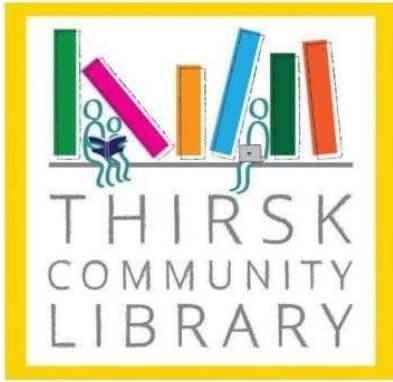
Donations welcome

Thirsk Community Library, Meadowfields, Chapel Street, Thirsk YO7 1TH

Phone: 01609 534589

Email: library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk





Easter Hols Activities!

At Thirsk Community Library with Chris Geeson Creative Clubs

FREE Activities On the following dates:

Monday 25th March – Make an Easter Card

(drop in anytime 1-3pm) Enjoy designing and making your own Easter card. Decorate it with pictures of eggs, chicks, bunnies, or whatever you like!



Saturday 30th March – Junk Robots
(10-11:30am, please book in advance)

Using some really odd and interesting junk, we'll make some superb robots! Places are limited to 16 participants so please book your FREE places by contacting the library.

Thursday 4th April – Decorate a Butterfly

(drop in anytime 10:30am-12:30, but allow at least 30 mins)
Spring is here and colours are everywhere. Decorate a beautiful bright butterfly!

- All workshops aimed at children 6-13, with their parents/carers joining in/helping. Younger siblings can be given other activities to do alongside!

01609 534589 or library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk



Please consider making a donation to the library to help with running costs

Visit "Chris Geeson Creativeclubs" on Facebook

APRIL HOLIDAY CLUB



**MULTI
SPORT**

**Arts &
Crafts**

9:00am - 3:30pm
Ages 5 - 11

£20
28 spaces

VENUE:
CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY
THIRSK, YO7 4NJ

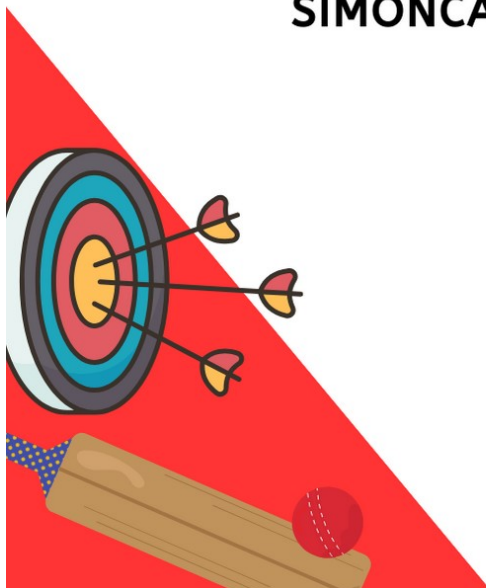
DATE:
MONDAY 8TH APRIL

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A PACKED LUNCH, SNACKS AND PLENTY TO DRINK

TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT:
SIMONCARSONSPORTSSCHOOL.CO.UK



**BOOKINGS CLOSE ON
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL**



Nature Rangers Day at Yorkshire Arboretum

We would like to invite you to a Nature Rangers event at Easter. Please book via email or telephone below. The newly refurbished café is now open.

I hope to see you there.

Monday 25th March

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Yorkshire Arboretum

Castle Howard

YO60 7BY

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the creatures we share it with. There will be hands on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or money for lunch in the Arboretum pop up Café (limited menu)

Event Information

Our Nature Rangers Day is suitable for children aged five and over. It costs £15 to attend. Booking is essential. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear and a bag to take your creative crafts.

Indoor and outdoor activities based on animals and plants. Take part in a minibeast hunt and make spring flowers and animals.

Booking via email: visit@yorkshirearboretum.org or 01653 648598



INSPIRATION EDUCATION CONSERVATION
**THE YORKSHIRE
ARBORETUM**

Broadacres
**Thirsk and
Sowerby**
Community Action Day

Friday 19th April 2024
10am-2pm
East Thirsk Community Hall



You told us to focus on:

- Improving the environment
- Discussion of Housing / Neighbourhood issues
- Police presence
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Council related issues

SKIP LOCATIONS:

- Kings Garden, Thirsk, YO7 1NU
- Hambleton Avenue (outside the flats),
Thirsk, YO7 1DN
- Norby Flats, Thirsk, YO7 1BW
- Hambleton Drive, Thirsk, YO7 1EN
- Ash Court, Sowerby, YO7 3JE





Easter Fun!

Starting Saturday 23rd March, step into the pages of Beatrix Potter's magical tales on our family-friendly trail.



Come along and see if you can spot Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and other well-known characters surrounded by fun and imaginative scenes.

The trail will run from Saturday 23rd March to Monday 8th April.

Standard Entry applies. Trail sheets can be purchased on the day at an additional cost of £2.50 which includes a prize for all!

Just a kindly reminder that by pre-booking your day entry tickets via our website, you make a saving versus purchasing on the day www.thorpperrow.com - trail sheets can be bought on the day

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Easter PARTY

**Saturday 30th March
3:00-5:00pm**

For Ages 4-11

**At:
Family Life
Church,
Finkle Street,
YO71DA**

FUN, CRAFTS & GAMES

**FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT:
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Come to the Easter Trail

Free Event organised by Churches Together in Thirsk and District

Saturday March 30th 2024
10.00am to 12noon
At the Holmes Park Thirsk.

For children up to 11 years of age.
(All children to be accompanied by an adult).

Discover the REAL story of Easter
and receive an Easter egg reward.

If the weather is bad we will
be in St Mary's Church

Thirsk and District
CHURCHES TOGETHER