

21st June 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

We have exciting news! Our Secret Garden is ready to use and we can't wait to introduce this fantastic space to our children.

This week Mrs McGregor has made the first visit with Badger Class, with other classes to follow with visits planned over the next few weeks.

Even more exciting is that from September all children in all year groups will access Forest School learning at different points throughout the year. This will be a series of sessions and not just one-off visits.

The Secret Garden was a project started in August 2022 when both myself and Mrs McGregor went to view a plot of gardening land that was for sale in Bentham. Two years later and the dream and vision has finally come together! One of our Governors Mr Hawkins has been instrumental in co-ordinating efforts to get this wonderful space ready for our children and staff, supported by a great group of helpers. We really do appreciate everyone's support. Thank you.

Over the week, I have managed to find a few minutes to call into classrooms and see what children are up to.

Our youngest children in Ladybird Class have all been busy learning about pirates and mermaids, which links nicely to children's 'seaside' themed class topic. Mrs Naylor tells me that children in Ladybird particularly enjoyed making their own treasure maps.

Next door in Butterfly Class children have been learning all about 'The Rainbow Fish' and enjoying reading the classic book by Marcus Pfister all about this shimmering colourful sea creature. To support learning children have been using glitter and painting their very own shimmering rainbow scales to create their very own class Rainbow Fish. Mrs Williams also tells me that children have been busy making lots of delicious ice-cream that they will be selling after school next Friday to help raise funds for the school's EYFS outdoor area.

Meanwhile, children in Hedgehog Class have been learning all about the ancient Greeks. Children engaged

in some role play, dressing up as ancient Greeks, and sampling some traditional Greek food, including Olives and Figs. Children were also given an opportunity to act out some Greek myths.

In Rabbit Class children have been looking at environments in Science, and thinking about how they can change, and how these changes can be detrimental to living things. In writing, children have been creating some lovely pieces of writing based on children's book 'The Tower'. Unfortunately, Mrs Cryer has been absent from school again this week, not being well enough to return. I would like to reassure parents/carers that as a school we are working extremely hard to ensure children have continuity in teaching during Mrs Cryer's absence. We would all like to wish Mrs Cryer a speedy recovery.

In Badger Class maths lessons have been all about 'time'. As part of English lessons, children have been busy writing poems using lots of adjectives. In Spanish lessons children have been learning numbers and colours. On Wednesday, children in Badger Class also took part in a Forest School Session at The Secret Garden. A very busy week!

Also on Wednesday, children in Fox Class took part in a visit to Settle College's Science Fair alongside other children from cluster schools. In class, children have been busy looking at ancient Greeks, including timelines and famous people. During PE children have enjoyed 'Bench-Ball' and working together in team games. Children have also been very busy practising songs for the end of year production with Mr Hills.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have also been very busy practising for the end of year production. They have also enjoyed learning some Spanish, playing cricket in PE and designing their very own cookies, packaging and sales posters.

On Thursday, it was lovely to see so many children joining in with our Royal Picnic lunch! Thank you to Lila and John in the School Kitchen for making this delicious lunch.

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with parents/carers some diary dates, including confirmation that this year's

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Sports Day will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 27th June (weather permitting). Parents/carers are welcome to come along to Sports Day to support children in their races. Please enter the school via the Main Entrance from 1.00pm onwards. With limited seating available, it might be an idea to bring along outdoor chairs and/or picnic blankets to sit on whilst watching children take part in Sports Day.

All children will be taking part in this year's Sports Day, including Nursery children who will be encouraged to take part in some races at the very beginning of the afternoon from 1.15pm. If your child does not normally attend our Nursery provision on a Thursday afternoon, parents are welcome to still bring their little ones along to our Sports Day to either watch or join in. We will also be having a 'Toddler Race' for younger siblings to enjoy after Nursery children have finished racing.

Next Wednesday children in Hedgehog Class will be taking part in a Class Visit to Winskill Farm in Langcliffe. Can parents/carers please ensure that children are at school for 8.50am PROMPT wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, which may include a layer or two depending on the weather, together with sturdy footwear. Children will also need a packed lunch, water bottle, healthy snack, and perhaps either a sunhat or waterproof clothing!

Finally, next Friday information will be sent home about children's classes and teacher's next academic year. By way of a reminder, children will be taking part in a 'Move-Up-Morning' on Thursday 4th July.

Have a lovely weekend, it looks like the weather might be finally warming up on Sunday!

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Monday 24th June 2024

Battered Fish
Veggie Sub-Bite (v)
Jacket Potato

Fox Class visiting The Secret Garden

Please bring suitable clothing/footwear to school for the weather

Tuesday 25th June 2024

Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese
Vegetable Chilli and Rice (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-6)

5.00pm Parent/Carer Information Evening (children STARTING Nursery or Reception in September 24)

Wednesday 26th June 2024

Roast Gammon
Creamy Vegetable Pie (v)
Jacket Potato

DT Day for children in Years 5 and 6

8.50am Visit to Lower Winskill Farm – Hedgehog Class

Thursday 27th June 2024

Chicken Korma
Crispy Potato and Cauliflower Cheese Bake (v)
Jacket Potato

1.00pm – 3.30pm Sports Day (weather permitting)

Friday 28th June 2024

Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch

Beef Burger in a Bun
Veggie Dog (v)
Jacket Potato

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the School Hall

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Badger Class

3.00pm CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY all parents/carers welcome

3.30pm EYFS fundraising Ice-Cream Sale on the playground.

Letter home to parents/carers about children's classes next academic year.

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill. Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- small remote controls
- car key fobs or key finders
- musical cards and books
- light-up toys and novelty items
- nightlights
- digital scales
- thermometers
- old toys in the toy box.

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack.

Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

Check your home

- Hunt around your home for button batteries
- Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily.

Has your child swallowed one?

- Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick
- There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.

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LOOK OUT in e-mail accounts for this week's 'Wake-up-Wednesday' safeguarding leaflet. This week, information is all about promoting Physical Wellbeing.