



Message from the Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week children across the school have been learning about mental health and about the importance of 'growing together'. They have been identifying those people who can support us when we are feeling, low, anxious or worried. They created wonderful hot air balloon pictures surrounded by their supportive friends, family, sports coaches, school staff and at times their pets too; all of whom could 'give them a lift' and support them when needed. There was lots of fabulous discussion and work produced across the week.

As part of our ongoing work on mental health the children have decided that on **Tuesday 15th February** anyone in school can wear their school sweatshirt or t- shirt inside out. This is to show that we may be ok on the outside but we really need to share what is going on in the inside too. Hopefully lots of children will take part.

The Hub - Art Workshop

This week we were invited to take part in the Hub's World Book Day celebrations as part of the TCR Hub Book Fest (March 4th-6th). Suzanne Williams, a local artist, worked with the children on activities all centred around their favourite books. The work they did will be used in an art installation/book trail to be displayed as part of the Book Fest in the grounds of TCR Hub, Barnard Castle. The children enjoyed the activities and are excited to take part in a community project

Raby Estates -Creating Adventures

Class Tees and Class Swale pupils had a special visitor this week. He was Johnny Lyle, the Chief Design Sheriff (great title!) from Cap.co who are the design team behind the new playground development at Raby Castle. He told them about the amazing plans for the play area at Raby and also about some of the other amazing developments he has taken part in -including a play area for The Queen's estate at Sandringham and Bewilderwood a playground in a swamp! He then invited all of the children to design their own play area. The winning designer will get to take their whole class to Raby Castle and be the first class to use and enjoy the new development; a fabulous prize! We are really hoping that our school has the winning designer as everyone is excited about going!

Here is a sneak peek at what they have planned for Raby Castle and you might spot our own Raby Hero, Ryan Chidzey, on their website too!

<https://www.wearecapco.com/news/raby-castle-adventure-play-cgis/>

Ready Steady Read

What a huge effort has been made with our sponsored event by our school families. Children across the school were reading at home and in school and children who can't yet read had stories read to them.

You have managed to raise a whopping £605!! As we raised £600 Usborne books will donate up to 60% of this so this will be an additional £360 of free books. School Council and staff will be able to have a look at the catalogue and buy lots of exciting books for all of the children in our school. If we order quickly they should arrive just in time for World Book Day on 3rd March. Thank you to Sarah Lomas for helping to organise the event.

If you still have sponsor money to collect it's not too late to send into school.

Thanks again – a huge effort from a little school!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs C Riley



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Quick Reminder

We are a nut free school

Please ensure packed lunches are nut free and please do not send your child to school with nuts or food containing nuts for a snack.

Please label your child’s clothing including PE kit, hats, scarves etc as this will help us return any lost property to the correct pupil.

Attendance w/e 11.01.2022

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

A special well done to Class Swale for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	95.24%
Wear	86.67%
Tees	95.19%

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards for Art and Design and demonstrating independent skills or good team skills.

Class Swale	Charlotte Lachlan
Class Wear	Noah Erin
Class Tees	Joseph Bird His work at the village art exhibition was voted as the best for the under 12 category!

Diary Dates

Break up for Half Term: Friday 18th February

Return to school: Monday 28th February

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March

Break up for Easter: Friday 8th April

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Multi-Sports

With Kyle for Y2-Y6

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm – places available

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

Fogs are planning a Big Summer Raffle along with a Summer Fair. How exciting! They are looking for some fabulous prizes to include on the raffle tickets. If you have a business and are able to donate a prize or work for an employer who might donate a prize for the raffle please get in touch with FoGS.

Gainfordfogs@gmail.com

We will be happy to promote all businesses who contribute.



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We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting –Article 15. Every child has a right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and those Fantastic Foxes have come out on top!

<u>DIZZY DOGS</u> 210	<u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u> 231
<u>LEAPING LIONS</u> 209	<u>COOL CATS</u> 223