



BOROUGHBRIDGE

Primary School & Nursery

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School Newsletter

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Message from the Head

Wow! What a fantastic term. Can you believe it has been a year since Ofsted visited? We have had a really "good" time developing our school and helping our children grow.

Sporting Superstars

Our children have competed in a range of sporting events this term, including: hockey, cross country and swimming. Over 90 KS2 children went to Boroughbridge high school for the cross country and performed valiantly, with 22 children qualifying for the level 2 competition. These children went to Knayton Rural Park earlier in March, showing great team spirit and fantastic sportsmanship on a bitterly cold day.



Some children also progressed to the level 2 hockey tournaments at the Gal-tres Centre, Easingwold. The Year 3/4's performed admirably with a number of good matches. The Year 5/6's are going later this month.

Finally, we have also taken part in a swimming gala at Queen Ethelburga's. In a hard fought contest against tough opposition, the Boroughbridge team spirit shone through.

Good Causes

Teenage Cancer Trust



Nathan Robinson in Year 5 has raised a staggering £225.95 as part of the 'Time for T' Teenage Cancer Trust campaign. He set up an enterprise selling wrist bands and other merchandise.

Down Syndrome Awareness Week



To raise awareness for downs syndrome, as a school we came in bright, colourful socks. We have also had a competition to make sock puppets.

World Book Day

World book day

Boroughbridge Primary School had a great time celebrating our love of reading on World Book Day this year. Everyone in school came dressed up as their favourite book character (even the teachers dressed up!) Everyone worked together in mixed classes from year 1 to year 6 and took part in lots of activities based on our favourite books. The children used ICT to create their own 'Where's Wally?' books, they learnt how to professionally bind books and they created some fantastic collages of their favourite book characters. The children invented new varieties of chocolates for Willy Wonker's Chocolate factory, wrote spells for Harry Potter and even exploded Volcanoes! We also held a book fair to raise money for new books in school.

EYFS

Reception



Since Christmas Reception have been extremely busy! Our biggest change has been moving into our new classroom. The new environment has given the children more opportunities for independent learning and we love having our own smart board again! The new outside area has allowed for lots of exploration, and the children just love cooking in our Mud Kitchen. Recently we have started planting lots of vegetables that we will hopefully be able to eat in the Summer term.

Children's reading and writing has come on dramatically this term. We have seen children writing instructions, postcards, wishes, labels and even sentences about what they want to do when they are bigger; we are super impressed with their progress.

This last half term the children have had a new challenge - football! They have been doing football training every Thursday morning and they have been absolutely brilliant. They listen really well to the instructions and their ball skills have improved dramatically.

Nursery

This has been an exciting term in nursery. Our Forest School programme continues as we look for signs of Spring. The diggers on the field held our interest for several weeks as they found a treasure box containing some coins, a treasure map and a key..... Some of us had a trip on the Community Minibus to Poppleton Ousebank School where we met their goats, ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs. Mrs Scott's black Labradors Rosie and Bramble came to visit us, as did Mrs Cacagli's fish, Finley. We moved into our new outside area and are very excited about our impending move after Easter into our new classroom. If you know anyone who is three and would like to access their 15 hours free nursery provision just let us know. In the meantime, have a great Easter from Mrs Scott and the Early Years team.



Free 15 hours nursery education available. Qualified Nursery Teachers and Early Years Practitioners. Please contact the school for more information. 01423 322208, ascott@boroughbridge-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.

KS1

This month has been a busy month for KS1 as we have had the opportunity to learn away from school. In January, we went on a trip to Ripley castle as part of our whole school topic: Castles. This was a wonderful day out and we were very lucky with gorgeous weather.

Then in March travelled to the Bradford Media Museum to have a look at all the different aspects of media and how we use it today. One of the best parts of the day was our 'Not So Sleepy Hedgehog' workshop, where we saw shadow puppets and learned about shadows and light and dark, which linked in nicely with our Science topic. We also saw the magical wonders of how fairies were photographed. A lot of us said we wanted to go on a fairy hunt to see if we can find our own. In history we have been learning about how TV and phones have evolved over the years and this museum was perfect for comparing contemporary technology to those used over the ages. We particularly liked the green screen and being able to host our own weather programme - and even walk with terrifying dinosaurs! The employees at the Media Museum said how well behaved KS1 were and were very impressed with their science subject knowledge and how their learning has been linked to the trip. What a day it was!

KS2

At the beginning of the Spring term, as a Key Stage, we embarked upon the study of Castles as part of our whole school topic.

Years 3 and 4 went on a visit to Bolton Castle in the Yorkshire Dales. They first took a themed tour around the castle identifying the different features and exploring all the areas. In the afternoon they immersed ourselves in medieval Life - eating lunch by a roaring fire in the Great Hall, made pomanders, Tudor dancing, playing with period toys and calligraphy.

Years 5 and 6 took a visit to the Royal Armouries in Leeds whereby they did a workshop on copper embossing; learned about the Tudors in a history of art lesson with theme dressed teachers and watched a jousting re-enactment. The children also toured the entire museum at their leisure finding out about weaponry and armour throughout the ages. On the way home - they visited Spofforth Castle where they had the opportunity to envisage the castle layout and carry out measurements - eg thickness of the walls, the size of the great hall and explored the ruins of the different rooms. This was the starting point for our topic which created great enthusiasm for learning.

Throughout the topic we covered all areas of the curriculum from building castles; writing myths and legends and information texts to finding out about jobs in a castle - some of which were most amusing - designing and sewing coats of arms and making class flags.

In Years 3, 4, and 5 the children were given a homework menu to select their homework - it was of a really high standard - some of which is still on display now.

We have transformed our KS2 corridor, once again, this term into a spring walkway with some beautiful poetry and art.

We are really looking forward to starting the summer term with celebrating the anniversaries of WWI and II.



Clubs

We have a range of extra-curricular clubs and activities. This term we have been able to offer:

- ◆ Digital Leaders (Child-led) KS1 Computer Club
- ◆ Homework Club
- ◆ Film Club (EYFS)
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Mini-soccer (FA Sponsored)
- ◆ Gymnastics
- ◆ Recorders

Next term watch out for lots of more exciting clubs!

School Council

Members of the School Council attended the full governing body meeting to explain their roles within school and understand how the governing body works. Rob Young agreed to join the school council to help bring the pupil voice to a wider audience and to understand the concerns and ideas of the children.

Dates

April

- 2nd—Y3/4 Production of hoodwinked (1.30p.m.)
- 3rd—Y3/4 Production of hoodwinked (7p.m.)
—EYFS trip to Big Sheep Little Cow
- 4th—Easter Holidays
- 22nd—Teacher Training Day
- 23rd—Return to school
- 30th—Y5 French afternoon @ Boroughbridge High School

May

- 10th—Plot-to-PLate
- 12-16th—SATs week
- 23rd—Half Term

June

- 2nd—Return to school
- 4th—KS2 Cricket/Y3/4 Tennis

11th—Y3/4 Cluster French singing

13th—Class Photos

14th—England Vs Italy

18th—KS2 Tennis

19th—Seeing is Believing tour

— Uruguay Vs England

24th—Holy Island (Y6)

— Costa Rica Vs England

July

1st—KS2 Concert

2nd - KS2 Concert

3rd—KS2 Concert

7th—Boroughbridge High School Induction

9th-11th—Boroughbridge High School Induction

14th—Parents Evening

17th July - Parents Evening

18th—Summer Bingo