



Weekly Newsletter

8th October 2021

News from Sleights

We have been so impressed to see another brilliant week of hard work and fun across the classrooms at Sleights. It has been a super busy one with football events, photographer visits and jam-packed classroom activities. We know everyone now needs a weekend rest!

In **Explorers**, the children have enjoyed such a busy week! I have been fascinated by the play on every visit I have made. This has ranged from beautiful lavender scents being used in the dough, fantastic child-initiated play about crowns and castles, as well as some super PE lessons. Great job, Explorers!

Our **Pioneers** have continued their staggering reading journey. This week, they have taken books home to read which has been so exciting! The children's learning about vegetables has also continued, with the classroom being rather muddy earlier in the week, when the Pioneers got digging - the mud was really fun though!

The **Leamers** have loved their exploration of the United Kingdom over the last few weeks. As part of our geography work, the children have been identifying countries and capital cities. This week, the children have particularly enjoyed learning about London and what a capital city is. Perhaps we should have a trip there soon!

The **Adventurers** were immersed into all things French on Thursday, when they came to school in red, white and blue and enjoyed a day of France related activities. The children enjoyed eating French food and playing games. Everyone had huge smiles on their faces when I saw them - très bien!

We had musical delight from the **Discoverers** on Thursday afternoon. We all enjoyed hearing the children make their very first sounds using their new instruments. The excitement in the room was very evident, as children told me about the new instruments they had all taken to practise and learn. Exciting times!

The **Leaders** have enjoyed extending their knowledge of Tudor times and the six wives of Henry VIII. Their history work has also seen them explore religions in Tudor times and the impact of this on the world today. Elsewhere, Leaders have been tackling and creating their own bridge structures, which has been a great challenge.

Well done for a great week, everyone. Have a lovely weekend. Scott Grason headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk

Celebrating Black History Month



October marks a month long celebration of black history. Over the month, the children will be spending time looking at events and figures from the past and how these have played a part in the world we live in today.

In worship on Monday, the Pioneers, Leamers and Adventurers learnt about Rosa Parks and the challenges she faced. The children discussed how they felt Rosa's treatment was wrong and how thankful we were to live in a supportive and welcoming community. We

look forward to sharing more stories in the coming weeks.

Whitby Gazette - Our Pioneers in the spotlight

Look out for our Pioneers in next week's Whitby Gazette. As part of the paper's feature on new starters, we are pleased to showcase our children and celebrate their first few weeks in Reception class.

Just a reminder that there is **No After School Club - THIS MONDAY**



A request for conkers

As part of the provision in Pioneers Class, Mrs Hann is keen to collect lots of conkers. If you are out and about and see some, please do bring them along to Mrs Hann and the Pioneers. The more the merrier!



Great British Bake Off winner visit

There is still time to place your order for David Atherton's Cook Book. These are available on ParentPay and will be signed by David when he visits on the 22nd October. These will make a great Christmas gift or souvenir of the visit. Some books will be available to purchase on the day too.

Football Match Report

On Wednesday afternoon, a team of Year 5 and 6 boys' footballers travelled to Eskdale School for a competition with other local primaries. We were so impressed by their efforts and team spirit. Overall, the team secured a very impressive third place! Well done to them all. Some of the boys created their own match report to share with our families:

We stormed the pitch with determination and skill! The match started and we defended the ball so well that the other team were miles behind. We took aim, passed the ball between our team and scored! This technique worked a treat, and led to the scoring of 5 more goals, where we won 6 nil!

School Photographs



It was great to welcome the school photographer back this week. We had a busy morning capturing many pictures of siblings and individual children. All children should have now received a copy of the images available to purchase, along with information about how to order.

Earrings and Jewellery

Please could I remind families again that earrings should not be worn for school, please. We are very aware of the potential damage this could cause to your child or another if there was an accident and do not want to place anyone at risk. Thank you for your continued support.

A Tudor Visit – a new date



On **MONDAY**, the Discoverers and Leaders will enjoy a full day of history and drama, as they bring their current Tudors topic to life. We are looking forward to welcoming a drama specialist for the day and seeing the children's theatrical skills in action. We will share photographs with families on Tapestry.

Christmas Cards Project

It may seem really early to be mentioning Christmas, but the children will be working hard on a card design, which can be bought by families. Over the next week, a post of your child's card design will be sent on Tapestry, along with instructions on how to buy. There is a deadline of the 1st November, so place your orders early.

Flu Immunisation Programme - reminder

To give consent for your child's flu immunisation in school:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121491** and click "**Find School**".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

Harvest Festival Update



We look forward to sharing our school Harvest Festival on Tapestry. We will be combining this work with the visit from Great British Bake Off Winner, David Atherton on Friday 22nd October. Our Harvest Festival will be published on Tapestry in the first week back after the half term break. We would encourage any donations of food and items for the Whitby Food Bank to be made at donation points around the town, including at Sainsbury's or the Food Bank itself. We are keen to see your donations, so please do pop a photograph on Tapestry to celebrate your generosity and kindness.

A message from Eskdale School

Dear Year 5 and 6 students,

The staff and students of Eskdale School are thrilled to be able to invite you to our Open Evening, taking place on **Tuesday 12th October, between 4.30-7pm.**

Our Head Teacher, Mr Fyfe, will welcome you with a speech in the main hall at 4:45pm, 5:15pm or 6pm.

There will also be the opportunity for you to view our lovely school and explore some of the exciting learning opportunities we offer, as you see our fantastic students and staff in action.



Take part in a range of activities, as you discover the different departments and facilities we have here at Eskdale! You can also find out more about the values that make our school so special.

Staff and students are looking forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you have.

Contact us:

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Upcoming Trips

- **Next week Discoverers and Leaders** will be taking a trip to Scarborough on Thursday 14th October for the 'Engineering Event'. This is always a very popular event for the children, with fascinating activities and exhibitions. We look forward to hearing about this. Please can you give consent on ParentPay if you have not already. Thank you.
- **Adventurers:** The children will be travelling to Danby Moors Centre on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 for a day of Compass and Map skills activities. Full details and consent on ParentPay to follow next week.
- **East Barnby:** We were excited earlier in the week to share details of the Year 5/6 residential trip to East Barnby in March 2022. The cost for the week is **£358** and this includes all equipment, food and accommodation. If your child receives free school meals, this trip will be funded.

To confirm our booking at the centre, we are asking families to secure a space by placing a £58 deposit on ParentPay **before Friday 15th October, please.** The remaining balance will be set up as a new payment item once final numbers are confirmed. Although it may seem some time away, we are asking families to support us in committing to this trip, as each place booked now will be charged to the school, even if a child does not attend in March.

Sports dates – upcoming dates

Permission will be given on ParentPay, with a text sent nearer the time for each event:

Date	Event	Who is competing?
13 th October – <i>next week</i>	Girls Football at Eskdale	A team made up of Discoverers and Leaders
15 th October – <i>next week</i>	Tag Rugby at Whitby Rugby Club	A team made up of Discoverers and Leaders
5 th November	Sports hall Athletics	Team to be confirmed
3 rd December	Dodgeball	Team to be confirmed

Next week's menu

Due to supply issues, please note the change to Tuesday's menu next week.

Week Three	
Monday	Minced beef and dumplings, creamy mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, followed by chocolate crispy
Tuesday	MENU CHANGE: Cheese and tomato pasta, with herbie bread, green beans and sweetcorn, followed by cheese and crackers
Wednesday	Roast loin of pork with apple sauce, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and carrots, followed by raspberry yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Korma and Rice, green beans and cauliflower, followed by jam roly poly and custard
Friday	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, peas and sweetcorn, followed by an iced Swiss bun

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.