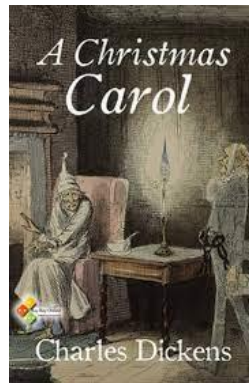




'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

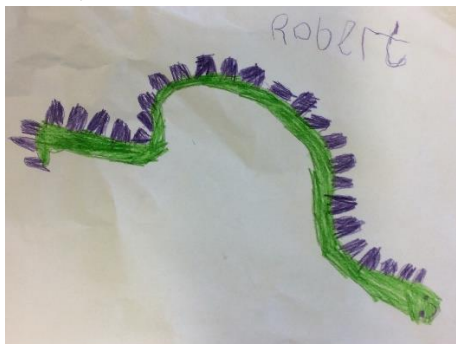
Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

A busy fortnight with our Year 6 children taking their KS2 SATS this week. A definite highlight has been their special breakfast club and then warming themselves up with some daily exercises (led by the children) before knuckling down to show off all their learning. They have really been a credit to themselves and the school. Top work Year 6's!



A very special mention to our two budding actors Timmy and Felix in Class 2 who this week are busy performing in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The Hustwaite Players much awaited production was enjoyed by all at their opening performance last night.

Class 1 have been learning about plants and growing. They have planted seeds and conducted an experiment to investigate the functions of the parts of a plant. In topic work the children have looked at the effects of plastic pollution on marine life, this has really captured their attention. They have also been focusing on the 4 countries of the United Kingdom. This week they have looked at Scotland and have learnt that the national flower of Scotland is a thistle, and the national animal is a unicorn. Our nursery children found out about the Loch Ness monster!



Class 2 have been finding out more about Anglo-Saxon life and Alfred the Great, culminating with the children writing biographies about Alfred. This week they traced through all the Anglo-Saxon Kings up to Edward the Confessor and then explored the events after his death leading to the Battle of Hastings and the creation of the Bayeux Tapestry. In RE the children have been learning about the lesser-known Christian festival of Pentecost that follows on from the events of Easter. They created some artwork using media of their choice to represent the story. They have also continued with their gardening projects during outdoor learning. They are currently growing seedlings in the propagators in class to then plant in the planters as well as beginning to revamp the tyre planters in the wildlife area.



Class 3 have been in the midst of SATS week this week. The Year 6 children have all worked really hard and the Year 5 children have been carrying on with their learning in the hall during test time. In topic they made paper windmills looking at how wind turbines have to turn to catch wind when creating renewable energy. Through their P.E. sessions, they have continued to acquire and develop skills in volleyball and rounders. Also, in R.E., they investigated the architectural beauty of mosque design.

Friday 6th May Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Jack for confidently talking about plants in science to Mr Haughton and how they turn towards the sunlight when they grow.

Headteacher's sticker – William P and Robert for their enthusiasm learning about our new topic of 'Our Wonderful World'.

Handwriter of the week – Freya for her independent writing in her topic work about sea creatures.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Eliza M for working hard on her biography of Alfred the Great and making sure it included all the criteria asked for.

Headteacher's sticker – Freddie for taking a strong lead in outdoor learning painting the tyres, as well as confident fractions work in maths.

Handwriter of the week – Rhys for his sustained effort with his handwriting and presentation, meaning all his work is consistently well presented.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Seb for his coaching and mentoring during volleyball, helping others to improve their game.

Headteacher's sticker – Esme for her positivity in all lessons.

Handwriter of the week – Millie for wonderful presentation in all that she does – it was particularly remarked upon by our governor, Malcolm French, when he came to visit.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Class 1: Scarlett and Hunter.

Class 3: Rory

Friday 13th May Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Evie for her amazing writing. Evie has written independently in both English and topic. Her writing is always interesting to read, she has impressed her teachers. Well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Robert for his fantastic drawing of the Loch Ness monster. Phoebe R for her independent work in maths answering tricky calculations.

Handwriter of the week – Scarlett for trying hard with letter formation and trying to write simple 3 letter words independently.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Felix for his growing confidence with his decimals in Maths this week.

Headteacher's sticker – Rhys for remembering lots of previously learnt knowledge in RE.

Handwriter of the week – Mollie for her consistently good handwriting and presentation.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Jess C for her love of learning in continuing her topic investigation into windmills.

Headteacher's sticker – Evelyn for choosing an excellent range of music in collective worship.

Handwriter of the week – Bob for rising to the occasion and presenting his work to the best of his ability consistently this week.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Class 1: Jack and Isla

Class 2: Joseph and Rufus

Class 3: Alex

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.50pm, this half term being hosted by Miss Goodchild.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- 'Governor Surgery' - Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will once again be available on Thursday 19th May during drop off time at the school gate. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Liz is also available by email lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk
- Attached is an invite to all to St Nicholas' Christian Faith discussion group.
- FOHS. As you know on Sunday 17 July it is the 'Husthwaite Rat Race' An exciting obstacle course event for the families of Husthwaite School and other daring, athletic and fun loving local young people to be held on the Newburgh Priory Estate.



Children of Husthwaite school are automatically registered at no cost and will be in the 10am Husthwaite School wave to start the race on the day.

Your child has received a 'Husthwaite Rat Race Pack' which included an information sheet, sponsorship form and t-shirt order form.

For friends and family to sign up please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/husthwaite-rat-race-tickets-305727768987>

Remember all proceeds are going towards outdoor educational equipment and resources. Our Epic Improvers pupil voice group are really hoping we raise enough to get some new permanent outdoor equipment for everyone to enjoy. There will be a prize for the child at Husthwaite who raises the most money.

Do visit The Husthwaite Rat Race Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/husthwaite-rat-race/365178985558760/>

- **The Beckwith Bequest**
Please can we remind all parents and carers of the Beckwith Bequest who give grants to eligible people of all ages who live in, or have been educated in, the parishes of Easingwold or Husthwaite in North Yorkshire. Grants are to help with the costs of education, for example uniform, residential trips, instruments, books etc. Please see our website for further information and application forms.
- **COVID-19 CURRENT ADVICE**
For your information the NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated. Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the [UKHSA guidance](#).
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel

well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

- COVID-19 VACCINATION A guide for parents of children aged 5-11
https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Noticeboard/Red%20bag/Attachments/2022/UKHSA_12308_COVID-19_Guide_for_parents_of_5-11years_A5_8pp_leaflet%20GW20211039%2009_WEB.pdf?utm_campaign=2158380_CYPS%20e-Red%20Bag%20-%2025%20March%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1A9F0,2EBEDW,5XF4N,1

DIARY DATES:

19 May	Federation Years 3 & 4 Carlton Lodge residential information meeting, 5pm Zoom.
23 – 26 May	School Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration Week
25 May	Afternoon Street Party. Parents and community welcome to join us for our royal celebrations on the playground 2.30pm – 3pm.
14 th June	Class 2 Trip to the Jorvik Centre in York.
10 June 8 July	Hustwaite Apple Tree Nursery ‘Stay and Play’ session will recommence, the second Friday of every month in term time. An opportunity for babies and toddlers to come with an adult and join our Nursery children for an hour of activities/play inside and out with refreshments for adults kindly provided by St Nicholas’ Church.
17 July	Hustwaite Rat Race Public Family Event – Newburgh Priory Estate.
22 July	2.30pm school closes