



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



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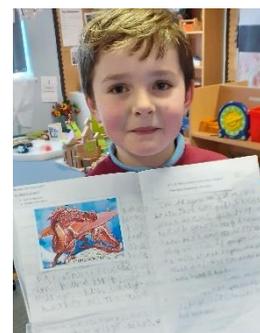
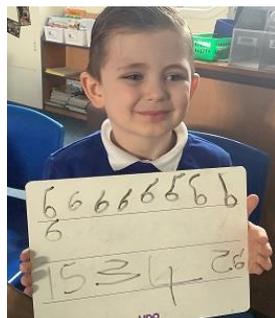
Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 28th January 2022

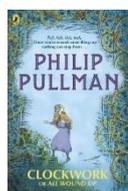
Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children are really working so hard to catch up on their lost learning. Our Christian value this term is perseverance, and it has been lovely to see this in action in all our schools this week Well done to all our amazing children for trying hard even when the learning gets tricky!



East Barnby

Please can I remind all Year 5 and 6 parents that the next East Barnby residential instalment is due on **Monday 31st January** on ParentPay. Payments will then be due at the end of each month with the final one due on Friday 29th April. We will be holding **parent information evenings** the week after the Easter holidays, but if you have any questions before then, please do contact your child's class teacher.



Clockwork

The children in KS2 are absolutely loving their new text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. They are making a plea for interesting timepieces and clocks to inspire their learning. If you have any old clocks, broken clocks, watches (nothing that is too special or valuable) we would love to have a look at the mechanism and see how they work!

Coronavirus

Cases of coronavirus are very high amongst schools locally, and we currently have cases affecting staffing and/or pupils in all four of our schools. We would like to thank parents for being so vigilant with testing and for not sending children in to school when they have covid symptoms, your support with this is much appreciated. The government may have lifted restrictions this week, but we continue to be cautious to try to limit the spread and reduce the impact on the children's education.

Children who are isolating at home and are well, will be sent work to complete, however there is no expectation that children who are poorly will complete school work.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman
Executive Headteacher



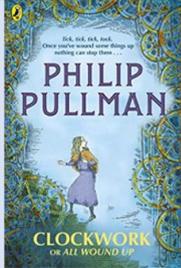
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Barton CE School

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Rainbow Learners	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	SEAL Award
Class 1:	JJ	Daisy	Sophie Alice	Sophie	Tommy
Class 2:	Charlie	Florence	Thomas and Florence	Maddison-Lea	Thomas
Class 3:	William	Willow	Isla and Finley		Archie

News from Class Three



This week we reached the end of part one in our class book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. It ended on a cliff hanger where an iron robot was walking towards someone with a sword, there were lots of excited cries and moans when it ended, and lots of them are already desperate to read the next part! We wrote some amazing poems based on the figurative language found in the story so far and we thought really hard about what 'running like clockwork' can really mean.

In maths, year six are taking on tricky fraction addition and subtraction problems, year five are comparing and ordering fractions and year four are mastering the written method for division. We've shown super perseverance when problem solving gets tricky! This term has been very busy so far: we're becoming experts in surrealist artwork; we have a lot to say on French markets; our hockey skills are epic; we are discovering a lot about Hinduism and we're learning a lot about rocks and fossils.

Pupil Mental Health Champions

Our Mental Health Champions have been busy again this week 'climbing mountains' and 'checking-in' in all three of our classes, they are doing a great job looking out for the well-being of everyone in school. Here is a joke from Faith to make you smile: What do you call a person who has no body and no nose...? No-body-nose!

Staffing update

It is with real sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Maitchell at the end of this half term. Miss Maitchell has run our Breakfast and after school clubs for several years and will be greatly missed by us all. We are currently advertising for a new out of school club leader. The information is available on our website, please do share with anyone who you think may be interested. [Vacancies - Dales Academies Trust](#)

Barton – Dates for your diary

Mondays	After school multi-sports club
Thursdays	KS2: Brass lessons with Mr. Batty, please bring instruments back into school each Thursday
Tues 15th February	Year 5 Transition Visit to Richmond School - am
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28th February	Return to school
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Niven and Hollie	This week	111	105	91
	Total for year	1072	967	878

Class News



This week in Class 2 has been all about precision, accuracy and immaculate presentation. These are not perhaps words that naturally spring to mind when describing our fabulous and flamboyant cohort of unique individuals, however, this is precisely why their success in this has been so remarkable! Using the concept of 'clockwork' from our new text, the children have been set a series of



writing challenges to develop precise, perfect sentences with NO MISTAKES. We've had a lot of fun along the way, including some big debates raised in our text about artistic temperaments, scientific mindsets, optimism and pessimism. It's been one of those week's that has made us feel we're actually all working in a university!

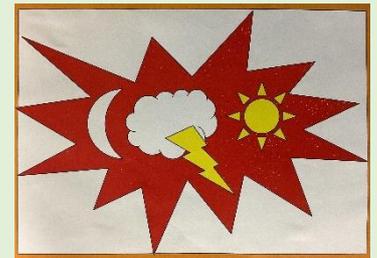
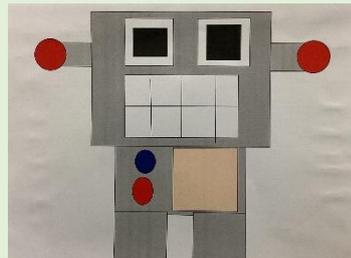


We have also been making excellent progress with our surrealism topic in art. This week the children have been working on their magical doorways that lead to surreal worlds.



Laptops

When Mrs Hume tells the children we are doing computing in the afternoon, she is now met with a great cheer of approval from the children, thanks to the wonderful new laptops that were so kindly funded by the Friends. On behalf of all of us, can we say a huge thank you! This term's topic for Year 5 and 6 is Vector Drawing and we certainly have some budding graphic designers in our mix!



Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Tuesday 11th January to Tuesday 8th February	Whole School swimming lessons
Fri 18th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28th February	Return to school
Wed 8th – Fri 10th June	Years 5 and 6 residential to East Barnby

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Dan		Theo	Millie	This week	66	68	55
Class 2:	Claudia	Tate			Total	180	173	159

This week in Class 2



This week we have completed our learning based on 'The Highwayman,' It ended with children learning lines and performing them- we took inspiration from Michael Rosen, who is an author, poet and storyteller. We have a beautiful display in class; we hope we can have some visitors soon to look at it! Miss Gibson has started teaching the book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We've had grandfather clocks

chiming, cogs spinning and thoughts about what the story might entail! First, we've been finding out some more about the author behind the book.

We've been trying really hard to get every child excited and passionate about reading. With the proceeds of the book sale and our tuck shop profits, we've started to buy exciting texts for the different age groups. We've bought books that the children have recommended, books from 'must read' reading lists and some classics including Shakespeare and Beatrix Potter. As of this week, each class is going to have a designated library time where they can have some reading time, choose and sign out books and discuss with their friends what they have enjoyed reading. I'd like to say a huge thank you for supporting the playtime tuckshop; we have re-energised children to get them through the morning and happy readers that are excited when a parcel appears in the room.



In science, we have been learning about all things fossilised. The children were fascinated about the palaeontologist Mary Anning, and have produced some lovely work about her work and life. The children have enjoyed looking at fossils and finding out about 'devil's toenails,' ammonites and the petrified forest at Redcar. Well done to George, who shared some of his fossil collection with the class. Unfortunately, (despite the class asking me many times) we can't go on a trip to Redcar this half term, but if you fancied a day out, then Redcar beach is littered in some exciting fossils all waiting to be discovered.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Tuesday Swimming	We have two more weeks of swimming left so please bring your kit this week and the following week.
Year 5 and 6 Parents	The next East Barnby residential instalment is due on Monday 31st January on ParentPay. Payments will then be due at the end of each month with the final one due on Friday 29th April.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Jess & Henry	Benjamin & Eli	Carpenter's Cup: Florie
Class 2:	Harvey, Amber	Ellie & Oliver	Monkey: Melody
Class 3:	Alanna, Effie, Melody & Joseph	Elliot, Holly & Elizabeth	Kindness award: Eli

News From Class 3

Class 3 are really getting into the new class novel 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. Although we have only just started it, it seems like it is going to get our creative juices flowing to produce some great work over the next few weeks. Our science this term is all about evolution and inheritance. This week the children are looking at fossils. Over the next weeks or so, it would be great if you could look at some aspects that your children have inherited from parents and grandparents such as eyes, height or even a passion for a particular football team! This will help us as we begin to look at evolution and adaptations over the coming weeks. Finally, our computing for both Year 4 children and Years 5 and 6, is all based on drawing. Year 4 children can download the app they have been using at school 'imotion' for free to create some stop-motion animation at home. Year 5 and 6, are using google drawing. They need to log on (they have been using my account at school and that is fine at home too) to create some amazing vector drawings.



Science club



The children at science club had so much fun this week! They worked hard to find out how circuits work. The children started off by making a human circuit before using playdough to complete their own circuit and light up a lightbulb. They found out that it was the salt in the playdough that conducted the electricity. We can't wait to see what they get up too next week 😊



Admin Information

Mrs Richmond is in the office from 9.00-1.30pm every day to answer any calls and queries. Her e-mail address is admin@ravensworth.dalesmat.org all e-mails are acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please call 01325 718375 as it may be that she is not in school or hasn't seen your message.

A big thank you to everyone for keeping changes to our bus loading list to a minimum as this really helps staff at the end of the day. Wherever possible to save confusion, please allow us to put your child on the bus as normal.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	Brass instrument lessons KS2 pupils please remember to bring your instruments to school
Mon 31st Jan	After school Science club 3.15-4.15pm
Tues 1st Feb	Woodland Schools for Class 2 (pm) – outdoor clothing & wellingtons needed
Fri 4th Feb	Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch for pupils & staff 12.00noon
Tues 15th Feb	Year 5 Transition Visit to Richmond School (am) details to follow
Thurs 17th Feb	Movie night – 3:15 – 5:15 – more details to follow

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term-Dates-2021-2022](#)

The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising link: [Easy Fundraising](#)

The Friends of Barton School amazonsmile link: [Amazonsmile](#)

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

Parentpay: [ParentPay Login](#)

Uniform: [Uniform School Shop](#)

Cool Milk: [Cool Milk](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School Admin email: kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

The Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School easy fundraising at no cost to you: [Kirkby Fleetham easy fundraising link](#)

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

Friends of the School Facebook link: [Friends](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay login](#)

Uniform: [Uniform order form](#)

Newsletter: [4 School newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

EAST COWTON

Admin email address: ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Friends of the school link: [Friends](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay Login](#)

Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are in credit each week – Thankyou

Uniform Order: Order direct from School trends via this link: [School Trends.](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

RAVENSWORTH

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term-Dates-2021-2022.](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - smile.amazon.co.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: [school/uniform/](#)

Parent pay: [click](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

School Facebook pages

Please help us to promote our schools by liking and sharing out Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Barton-CE-Primary-School-107161734680028>

<https://www.facebook.com/East-Cowton-CE-School-101930341769707>

<https://www.facebook.com/Kirkby-Fleetham-CE-School-102216125067240>

<https://www.facebook.com/Ravensworth-CE-Primary-school-100240412148195>

Useful Contacts and Links for Parents

SENCO: If your child is struggling and you would like some advice, please contact their class teacher in the first instance, or you can contact Miss Crisp our SENCO on amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org

Keeping Children Safe Online

Whilst children are spending so much time online, we need to make sure we keep them as safe as possible. If you would like some advice on this, please see guidance for parents below:

[Talking to your child about online sexual harassment a-guide for parents 2021.pdf](#)

[How to protect children from online sexual harm | Internet Matters](#)

www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/getting-to-know-what-your-child-is-doing-online/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>

[Parent Zone](#)

If you are worried about the safety of a child or want to know more about how to keep your own child safe:

[NYSCP](#) (North Yorkshire safeguarding children partnership)

[NSPCC](#)

[Parents Protect](#)

Free School meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office or follow this link: [Apply for Free School Meals](#)



North Yorkshire local assistance fund

The fund has been established from 1 April 2013 to help families under exceptional pressure to stay together. Awards will be goods in kind, not cash, and will not have to be repaid.

warmandwell.org.uk/ For assistance with fuel and heating bills

County Music service

Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument? North Yorkshire County Music Service offer a wide variety of lessons for pupils. For more information on the type of lessons available and costs, please visit www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk to register your interest.

Sports links:

North Yorkshire Club Finder

A great way for schools to 'signpost' their pupils (parents/guardians) to their local clubs. The link can be found here - [North Yorkshire Sport - Activity Finder](#)