



BECKWITHSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	95%	95%	96%	96%	N/A
BECKWITHSHAW	96%	95%	94%	96%	98%
KETTLESING	96%	97%	96%	96%	N/A

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parent and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had already; packed with events, guest speakers, and the amazing Royal Hall Rural Schools concert which, I am delighted to say, will be lead by the federation moving forward.

In addition, the remarkable achievement of both Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Schools being awarded the Service Children Friendly School Award 2024.

As our federation goes from strength the strength the next focus for us is to increase pupil roll. With this in mind, we will be launching our new federation website with links to each school site along with a marketing strategy to support.

Please do let us know if you would like to be involved and we can work as a team to ensure future success and sustainability in our wonderful, small, rural schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards
Miss Kirkman,
Executive Headteacher

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

We held our first Governing body meeting on 15th April where we came together to welcome new governors to the Federation Governing Board and enable them to meet other members. Explanation of the role and responsibilities of governors was given along with background material on the federation's strengths and areas to develop further.

Our governing body has a strategic role in the development of the school, helping to set and maintain the broad framework within which the Executive Headteacher and the staff should run the schools. They will provide support and offer advice and information but also to provide some challenge. The governing body is there to monitor and evaluate the school's effectiveness and to ensure accountability. As stated in my previous communications regarding our newly formed Governing Body, we have highly skilled members who are experts in their own fields representing a wide range of industries. This is an exciting time for our Federation as we go from strength to strength in our journey to 'outstanding.'

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
WC13th May	KS2 Y6 SATS
16th May	Mini Food Fest Special Dinner Menu
16th May	FOBS Bake Sale
21st May	KS2 Maths Quiz
24th May	Mini Medics for Children in Years 2 - 6
24th May	Last Day of Summer 1 Term
27th - 31st May	Half Term - School Closed
3rd June	Summer 2 Term
WC 3rd June	Y4 Multiplication check (2 weeks)
WC 10th June	Phonics Screening Check Y1
11th June	KS2 Countryside Day
17th June	School House Photography
18th June	Y1-4 Dodgeball Competition
19th June	Royal Celebration Special Menu
19th - 21st June	Y6 Residential
21st June	FOBS Event (further details to follow)
WC 24th June	Armed Forces Week

Harrogate District School of Sanctuary

This month saw
the SMSC
Committee host a
flag day which
takes our running
total to
£968.55



School of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary



REMINDERS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

ITEMS FROM HOME - A polite reminder that children should not bring items from home into school. This includes, but is not exclusive to, items such as toys, electronics (including smart watches), crafting, stationary, swap cards, cosmetics/toiletries including lip balms, hand cream and sanitisers.

MEDICINES - If your child requires medicine in school, a request to administer medicine must be completed before leaving any medicine with a member of staff. Please note we cannot administer non prescription medicines, and items such as topical creams and throat sweets are not permitted in school.

SNACKS - We welcome KS2 children to bring a healthy break time snack in from home. A polite reminder that sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and fruit juice, are not permitted in school.

Pickup from School - A polite reminder that if you are arranging for anyone other than those listed on your child's account that you must contact the school office with a password. Email: beckadmin@rbk.n-yorks.sch.uk or phone 01423 504642

Year 4/5 Residential

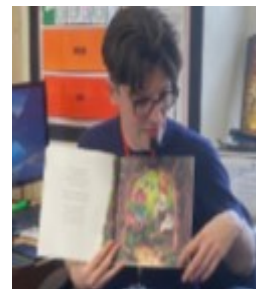
We are delighted that so many children have signed up to the Year 4/5 Federation Residential. Please be advised that payment is now available on ParentMail.

As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to call Mrs O'Connell on 01423 504642.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Sean Perkins Author Visit

This month we were visited by Sean Perkins. He is an author and illustrator, who specialises in children's picture books. Sean has written and illustrated the second instalment in the Oscar and Ben series entitled 'Oscar and Ben - The Birthday Party.' During his visit on 'The Oscar and Ben Roadshow', Sean spoke about his working life as an author and what inspired him to start reading and eventually write his own books. Sean read his story (along with sound effects and props!) and the children absolutely loved his visit.



Scholastics Book Fair

What a fantastic response we had to the Scholastics book fair. We have such enthusiastic readers at Beckwithshaw, and thanks to the purchases you made, school will be able to buy some new books from the proceeds for next year.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

SMSC Committee Flag Day Fundraiser for Schools of Sanctuary

Another fun fundraiser for Schools of Sanctuary. The children looked fabulous in their flags, and spent some time researching and sharing facts about their countries, as well as listening to music from around the globe.



Service Children Friendly School 2024 - Winners! We are winners!

Along with our other federated school, Kettlesing, we were awarded the Service Friendly School 2024, in recognition of the work we do to support service children and their families. What a wonderfully humbling, proud achievement.

Thank you very much to Mrs Carr for joining us in assembly and talking us through what life is like for your family and very many other families who have serving members of the armed forces. It was very informative and reminded us of the importance of our military community. The children had lots of fun, and we look forward to more celebrations with our school and forces community.



Service Children Friendly School of The Year
An award for a school that goes above and beyond in welcoming and supporting military families

Beckwithshaw
"I am a parent of 3 children who attend Beckwithshaw Primary School. I am a serving soldier and this is my 3rd move with us in the Armed Forces over 21 years. In October 21 my family and myself moved to Harrogate and was welcomed warmly welcome from this school and they went above and beyond to make us feel comfortable knowing we would be leaving our children in their care.
Moving schools was very stressful for my children with my son aged 8 and daughter aged 6. Beckwithshaw was fully capable of making them feel at ease very quickly and ensuring all their needs were met and fully understood the change they have just went through.
I was invited into the school to talk to the children about Remembrance Day, once again was made to feel very welcome.
Their continued support for my children when I'm away is the best I have ever seen.
These schools are highly recommended for recognition for Service children's friendly school of the year"

Beckwithshaw
"Throughout our 10 years at Beckwithshaw, we have had different families every year attend our school. They have always been welcomed with open arms and the children have settled in immediately and made friends. We are still in touch with some families who have moved on and we feel they really make a beneficial difference to the dynamics of the school."

Beckwithshaw
"They support children, parents and carers to maximise attendance. They also promote children taking pride in where they come from by making sure they feel connected to their service family roots. Last year the school day was shuffled around so the children could watch the fly past linked to the passing out parade of the military cadets. They take part in activities from Military Child Guardians Month. The children are given multiple opportunities for hands on learning, as well as a personalised approach to their academic curriculum and their social, emotional and mental health most comes with having family members serving in the military."

Kettlesing
"With its close proximity to Harrogate Army College & Penny Hill Base, Kettlesing School has always been welcoming to service families. The link with the College are brilliant - Service parents of children at the school helped to mark Remembrance Day with us. They also visited school with current military year 8 food to show the differences between now & then, the topic the children were studying! The children had a brilliant learning experience and we hope the important relationship can continue."

Beckwithshaw
"For all staff going above and beyond to support service children and their families. Exceptional pastoral support in times of deployment, an engagement and results impact on the business. Outstanding attainment and academically. A staff proud of all staff at this fine school."



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Class 1

Class One are showing such maturity and independence towards their learning this half term. We have started our new topic looking at growing plants/flowers and the children were super engaged in a fantastic school trip to Harlow Carr last week. We looked at how different plants and flowers grew around the gardens and planted our own flowers, as well as finding time to have a play in the park of course. We have supported our learning in science by looking at what plants and flowers need to thrive, and we cannot wait to start planting some more flowers around the school grounds.

Year 1 have been working so hard to understand how to count in 2s and 10s and have even challenged their learning and understanding further by starting their times tables!! The children have been so enthusiastic about writing their instructions for English and cannot wait to follow their own instructions to make their cress heads. We were fantastic in naming some different famous monuments around the world in our geography learning, with some wonderful singing for our 7 continents song. We are so looking forward to learning the 5 oceans of the world.

Reception have been busy looking at 3D shapes and discussing what makes a shape 2D or 3D. The children are building on their communication and language skills daily and accessing provision to build their social skills further. We thoroughly enjoyed time on the trikes and scooters and are looking forward to commencing Forest School next week. We will also be extending our learning further to look at other growing elements in the world around us, including investigating some different fruits and vegetables. All whilst we keep practising our letter formation and building sentences in our writing.

We also welcomed 5 new visitors to our classroom. The children have named our caterpillars and there is so much excitement every morning to see if they have moved into their next stage of metamorphosis. The caterpillars are about ready to create their chrysalises.

Miss Miller is so impressed with how hard we are all working and just how positive our growth mindset is to tackle challenges in Class One.

What a class of superstars!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Class 2

This half term Class 2 had a fabulous start back with having our Forest School sessions. We enjoyed getting to play in the mud kitchen, explore and learn how to make dens. It really helped us build our confidence in the outdoors and in our own skills. The children have also enjoyed getting to help out with our most recent FOBs cake sale. We have been working extremely hard in class, working on our time and fractions in maths; as well as getting to grips with our new history topic of schools through time.



Class 3

Class 3 had a blast delving into 'Varmints', an enchanting picture book with an environmental focus and captivating imagery that explores light and darkness. They leveraged their newfound insights to craft a compelling newspaper report. In Maths, Class 3 honed their grasp of decimals, finding joy in their practical application in everyday scenarios.

In RE, we unanimously agreed that Hinduism offers a wealth of fascinating insights, making it a captivating subject of study. In computing, the children immersed themselves in the world of animation, a dynamic and stimulating avenue for learning that fosters creativity, imagination, and problem-solving skills.

Keep the learning journey lively, Class 3!



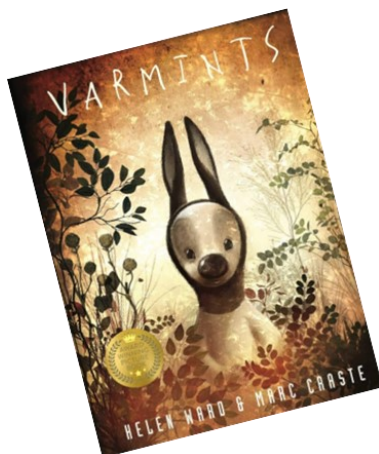
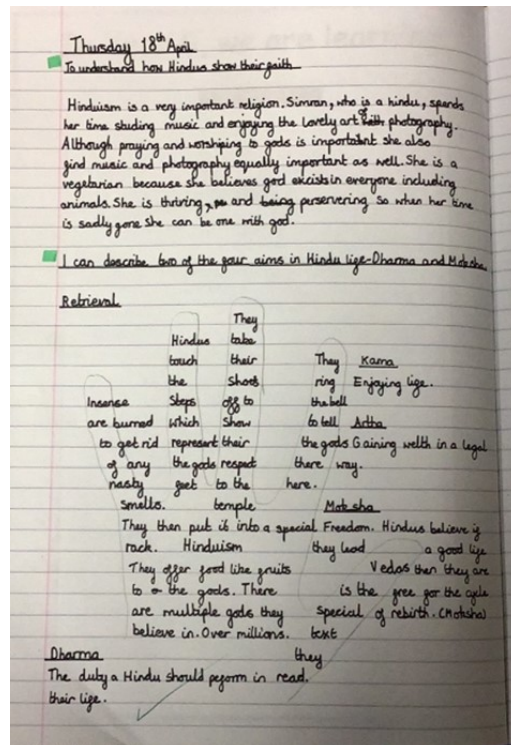
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Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed the summer term so far and have worked so hard, particularly with their reading comprehension and maths reasoning, tackling more challenging questions. They wrote superb story openings, using the Varmints story structure as inspiration in the planning stages with the final piece being based around 'The Explorer' text. We will now move on to writing persuasive letters which will be well informed by this strong start.

In RE, Class 4 recalled their knowledge about Hinduism from earlier in the year and made connections with the new question, 'What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?' This has captured the interest of many and some great 'awe and wonder' questions were posed.

PSHE lessons have explored looking after our mental health and well-being and the children discussed challenges for some with this and support systems that could be put in place. We are such a great team in Class 4 and the children have truly embodied our values of community, compassion and courage this term in class and with their work within the wider school community including the bake sale and Royal Hall rehearsals and performance.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

ROYAL HALL CONCERT

We are immensely proud of the children across the federation that participated, and to all the families that supported this wonderful event.



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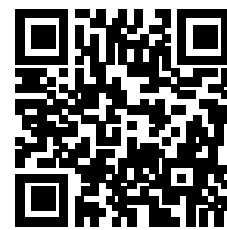
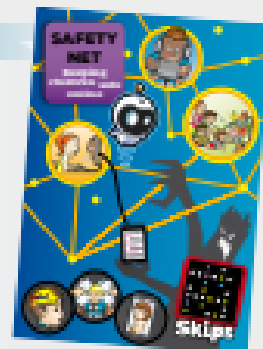
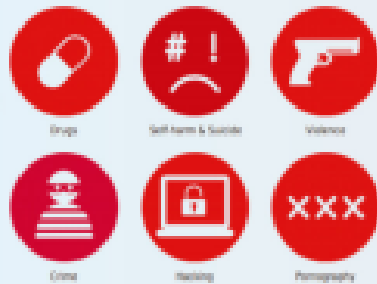
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Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

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