



NEWSLETTER 26 March 2021

Home learning suggestions, links to activities and details of organisation who can provide support and advice during the school closure can be found on the **Covid-19 page** on the school website www.guisleyprimary.org

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Despite nearly getting blown away in the playground this morning, it has been another lovely week and spring is officially here – the only disadvantage being that we lose an hour of sleep on Sunday!

I went back to see progress on the Lowry pictures today and, as predicted, they are super – the children were still putting the finishing touches to them and I hope Miss Parry and Mr Ward can put some more examples onto the Year 6 Gallery on the website.



Year 5 have been busy writing a non-chronological report which is explaining the difference between life in Montserrat and Yorkshire and I understand that the Caribbean cookery will be taking place next week – I hope they remember where my office is if there is any tasting to be done!



When I visited Blue class this afternoon they were modelling their William Morris inspired T-shirts. The children studied the artist's work, designed them on paper and then used fabric pens to recreate the designs. Great work Blue and Indigo class!

In Yellow and Green class they have been continuing their topic on animals and writing fact files about owls - very impressive handwriting Year One. They have also read one of my favourites – Owl Babies.



Year 4 have also been writing a report and this week they were researching, drafting and editing their writing – I forgot to ask about the success of the floating long ships.

Next to Gold class, where it was all about Easter this week as they get excited about a visit from the Easter bunny – songs, cards, decorated eggs and a café!

With sadness, I announce the retirement of Mrs Munnings at the end of next week. She has worked at the school as a Teaching Assistant for 28 years and I have many happy memories of us working together in Orange classroom. She has worked tirelessly and made a difference to so many children – she will definitely be missed by us all.

Finally a request please – for safety reasons could you please try to acknowledge the staff member (particularly at the younger end of school) as they send the children to you at the end of the day. If parents are on their mobile phone and wearing a mask it can be tricky to know if you have seen your child. Thank you and have a super weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Buckton
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Sun 29 March - British Summer Time begins, clocks go forward 1 hour

Thurs 1 April - School closes for the end of the Spring Term

Mon 19 April - School reopens

Mathlete of the Week

The Mathletes of the week are:

KS1 **Elliot (Indigo)** and KS2 **Thomas (Turquoise)**

A Gold Award has been achieved this week by:

Christopher (Violet)

Stars of the Week



Gold Class - Joseph and Ezra L who have both settled in so well after a long absence

Rainbow Class - Charles for trying really hard and enjoying his packed lunch and Rocco who has played with lots of children in Nursery this week

Red Class - Elliot for writing a fantastic story about Evil Pea and Laila for a brilliant effort in reading

Orange Class - Oliver M for writing a fantastic wanted poster for Evil Pea and Chengye for enthusiasm for everything in the classroom

Yellow Class - Toby for a fantastic book about Owls and James for some super facts in his owl writing

Green Class - Joshua who made a lovely fact file about owls and Isaac who independently wrote facts about owls

Blue Class - Riley for her amazing William Morris inspired t-shirt design and Poppy S for working extremely hard in her maths lessons

Indigo Class - Theo for good work on halving in maths and Annabel for excellent problem solving work in maths

Violet Class - Elliot for his incredible work ethic and wonderful, supportive attitude when working with his talk partner and Yusuf for his terrific playscript writing this week

Pink Class - Robyn for her AMAZING home made magnetic maze game! Charlie H for his brilliant playscript writing and editing

Coral Class - William who worked really hard on his writing and engaged the reader with his super sentences and Sophia who showed great enthusiasm for her work and using her initiative

Amber Class - Ibraheem for contributing greatly in lessons and Leah for always working hard

Jade Class - Max who always puts 100% effort into his lessons and for a huge improvement in his response when playing games with his friends and Kody for catching up with his assessments and trying really hard to get to grips with some very tricky fractions!

Lime Class - Edward for being a caring and supportive friend and Vicente for his fantastic non-chronological report, you showed excellent concentration and included many impressive sentences in your writing

Purple Class - Ben D for his hard work and participation in class - a great half term. Amelia for being a super friend and helper - a great asset to the class.

Turquoise Class - John for making big improvements in your assessments! Archie for putting lots of effort into your assessments, you've done brilliantly!

Well Done everyone!

Leeds City Council Job Vacancy

Catering Leeds are looking for staff to join their teams, working in schools within this area.

They pay the Leeds Living Wage (a minimum of £9.30 per hour) and have part time roles available which are term time only.

If you are interested please visit www.jobs.leeds.gov.uk and complete an application form.

Please note it is Catering Leeds policy to try not to place staff in the same school as their children.

Families Leeds & West Yorkshire Magazine

To access the Mar/Apr digital issue of the magazine use the link below.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/leedsma2021digitalmag>

The magazine has endless family activities and ideas for the start of Spring and Easter.

Houses

Nethermoor, **Nunroyd**, **Parkinson** and **Springfield**

Children can earn points for their house by displaying behaviours that follow our Rainbow Code:

Respect (for all)

Achieve (always do your very best)

Inclusive (we all matter)

Nurture (we care and are considerate)

Belong (it's good to be part of something)

Outstanding (effort and perseverance)

Whole (whole child, whole family, whole community)

The points for this week are:

Nethermoor	141	Nunroyd	131
Parkinson	143	Springfield	118

Well Done to everyone in **Parkinson** house!

Please remind your child to keep displaying the Rainbow Code behaviours and earning points for their house. Next week will be the half term winner....

Wellbeing and Safeguarding

If you need someone to talk to, there are people you can call on for support including:

Samaritans - confidential support for people feeling of distressed or in despair. Phone 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline) or visit www.samaritans.org.uk

Safeguarding, child protection, domestic violence - If you have concerns about any of these, please seek help as soon as possible. You can contact school, the children centre or any of the organisations on the school website including the Leeds Domestic Violence Service <https://ldvs.uk/>

Support available for children and young people

Kooth - an online mental health and emotional well being service for young people aged 10-18 it offers free, safe and anonymous support, commissioned by Leeds NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. For more details visit www.kooth.com or join the Parents/ Carers session on Tuesday 30th March, 5-6pm via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-parent-session-tickets-144404344281>

YoungMinds - a children's mental health charity. Phone 0808 802 5544 (Mon to Fri 9:30am-4:00pm) or visit www.youngminds.org.uk

Grief and Loss Service

If you are experiencing feelings of grief or loss, from any cause, you can access support seven days a week, 8am – 8pm from [West Yorkshire and Harrogate Grief and Loss Support Service](#). Call the service on 0808 196 3833, or use visit www.griefandlosswyh.co.uk

The service is staffed by experienced counsellors who offer information, advice and emotional support, as well as signposting into local place based services.

Covid-19 Reminders

* When bringing or collecting your child please use the gate nearest their entrance. Only 1 adult wearing a face covering (unless exempt for health reasons) should accompany children in the school grounds.

* Social distancing must be maintained at all times. Please try to leave access paths/steps/gates clear to allow for safe entry and exit from the playground.

* Don't allow your children to use the trim trail before and after school.

* Please use the markers provided on the floor. If you feel your child is old enough to line up on their own please feel free to do so as this will allow you to remain 2m apart from other adults – for younger children please wait until you see your child is safely indoors before leaving the playground.

* If your child walks to school on their own, please remind them they should only be walking with one other person from outside their household, they need to socially distance, line up as soon as they arrive in the school grounds and their mobile phones should not be used within the school grounds.

* Do not bring your child to school if they, or anyone in your household, has Covid-19 symptoms and/or are waiting for a test result.

* If you are unsure about your child's symptoms please call NHS 111 for advice. If there is any doubt in your mind we would urge you to keep your child at home and book a test.

* Please provide the office with a screenshot of all test results. We must have evidence of negative test results before your child returns to school. Evidence of a positive test result is needed to ensure the absence is authorised.

* For anyone who has a positive test result, the whole household and close contacts must adhere to the rules on self-isolation – currently this is 10 full days. This means that children can return to school on the 11th day from the date of last contact with a positive case. Anyone who is self-isolating must follow the NHS Track and Trace rules and not leave the house.

Financial Support

Free school meals - If you think your child may now be eligible for benefit related free school meals, please use the online claim form: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Benefitclaimform.pdf>

Families in difficulty - Aireborough Children Centre has access to support for families. They can be contacted by: email - office@aireboroughcc.org.uk / telephone - 01943 87410 / visit www.guiseleychildrencentre.co.uk

