

NEWSLETTER

22 October 2021

Dear parents, carers and children

So, the first half of the autumn term has finished. It's been busy, but lots of fun! It has been lovely to hear children singing and instruments being practised, as well as sports activities and clubs taking place again. Our risk assessment remains in place and we are planning for a cautious return to normal. The children remain in segregated year group bubbles as much as possible throughout the day and hand sanitising remains a part of our procedures. The children are now free to select books from the levelled drawers and the next step will be to open the library.

Thank you so much for the generous donations for our harvest festival collection this year. The stage was full and the staff from the Bradford North Food Bank were very appreciative. Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley are part of their reach area and we will find out next term how much food we donated. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please visit their website. https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk



Year 5 have produced some lovely artwork. The Mayan topic always leads to some colour and this year was no exception. The children were inspired by Dan Fenelon's recreation of the patterns found in ancient Mayan temples. The children used a technique called 'scraffito' where thick layers of different coloured oil pastels are built up and then a sharp tool is used to scratch patterns into the surface. It looks areat!

What a lovely surprise I received when I went upstairs this week. Year 6 have contributed to a stunning display as part of their topic on WWII – very creative children and staff.





Meanwhile, in Year 3 the Stone Age workshop was a huge hit with the children. They looked closely at different pieces of flint and even had a go at making their own fires. To find out more about their topic please visit the Blog page on the school website – it's the yellow tab.

Our Parents' Group met again this week and asked me to let you know that they are holding a pre-loved uniform and children's Christmas jumper sale on Friday 5th November at school pickup time. They would welcome donations of pre-loved children's Christmas jumpers beforehand please. We will of course have an opportunity to wear them towards the end of next term – I'm always amazed at the variety! If you are not able to make the sale on 5th November, there will be another pre-loved Christmas jumper sale on Friday 3rd December. The Parents' Group would also like to say Thank You for all the previous donations of used uniform. At the moment they have a big stock of uniform so do not yet need any more donations.

Have a lovely half term break and I will look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Best wishes

Mrs Buckton Headteacher Remember to keep looking on the school website **www.guiseleyprimary.org** for more information about what we are doing in school.

Stars of the Week



Nursery - Joey for trying hard and joining in, Arthur for trying new things at snack time (well done!) and Isabella for being really helpful at tidy up time today. We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in Nursery, they have settled well this half term and are enjoying exploring their new learning environment.

Red Class - Ivy for great team work during tidy up time in the quad and Lucas M for working very hard to improve his handwriting

Orange Class - Oscar for his excellent hedgehog facts and Rosa for always trying her best and having a sensible attitude

Yellow Class - Leo for working very hard when reading this week. Keep up the super work! Also Louisa for doing some extra writing during her choosing time. Well done!

Green Class - Mariam for trying extremely hard to segment the sounds in her writing and Sebastian for drawing a great map of his route to school and naming the human and physical features

Blue Class - Molly S for her excellent presentation skills in this week's English lessons and Kyrylo for writing independently in all of his lessons. Keep it up!

Indigo Class - Alfie for excellent teamwork and a confident performance in English and Georgia for confident reading in front of an audience

Violet Class - Jack B for his very imaginative writing in English, his advert was outstanding! Also Mary for her excellent perseverance in writing this week. Mary has worked very hard and produced a fantastic advert.

Pink Class - Poppy for fantastic work on exchanging in maths and Eddie for writing an excellent advert for Stig's cave

Coral Class - Benjamin for his amazing ideas in English and his fantastic attitude to learning and Sofia for always following the Rainbow code and working really hard in class

Amber Class - The whole class. A thank you from Miss Asquith for being such lovely children to teach!

Jade Class - Jacob for writing a fantastic adventure story full of speech and description. Well done Jacob! Also William for writing an exciting end to his adventure story and carefully editing it to check for missing punctuation. Keep up the amazing work William!

Lime Class - Mia For drawing a lovely diagram of the moon phases in science and for being enthusiastic with learning at home! Keep up the super work Mia! Also Miles for writing an imaginative end to his adventure story and for using carefully selected vocabulary for his descriptions. Well done Miles!

Purple Class - Carys for an imaginative evacuee diary entry, using a range of interesting and high level vocabulary and Isobel for your hard work and participation this week a great effort.

Turquoise Class - William for always having interesting things to share during class discussions and Max for giving 100% to all you do, what an excellent example for others to follow.

Mathlete of the Week



The Mathlete of the Week for this week are:

KS1 - Jessica (Indigo) KS2 - Theo (Pink)

Pen licence awards

Well Done to the following children who have gained their pen licence this week:

Miles (Lime)

Charlie, Charlotte, Christopher, Ebony, Lennan, Lucia and Molly (Coral)

Diary Date Reminders

25th-29th Oct - Half term holiday

31st Oct - Deadline to apply for a secondary school place in September 2022

1st Nov - School reopens for Autumn half term 2

1st Nov - Leeds City Council admission system opens for children starting primary school in September 2022. Details of how to apply will be sent direct from LCC.

3rd Nov - Phonics workshops for Orange class

4th Nov - Phonics workshops for Red class
Please contact school to book a place at the workshops

Open days

If you have a child who will be aged 2, 3 or 4 by 31st August 2022, we would like to invite you to an Open Day at Guiseley Primary School.

Visits to school are on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th November. There are three time slots on each day - 9:30-10:30am / 1:45-2:45pm / 5:30-6:30pm. Numbers are limited for each time slot so please contact school and book the time you would like to visit:

Tel – 01943 873359 Email – office@guiseleyprimary.org

During the visit there will be an opportunity to have a tour of school, see our Foundation Stage provision (Nursery for children aged 2 - 4 and Reception) and meet the Headteacher and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school again!

Half term sporting champions

At the end of each half term, children in KS2 compete in inter-house sports competitions. The winning houses from each year group for Autumn half term 1 2021 are:

Year 3 - Springfield

Year 4 - Parkinson & Nunroyd (fied)

Year 5 - Springfield

Year 6 - Springfield

Congratulations to Springfield!

Dressing up clothes - Reception

A big thank you to those who have donated dressing up clothes to Red and Orange class. We have been given lots of pretty princess-style outfits., but if anyone has any other styles of dressing up clothes (eg superhero, Doctor etc) we would really appreciate them. Thank you!

Road and Pavement Reminder

When you are bringing your child to school, or collecting at the end of the day, would you please be considerate of other people using the public footpaths outside the gates. We have been made aware that the pavement on Oxford Road is sometime congested and people have to walk on the road.

Please also remember to park considerately and legally if you are coming to school by car.

Thank you.

Lime and Amber class swimming update

Please remember that both Lime and Amber classes will be continuing with swimming lessons after half term. Please also remember that children are not allowed to bring body sprays or deodorant aerosols to school for safety reasons.

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 90 Nunroyd 108 Parkinson 141 Springfield 80

Well done to everyone in Parkinson house!

Congratulations to **Parkinson** house for also being our half term winners with a total of 1109 points!

Covid-19 Testing Reminders

Please remember the Covid-19 testing requirements:

- Anyone who has Covid-19 symptoms must take a full PCR test at a testing centre or by requesting a home testing kit (this is not the LFT Lateral Flow Test which can be routinely taken at home). If you have taken a LFT and it is negative, you must still arrange a full PCR test if you have symptoms.
- If you take a LFT and have a positive result, you must self isolate at home and arrange a full PCR test, even if you have no symptoms. If the PCR result is positive the self isolation period will be notified by NHS Test and Trace. If the PCR result is negative, you can end self isolation.
- School need to see a positive PCR test result, or the NHS Test and Trace notification for your child, to authorise their self isolation absence.
- If children have Covid-19 symptoms themselves, school need to see their negative PCR test result before they can return to school.
- Screenshots of test results, and / or NHS Test and Trace notifications, can be emailed to office@guiseleyprimary.org

For more information please check the government website: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

<u>Covid-19 Self Isolation for Close Contacts</u>

The self isolation rules changed on 16th August. To check if you are required to self isolate, please use the latest government guidance:

<u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</u>