



# Ghyll Royd

Ghyll Royd School & Pre-School

# News

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## GREAT EXPLORERS

Our Great Explorers and Little Adventurers have had a super term. Their topics have included Arctic Adventures in which the children have learned all about life and the environment in the Arctic. They had a visit from a husky dog, made polar bears with cotton wool and had a fantastic visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see a real Polar Bear at Project Polar.

Also this term the Early Years had visits from Zoo Lab, Pajama Drama, The Fire Service and also visited the Alhambra Theatre, Stephen Smiths, Leeds Bradford Airport, Bettys, The Supermarket and The National Maritime Museum.

In Forest Schools the children have been finding out about the living things in the school grounds. They have built hedgehog homes, bug hotels and bird feeders and also gone on a meadow walk.



The children have practiced 'taking away' and have identified shapes. They have constructed towers and created recipes to develop problem-solving skills whilst learning the letters in their name and learning about mini-beasts with the help of Zoo Lab.

### Little Adventurers

As part of our Transport topic, a Dad of one of our Little Adventurers brought in an articulated lorry. The children were able to sit inside the cab and asked lots of questions about all the buttons and levers, how the engine worked and what lorries are used for. We also had a visit from a Police Officer and were able to look inside his car and see how different it was to the lorry. Our last journey to find out about transport was a trip to Leeds Bradford Airport. We visited Multiflight for a private viewing of planes.



## A message from the Head...

Looking through the Newsletter it reminds me of the many trips and excursions that the children experience at the school to enhance their learning. The residential at Robin Hood's Bay has been a new addition this term which will be developed further with the inclusion of a Nell Bank residential for Form 4 as a precursor to the Form 5 trip to Dearne Valley.

The Creative Arts and Form sections portray some of the fantastic and talented work that the children produce daily at school. We have seen the development of the school choir, solo instrumentalists and the recorder from KS2 and aim to put together the first ever school orchestra in the coming years. The children have also taken part in events such as the Wharfedale Festival showcasing their recital skills. As we move into 2017 we will be seeking to secure our Gold Artsmark for our commitment to the Arts.

Sporting fixtures are always a focal point at school and I am delighted to say that this term the school reached the School Sport's Partnership Netball, Rounders and Cricket final finishing 1st and 2nd in their leagues and received overall second place in the Wharfedale Jubilee Swimming Gala.

On behalf of all the staff and myself I would like to thank all the children for their hard work and passion for learning and to the parents, grandparents and our friends in the community for your continued support and enthusiasm that you bring to our school each day.

Regards

*David Martin*

Mr David Martin BA, MA, PGCE  
Head Teacher



# Reception



We've had a busy year with lots of exciting things to report. We've loved our topic on Transport as we visited The Maritime Museum in Hartlepool to learn about how pirates travelled the seas. But even more exciting, we caught the bus into Ilkley and paid a special visit to Betty's for a milkshake. We each took our own money to learn how we pay for things, how change is given and what things really cost. We've also done some other travelling with a visit to China and learning to eat with chop sticks and we also had our very own French café. OO la la.

Freddie



## Form 1 & 2



In Forms 1 and 2 we have met surgeons and learnt some delicate medical skills on a poor unsuspecting banana, as part of our learning challenge 'How Living Things Change and Grow'. We've learnt all about Louis Braille and were visited by Mrs Wilson on Odele & Hadley, two retired guide dogs. We also made buns and had a bun sale to raise some money for "Guide Dogs for the Blind". We had a trip to Harlow Carr to learn about Art in the Garden. We made our own garden art using foliage in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. The finished masterpieces were Gilly the Ghyll Royd Spider, Wilf the Caterpillar and a yet to be named butterfly. More recently we have made our own time machine which took us back to England winning the World Cup in 1966. We also visited ancient Egypt and made our own Tut Paintings.

Isla





## Form 3 & 4

World War II, Going Green, The Davis Cup. Just a few of the things we have explored this year as part of our Learning Challenge in Forms 3 and 4. They say that often the best way to learn something is to experience it first hand, so we took a trip to the fantastic Murton Park. Dressed as evacuees we spent the day learning about what it was like to be a child evacuee during the war. We stitched our own clothes, washed them by hand using a mangle and were shown how to cope when the air raid sirens were sounded. Back in class we made our own gas masks and reflected on some of the atrocities we had learnt about. Back in the present we explored the importance of going green and teamed this with a visit to Booths in Ilkley to be shown how supermarkets recycle their waste. On a sporting theme we attended the Aegon Tennis trophy tournament at Ilkley Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. We watched some of the fantastic tennis matches, took part in specialist tennis coaching and were shown the Davis Cup.

Alexander



## Form 5

This term we have been challenged by Markus Persson, the inventor of 'Minecraft', to plan and design our own fantasy building using 3D modelling software, Sketchup. We used our knowledge of 3D shapes, computing and design to create our own online buildings. We have investigated the genre of Mystery Short Stories using adverbials to link sentences, paragraphs and ideas and we were delighted and proud to present a cheque to Pam Ravenscroft of Ilkley's Friends of Martin House for our charity work. We are now all looking forward and ready to take on our new responsibilities as members of Form 6.

Grayson and Crispin.





# Form 6



We have had a tremendous finish to our time at Ghyll Royd. We have directed and filmed a stop motion movie, explored digital art through the study of Hockney's work and used painting apps to create our own art APPs. We have learnt the history and politics of theatre and movies and discovered film making capitals and famous film locations. We have visited Airedale Hospital to learn about Injury Minimisation and life saving skills including how to resuscitate someone and had a fabulous Enrichment Week ending in a memorable weekend at Robin Hoods Bay and a show stopping school production.

Scarlett

"I have loved all the sporting events we have held in school and the way we are encouraged to work as a team and cheer all, not just the winners."



"Our class memories Reception: Enjoying going on lots of trips, Year 1: Forest school where we made medals. Year 2: Making projects. Year 3: Learning about the Greeks and Egypt Year 4: Lots of school trips. Year 5: Making a great party with Mrs Marshall. Year 6: Working hard, exams and lots of fun."



"My favourite memory in Year 6 was going to Robin Hood's Bay. I really enjoyed the atmosphere and the long walks. I've really enjoyed my time here because it's a lovely, friendly environment. I've made lots of friends. One of the main reasons I like school is because we are always going on wonderful trips."

"I have loved the singing for the Harvest, Christmas and Easter services, all the day trips to go with our topics, the charities we have supported in many ways and raised so much money. "I have learnt a lot of outdoor skills including making fires, climbing, toasted marshmallows and lots more. Thank you to everybody who helped me along the way. It has been a fun time and it is one that I won't forget in a long time."

"We worked exceptionally hard in our entrance exams and the new SATs in May. I really enjoyed the spelling and grammar tests and we are all now looking forward to going to our new schools next year. "





Well done to our Form 3 children who took part in the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts within the Verse Speaking category. They were all performances to be very proud of.

## Music

As the final notes of Scheherazade ring on in my ears I sit back and reflect on the musical journey that we have been on over the past year.

The first calendar event of the new school year was our Harvest Festival which was a lovely mix of songs and readings centred around Autumn; our youngest children delighting everyone with their rendition of 'Autumn Leaves'.

A joint concert with Giggleswick School followed shortly afterwards. Our soloists performed with great panache and the concert was rounded off with our Senior Choir stunning everyone with the beautiful song 'Wings'.

Christmas is always the busiest time of year for any Music Department! The Wiggly Nativity was sheer delight; the children from Pre-School, Reception and Key Stage 1 recited, danced and sang their way through this charming

show. The Carol Service, held at St Mary's Church, gave voice to the musical eloquence of the older children. This is always a memorable part of the school year. Visits to Burley Hall Nursing Home and a part in the Ilkley Bandstand Carol Service were slotted in and amongst our more formal Christmas celebrations.

The Spring term was a little quieter! Our second Spring Time Afternoon Tea Concert was held in school; parents and family being serenaded by soloists and ensembles whilst they enjoyed cups of tea and an array of delicious cakes. Our Easter Assembly with Father Philip brought the term to a fitting end.

The Summer term saw the Pre-School and Reception children present an open Music workshop; this enabled parents to witness the skills, activities and sense of progression that is part of our regular music making.

The main focus of the term has of course been our show, Scheherazade. The children were enthused from the outset; the story of the cursed Sultan and his eventual salvation by the story-telling Scheherazade captured everyone's imagination. The result was a resounding success.

The Music at Ghyll Royd is thriving; every child is involved in our Music making - in the classroom and in our varied calendar of events. I work with a fantastic team of instrumental teachers who have given so much over the course of this year. I thank them and I thank the children - your energy, spirit and dedication never fail to delight.

**Mrs Coultas**







Year 5 and 6 have used observation and shading techniques to draw the missing half of a photograph of their chosen celebrity. Madeline was awarded the Creative Arts Cup at the end of term service for her drawing of Adele.



Fantastic felt work completed by the children in their Henri Rousseau Jungle Art sessions. The fantastic piece of work will be framed and displayed near the dining room.

# ART



What a wonderful year of creativity. Children throughout school have relished the challenge of learning new techniques including felting, 3D and mosaics and have recently completed a Henri Rousseau Jungle Art piece from felt. Our Years 1 and 2 celebrated 2nd place in the ISA Annual Art Competition for their exceptional art work which is pictured below. Sienna (Form 1) was awarded Best in Category for her entry into the Ilkley Carnival Drawing Competition and we look forward to entering some of our art work into the ISA Art Competition in September. We have even turned our hand to weaving, whatever next?

**Mrs Smith**



Best in Category at this years Ilkley Carnival - A fabulous well done Sienna



Congratulations to our artists for their performance at the ISA North Art Competition. We were awarded three second places. Edith in the KS1 individual 2D art section, Mischa within the KS2 individual 3D art section and Forms 1 and 2 for group textiles and their wonderful undersea quilt. Well done!





# Forest Schools



In Forest School we have helped the endangered Hedgehog by creating our own Hedgehog habits. Hedgehogs are disappearing from our countryside as fast as Tigers are worldwide and we wanted to do our little bit to help. We have carved tent pegs from reclaimed wood. We've also helped our feathered friends by making our own bird feeders using pine cones and oranges. We scooped the orange flesh out and filled the space with a mixture of seeds and lard and also covered pine cones in lard, hung them by string and again added seed mix to them. A very messy activity and lots of fun. We've also made our own mallets using a bill hook and saw. We can't wait to see what our 2017 Forest Schools has in store.

Ramsay



KS2 had a super time building shelters and dens.



The children made Hedgehog habitats and carved tent pegs from reclaimed wood. Hedgehogs are disappearing from our countryside as fast as tigers are worldwide and we wanted to do our little bit to help.



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We found a frog hiding from the rain and a very friendly snail. The school grounds are such a great place to explore.



# SPORT



Ghyll Royd has had a fantastic year of sport and sporting successes. Our interhouse competitions have been enjoyed by all the children with Drake winning both Sports' Day and the Football Festival and Nelson winning the Swimming Gala.

As ever, Sports' Day was a well attended day and despite the scattered showers was a fabulous afternoon of competitive sports cheered along by Ronnie the Rhino. Well done to our Form 6 who beat the parents in our leavers cricket match.

## Hermione



The team along side Giggleswick, Belmont Grosvenor and Moorlands had a great afternoon under the guidance of Dan Cook Director of Rugby from Giggleswick and their 1st XV.



An awesome team effort from our children who sparkled in the swimming pool taking overall second place in the Wharfedale Jubilee Swimming Gala with the Girls' winning 1st place and the Boys' coming 3rd place.

## WHAT'S ON

### Thursday 9th September

Meet the Teacher and Parent Social 5pm to 7pm at Ghyll Royd School

### Saturday 17th September

Ghyll Royd Family Camp Out and Bushcraft Day from 10am at Ghyll Royd School

### Friday 30th September

Grandparents' Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9am

### Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th October

Residentials at Dearne Valley and Nell Bank

### Saturday 15th October

Ghyll Royd Cross Country Event from 9am

### Friday 21st October

Harvest Festival Service 9am

### Thursday 3rd November

Teachers Quiz night for Parents at the Wheatley Arms in Ben Rhydding from 7pm to 9pm

### Friday 18th November

Children in Need Day

### Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November

Parents' Evening

### Saturday 3rd December

Carol Service at Ilkley Bandstand

### Tuesday 6th December

The Nativity

### Wednesday 7th December

The School Bazaar and Pre-School Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 8th December

Interhouse Quiz and School Christmas Lunch

### Friday 9th December

End of Term Service at 9.15am

### Friday 9th December

Carol Service at St Mary's Church in Burley-in-Wharfedale