

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Children are at the centre of all we do."

NEWSLETTER March 10th 2017

SCHOOL

Robot Trail

Thank you to all the parents and families who attended school's Robot Trail last week. We were pleased to welcome so many of you to school to share our knowledge of the solar system and artists. Thank you to Friends of School who provided refreshments. The Farthing Wood Trail will remain in place during March. Maps are displayed at the village hall. Please bring family and friends to have a go.

Fair Trade stall

Thank you to all those who bought items from the stall and took part in the Fair Trade raffle. The winners were Mr. Stott and William Powlesland. Fair Trade prizes were awarded and £12 made for Friends of School.

Community Film Event

We are celebrating the end of this term's Robotic topic with a film event. All the children have been working on class animation films which they would like to share with you. This will take place in school on **Friday, March 31st at 2pm** so do come along and see their work as film makers. All welcome.

Bags2school

Friends of School have organised a Bags2school collection on Thursday, March 23rd. Additional bags for clothing are available from the school entrance hall.

Non-uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday, March 17th, please bring a tombola prize.

Badger Wood

Please could the children in BadgerWood let Miss Tattersley have the date and month of their mother's birthday, top secret!!

Crafts

Our craft bin would welcome boxes, tubes etc. for craft activities.

BADGER WOOD

A great week in badgers full of story writing! This week we continue working on our story 'The Way Back Home', this week we focused on adding description to our sentences.

We had lots of fun mixing computing and maths this week using and programming the BeeBots! So much fun with BeeBots going around the classroom. We enjoyed our mad scientist afternoon investigating what materials can float and what materials can sink. It was great seeing everyone investigating together, great work Badgers!

We ventured out on Friday afternoon to the chalk pits or as we call them 'The Dips'. We love exploring and put our maths measuring skills to order leaves and sticks we found!

FARTHING WOOD

We have begun our biographies of animals who have gone into space. We have found lots of amazing facts about these animals, although we don't want to tell you too much as these will play a big part in the film festival in a few weeks time! This week the residents in the village should have received their handwritten letters explaining and persuading them to take part in our robot-trail. Just to remind people - you can find a free map from the noticeboard outside the village hall if you still would like to find the robots who have landed here.

KEEPER WOOD

This week in Keeper Wood we have been continuing with our fractions - ordering and comparing them (some with different denominators) which was very tricky! We then took our fraction knowledge to Scampston to create a flowerbed.

We've also been creating story boards and designing and building mini robots. We will start to use these next week in our animation area, ready for our exciting film festival! We'll also be continuing with our Iron Man stories which hopefully will also link to our film.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The Children's University is going really well at school, with most children signed up and collecting learning hours at school lunchtime clubs, after school clubs and learning at home. Attached is a list of Children's University learning destinations, more are being added all the time. At Heslerton school you can join the Children's University from year 1. This is free of charge. Please ask at the office for details of this scheme. Pupils in years 1 to 5 will celebrate their learning with a Children's University Grand Assembly at school in the summer term.

Pupils in year 6 will be invited to graduate at Scarborough Spa with all other year 6 graduates. The provisional date for this is July 13th. Further details will be sent nearer the time. There are 4 categories which you can get learning hours for. Each learner needs to get hours logged for each of these areas. Dates for next passport checks are: Badgers and Keepers: Friday, 5th May, Farthing Wood: Friday, 19th May.

Scarborough children's UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF Hull

There are four categories which you can earn Learning Hours for. We would like to get lots of different stamps, try to get some in each of these areas!

Sports and Outdoors	For example: football club, a visit to Dalby Forest or Nature Trails
Arts and Cultural	For example: visiting a museum or art gallery
Academic	For example: Reading Challenges, after school clubs or library visits
Social Community & Environment	For example: Community volunteering, or Natural Trust activities

Because we want you to try lots of new things, a rule of Scarborough Children's University is that you can only gain 10 Learning hours for the same activity in each school year.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on Thursday, 16th March from 2.00 -3.15pm for "Stay and Play" in Badger Wood, tea and coffee in Farthing Wood from 2.00-2.15pm. This will be an opportunity for parents, grandparents, younger siblings and carers to join us to see the children in their class and give parents an opportunity to talk with each other, as well joining their children in their activities.

We look forward to seeing you.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- Netball letter – Y5/6
- Arts and Handicrafts flyer
- Children's University learning destinations
- Natural England flyer – please check Scampston Hall website for upcoming events over Easter

If you require this in a different format, please contact the school office.

LENT CHALLENGES

Instead of giving up something this year for Lent, why not try to do something extra?

In each weekly newsletter during Lent, we will share with you a range of challenges to choose from to help different groups of people in our community. Please let us know of your involvement and any responses you receive.



NUNNINGTON HALL

It's no April Fool...

Free entry into Nunnington Hall for Ryedale residents on April 1st! Visit Nunnington Hall on Saturday 1st April for a special day of events designed to appeal to anyone who enjoys books, reading and history. The events will be taking place from 10:30am until 4pm and admission is free for visitors who live in Ryedale upon proof of address. Standard admission charges apply to non-Ryedale residents but the book events are free.

There will be the chance to hear bestselling writer of historical fiction, Sophia Tobin, who will be discussing her new Gothic thriller 'The Vanishing', which is set in North Yorkshire, two local writers talking about publishing memoirs of their ancestors, a book binding workshop and the Dickens Society will be performing an original radio-style drama.

Children can enjoy an interactive storytelling session with illustrator and writer Leigh Hodgkinson, whose fabulous picture book "Are you Sitting Comfortably?" pays homage to the joys of reading. There are plenty of other activities to entertain young readers including a book trail around the house and the chance to make up their own adventure story with giant Storytelling Dice!

To find out more, and secure your place for the Bookbinding workshop, visit the Ryedale Book Festival website.

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