



Barley Fields  
Primary School

## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

taken place such as Quidditch and Mayan visitors.

We have had a very busy few weeks in school and some very exciting events have

### Newby Wiske Residential Y4

The sun has shone and our Year 4 children have had the most amazing time at PGL in Newby Wiske this week. There have been lots of amazing adventures



including archery, paddle boarding, climbing and developing lots of teamwork skills. The food and accommodation is apparently amazing! As always the children have been wonderfully behaved and a real credit to their parents. Can I say a big thank you to all the members of staff who kindly gave up their time to accompany

the children on this trip and who worked so hard to make it a successful experience for every child.



### Y5 Mayan Workshop

What an amazing day our Year 5 children had last week when they immersed themselves in the world of the Ancient Maya. From exploring artefacts and

language to re-enacting human sacrifices, the children had a taste of it all (even the dark chocolate recipe). It's great to hear our children recall all of the fantastic information they have learned and to see them use it in their writing as well as in their history lessons. What a valuable experience for all!



### Quidditch Tournament

Our Y3, 4 and 5 children had a magical day taking part in a Harry Potter themed Quidditch festival. The day started with the children being sorted into Hogwarts houses



and continued with them competing in a variety of Quidditch games and tournaments. The teams earned house points throughout the day by demonstrating our core values in PE.

Congratulations to Ravenclaw who were crowned overall winners 🏆

The day was a huge success, and we are looking forward to introducing Quidditch into our whole school PE curriculum.

### Tin a term



We will be collecting food and toiletry items for Thornaby Food Bank next week. Please look out for the school shopping trolley on the yard for any donations.

### School Uniform

Thank you to the members of the PTA who kindly organised our Preloved Uniform sale last week. Our school office staff have access to a range of preloved uniform including summer dresses and shorts. If you need any items please do not hesitate to contact them.

All new donations of uniform are gratefully received in school and we are constantly in need of jumpers, cardigans and tank tops as the end of the academic year approaches – please send all donations to the school office.

### Playgrounds

Can I remind everyone that children should not access the Timber Trail or Evie Grace's Place before and after school. These facilities should only be used when supervised by a member of school staff. Also, children are not permitted to ride bikes or scooters on the yard to prevent accidents. Thanks.

### Sports Days

We would like to invite our parents to share in sports day with their children this year.

Events will be held on the school field (weather



permitting) and entry onto the school premises will be via the single gate on Lamb Lane which will be opened 5 minutes before the start of the events for Safeguarding reasons.

Children should wear school PE kit (navy tracksuit/shorts, plain white t-shirt/polo shirt, trainers) to school on this day and ensure they have a water bottle with them.

Year 1 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.15am

Year 2 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.45pm

Year 3 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.15am

Year 4 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.45pm

Year 5 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.15am

Year 6 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.45pm

### Reception Family Fun Afternoon

Our Reception children do not have a sports day in the traditional sense but we are holding a 'Family Fun Afternoon' on the school field with parents, carers and younger siblings most welcome. This will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 – 3.15pm.

### Y6 SATs

Good luck to all our Y6 children who will take part in statutory assessment next week. The children have worked remarkably hard and have shown real determination to succeed and do well. They make us all extremely proud!

### PTA Family Colour Run

Tickets are being snapped up for our first ever colour run on 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to participate, please send in your application as soon as possible. Mrs Clarke in the school office can assist with any questions or if you would like to sponsor a station she can advise you.

### New Starters - Nursery



In September we will welcome lots of new children into school but we still have some places left in our nursery provision for children who will be three before 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you are aware of anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please ask them to contact school for more information.

### Leave of Absence Requests

Mr Shildrick works in partnership with Education Welfare to monitor and promote whole school attendance and this includes the management of parental requests for leave of absence. Can I remind everyone that we follow strict attendance management policy and procedures and **any requests for leave of absence during term time for the purpose of a family holiday may be subject to penalty notice procedures.** This applies to all requests for 5 days or more.

If you are considering booking a holiday during term time please be aware that parents **must** complete the appropriate form and return it to school prior to the absence. Full details of the policy can be obtained from our school website.

Rules regarding school absence and fixed penalty notices will be changing from August 2024 and will be effective in the new academic year. We will send you updated information regarding these procedures shortly.

### UNCRC Right of the Month

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award school, we actively promote the rights of children as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



This time, we are focusing on **Article 4 – Making Rights Real...**



Governments must do all they can to make sure that every child in their countries can enjoy all the rights in this Convention. **4**

### Dog Free site

Please remember that no dogs with the exception of guide dogs are permitted on school site at any time. Thanks

### Summer Term Diary Dates

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – Y3 & Y4 Sports Day

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Y5 & Y6 Sports Day

**24<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception Fun Sports Day

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Break up for half term

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Return to school

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Tempest Photography – Reception & Year 6 children only

**20<sup>th</sup> June** – Barley Fields Sports Festival – whole school

**24<sup>th</sup> June** – PD Day (school closed)

**29<sup>th</sup> June** -- **Saturday morning** 10.00-12.00 – PTA Family colour run event – information to follow next week.

**12<sup>th</sup> July** – Prince Regent Street Trust Games – Year 6 - Middlesbrough Sports Village

**11<sup>th</sup> July** – End-of-Year Reports sent home

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers Party 4.30-6.00pm

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – Meeting new teachers

**19<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – Break Up for Summer



Have a lovely weekend everyone. Love

Mrs Taylor  
Head Teacher

