





## Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

On Thursday this week, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Find out more about how we celebrated this on the next page!

After receiving applications, giving the children the opportunity to pitch to the school and collecting the votes, we are very pleased to announce our new school councilors for the Federation this year.

Congratulations to Lily, Emily, Hattie W and Finlay from Melsonby and Rex and Imogen from North and South Cowton, who were voted as the chosen representatives this year.

As part of Black History Month celebrations this October, we used time during Collective Worship to reflect on the achievements of significant individuals that have not always been recognised in the past. We compared the lives of Neil Armstrong and Matthew Henson and thought about how we would feel if our achievements had not been recognised. We are looking forward to finding out more significant people over the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!



### **Federation Notices**

Important Information regarding Breakfast and After school club Bookings

All bookings must be made through Arbor at least 24 hours in advance. Places may be limited so will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Payment for clubs will be made at the time of booking via Arbor.

Charges will be made for all sessions not attended (for all reasons including illness, except where agreed otherwise under Headteacher discretion).

As school has committed to the staffing in advance of the sessions, refunds will only be given if the club is cancelled 7 days in advance.

Any cancellations must be made via the school office.

For anyone who uses tax free childcare, please contact the school office regarding bookings and payments.

School photos:

NSC Monday 18th November

Melsonby: Monday 4th November





### News

## How have we 'Lived Life in all its Fullness' this week?

As part of National Poetry Day on Thursday, Class 1 and 2 worked together during their English to look at the poem 'Your Voice Counts'. They worked in mixed age groups to alter the poem about their own voices and went on to perform these.



Our Reception children this week have been exploring mark making alongside their phonics. We are so impressed by their focus and their letter formation. Well done!

### **Deadlines and Reminders**

- Maths homework will be sent home on a Thursday and homework will be due in on a Tuesday.
- Class 1 P.E days are Tuesday and Friday
- Class 2 P.E days are Monday, (Friday swimming weeks 1-5)
- Spellings have been set on Spelling Frame for homework. The children have common exception words this week and from next week, the lists will link to the spelling sessions we have taught in school. It is important that your child completes this homework at home as it will support their spelling in school.

#### News

In Year 2 this week, the boys have been exploring the poem 'Now We are Six' by A.A. Milne. This worked for most of the boys but after two recent birthdays, Harry and Matthan had a trickier time on their hands creating their own version 'Now We Are Seven'.

If you can face your fears When pushing your limits And still go near.

If it doesn't go your way and your feeling down Don't worry, you can try another day.

If your life's work is stolen when you have worked so hard Don't worry it happens often.

If something has let you down When you have spent all your time working And in your own tears you don't drown.

If you can get through all of this, then yours is the world- and even more- you'll be a scientist my friend



We were really impressed by what they produced.

Meanwhile, the

girls in KS2

have been

exploring

Rudyard

this as

their own

poems.

Kiplin's poem,

'If' and used

inspiration for



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KS2	Last swimming session
Rec	Phonics meeting for Reception Parents. 3:30pm at Melsonby School or virtually via Teams
All	Forest School at Le Cateau
Rec & KS1	Visit to Foxglove Covet
All	Harvest Celebration 2pm in church
All	Half Term
All	School Photographer Pupil individual photographs
	Parents Evening Classes 1 and 2
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All	Flu Vaccinations
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Friday 4th October	KS2	Last swimming session
Monday 7th October	Rec	Phonics meeting for Reception Parents. 3:30pm at Melsonby School or virtually via Teams
Monday 14th October	All	Forest School at Le Cateau
Monday 21st October	Rec & KS1	Visit to Foxglove Covet
Thursday 24th October	All	Harvest Celebration 2pm
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	All	Half Term
Monday 4th November		Parents Evening
Monday 18th November	All	School Photographer for Individual and Class photos
Friday 22nd November	All	Flu Vaccination Clinic at Melsonby School for NSC Children

