



Jericho Primary School Newsletter

A Smile Is Always Returned

Dear parents and carers - It's All About the Happy!

Happy Half Term. This week we've been celebrating Mental Health Awareness with a focus on happiness and well-being. Our Year 2 children had a wonderful time at Trotters Farm, where they enjoyed specialist talks about animals and their habitats, deepening their scientific understanding. Meanwhile, Year 3 visited Keswick Museum to explore fascinating talks about rocks and soils, bringing their science learning to life. Across the school, we've been engaging in important lessons on internet safety, focusing on smart technology, making safe choices, and exploring the responsible use of AI. We wrapped up the week with a joyful expression day, spotting fantastic scout uniforms, Darth Vader costumes, cosy pyjamas, and smart suits brightening our Dress to Express Friday. It's been a week full of learning, fun, and happiness for all! Please make sure you all have a lovely break and rest over Half Term. The weather is meant to get colder - perfect weather for snuggling up with a good book!

Celebrations

We are thrilled to congratulate Faye Hall, our dedicated Teaching Assistant in Reception, who is attending an award ceremony today after being nominated for an Apprenticeship Award at Lakes College. This prestigious recognition celebrates the hard work, commitment, and achievements of apprentices nominated by their employers, tutors, and peers. Faye's passion and dedication to supporting our youngest children truly embody the spirit of this award. We wish her the very best of luck today and are incredibly proud to have her as part of our Jericho Primary family!

Assembly Focus:

Our school value next half term will continue with 'Achievement' and we will be learning, talking and fulfilling this value as much as we can over the coming weeks. If you know of any past pupils who would be willing to share their career achievements then please let us know.

As always, we would love to know about any experiences beyond the school day when your family may have gone the extra mile! This for example, may be sporting achievements, learning to ride a bike, or tying shoe laces for the first time! It could be any type of achievement that you would like to share with us, and we would love to be a part of it and find out what you all get up to! Send any photographs to goingtheextramile@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk and we will celebrate these in school and on our Facebook page.

Golden work

Hudson Year 2 - Super sentence work.

Oliver in year 1 for superb improvements in handwriting

Corban in Year 6 for great compression skills.

Charli-Mai - in Year 6 for resilience and determination in mathematics.

Rebe in Year 5 for her creative rapping!

Jay in Year 2 for fabulous descriptive writing.

Eryn, Edie, Lisa and Carrie in Year 5 - producing great RE representations.

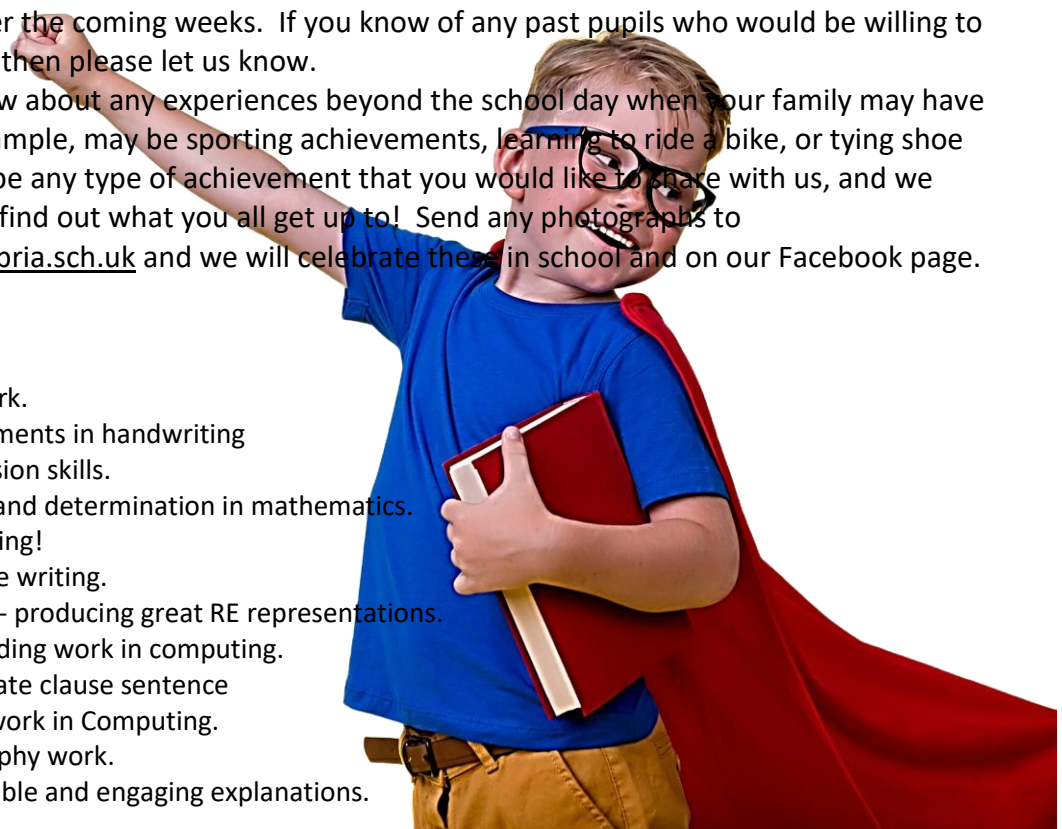
Maiya and Letty in Year 4 - great coding work in computing.

Caleb in Year 3 for superb subordinate clause sentence

Rosie in Year 4 for creative coding work in Computing.

Jaxon in Year 4 for excellent geography work.

Harvey in Year 2 for his knowledgeable and engaging explanations.



Important Messages

Attendance- We encourage you to regularly use Arbor to check your child's current attendance. Monitoring attendance is vital to support your child's progress and well-being. Attendance between 96% and 100% is marked in green, indicating that your child's attendance is within expected levels. Attendance between 90% and 96.6% is marked in amber, which signals concerns and that improvement is needed to avoid any negative impact on learning. Attendance below 90% is significantly below expected levels and will require intervention to ensure your child receives the full benefit of their education. Please contact us if you need any assistance accessing Arbor or understanding your child's attendance record.

Mental health and wellbeing support:

[Films for Parents / Carers | Nip in the Bud](#)

There is a range of online support available at the above website link and a series of films to support concerns you may have in relation to your children on a wide range of topics such as: anxiety, trauma, OCS, PTSD, self-harm and body dysmorphia. In addition there are helpful supports for neurodivergence such as Autism or ADHD.

This week's Mental Health Takeaway...

Bereavement Support in school

Unfortunately for everyone death is a part of life but for a child, losing someone at a young age can have a deep and lasting effect.

At school we are able to offer support from a few different areas.

- Class teachers who have all had some basic bereavement support about how to talk to a child who is grieving. Your child's class teacher will be your first port of call should you be concerned about how they are feeling after a bereavement.
- We have staff currently undertaking Bereavement Training through Winston's Wish, a charity designed to help young people who are bereaved. We are also building our bank of trained support staff who will be able to offer short sessions and check- ins with children soon.
- Externally, we use the services of Time To Share Bereavement Services CIC. This is an organisation serving Copeland that we can refer children to through our triage process. Once a referral is made, a trained Play Therapist can then work in school in 8 weekly blocks with the child. They also offer the option of joining the community groups where children have the chance to meet and share with other children in their position from other schools.

If you have a family member who is ill, dying or has died and you would like to access some support for your child or your family, please get in touch with us in school. Even if it is a pet that you are concerned about- please tell us. Children and young people's first experience of death and grief can often be a pet dying and if we know, we can help.

Looking ahead: World Book Day 5th March - Dress up day in school

This year, our World Book Day dress-up will celebrate the National Year of Reading theme, "Go All In." This exciting theme encourages children to dive deeper into the things they already love through reading. Whether your child is passionate about football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history, music, or making people laugh, books can bring these interests to life in new and exciting ways. We warmly invite all children to come dressed up to show what books or topics they are passionate about, helping us celebrate the joy of reading in a way that is personal and inspiring. We would also love children to bring someone "cosy" to school on the 5th March. We are launching a school-wide "cosy



club" to help us relax and snuggle up with a good book. During the day classes will have dedicated reading time to snuggle up with their books, wearing their oodles / cuddling their blankets etc.

Looking ahead : Marathon Man visit

From January 17th to April 26th, Gary McKee will be running a marathon every single day in his hometown of Cleator Moor, aiming to raise £100,000 towards his amazing goal of £1 million in total fundraising for Hospice at Home West Cumbria over the past five years. To help raise awareness for his challenge, he has organised some short, fun afternoon runs with local schools. It's a great way for children to get active, hear Gary's story, and see what determination and community spirit can achieve. Gary will be visiting Jericho on Friday 6th March during the afternoon. He will do a whole school assembly and then each year group will get a short slot to run around the playground with him. Please help Gary's tremendous efforts towards a very worthwhile cause

https://www.justgiving.com/page/gary-mckee-100ldn?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Looking ahead:

2nd Feb - National Story Telling Week in School
10th Feb - 3W Trip to Keswick Museum
10th Feb - Internet Safety Day in School
11th Feb - 3H Trip to Keswick Museum
12th Feb - Year 2 Trip to Trotters Farm
Friday 13th Feb - Dress to Impress Mental Health Awareness
13th Feb - School closes for Half term.
23rd Feb - School reopens for Spring Half Term 2.
27th Feb - 4th March - Book Fair in School
3rd March - Y6 Shakespeare Club Performance at Theatre by the Lake
4th March - 4W trip to Moor Forge
5th March - 4H trip to Moor Forge
5th March - World Book Day
5th March - Dress up day in school, more info to follow
6th March – Marathon Man visit
20th March - Red Nose Day in School
23rd March - Nursery trip to Muncaster Castle
25th March - Class Photos in School





For 2 to 3 years

Engaging imagination, Melodies and Movement classes to introduce little ones to Performing Arts.

Class time: Saturday's 08:55 or 10:05

Venue: Whitehaven Academy



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For 4 to 5 years

Independence, confidence, fun through dance, singing and drama classes.

Class time: Saturday's 09:00 - 10:00

Venue: Whitehaven Academy



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