

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 21st March 2014

Dear all,

After the rather long newsletter last week (!) a shorter one today – a 'photo special'!

The main excitement this week has come from our two wonderful trips to Mainsgill Farm. On Wednesday, Green and Blue classes donned their mantles and set off on a fact finding and research trip to discover from successful farmers how we could make 'Castle Hill Farms' actually make some money! We planted hedges and learned about how to keep our animals safe, discovered the intricacies of caring for sheep as they gave birth (right before our eyes!), researched the cost of feed and caring for all our stock, and finally, how to take the 'finished article' and turn it into edible profits – making and packing sausages! On Thursday, Red Dragons set off on their Mainsgill adventure and learned all about lambing, the equipment used on the farm, and how to care for the animals. They even told me a budgie has got confused and has been trying to 'hatch' a hazelnut for months!



Our very grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw, and all at Mainsgill, for providing such wonderful experiences for our children. They continue to be so generous, both practically and with their time. Many thanks also to the parent helpers who facilitate these trips.

Cross Country – our successes with running have continued this week at the County level trials, in which 10 of our children represented the school. Our Year 3 boys team just missed out on a Bronze medal and regional qualification, coming in at 5th place. For our single entrants, Isobel Brooks came in 15th (Y4 girls), Emily Riley came 12th and Isabella Watson 56th (Y5 girls), and Bailey Proudlock came 60th (Y6 boys). Well done to all our runners, and thanks to all the parents who were able to attend on a logistically difficult day!

Arkengarthdale Football Tournament – *huge congratulations* go to our Y5/6 football team who won last night's football tournament at Arkengarthdale. We beat Arkengarthdale 4-0, Reeth 6-1, and Richmond Methodist School 3-0. Unfortunately, the staff all had statutory training, so none of us could be in attendance, but Julie Cooke went as school representative, and told us that the boys behaved and played brilliantly. We have some future footballing stars in school, I have no doubt!

Football Goals – we are extremely excited to have purchased, thanks to the School Friends, two brand new metal goal posts with nets for the children. These replace the historic plastic goals (which have been in pieces for a long while), and the 'traffic cones' which seem to have formed the goals for the pupils in recent months. Metal goal posts are very expensive, but will be a real enhancement for the children's games – many thanks to the School Friends for their donation, and to Richard Smith and Andy Letts (our Caretaker) for taking the time to put them together!

School Friends' AGM – a reminder that the School Friends' AGM will take place straight after school on April 2nd. Many children will be at gymnastics club, and a film will be provided for your children if they do not attend this club, but you wish to come to the meeting. *Please*, if at all possible, come to this meeting – it doesn't 'sign you up' to anything, but we are looking for volunteers to help out with events or fundraising. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of Friends, but this can only continue with your support.

Lunchtime Golden Table – congratulations to our Purple Table – winners this week!

Dates for the Diary:

Clubs this half term: Mondays – 3:15-4:15pm Football; Wednesdays – 3:15-4:15pm, Gymnastics; Thursdays – 3:15-4pm, Beading.

Thursday 27th March - 1:00-4:00pm, Y6 Revision Club

Friday 28th March – 7:30pm, 'Emerald Thieves' Night, School Friends

Wednesday 2nd April – 3:15pm, School Friends' AGM

Wednesday 2nd April – 4pm – Girls' Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Thursday 3rd April – 2pm, 'Castle Hill Farm' Café – open afternoon for KS1/2 parents (TBC)

Friday 4th April – Easter Lunch – 12:00pm, School Closes 13:30



And Finally...

There is a chicken making a *huge* amount of noise just outside my window – I think someone's going to have a 'double yolker' for breakfast tomorrow!

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Campbell', with a small flourish at the end.

Rob Campbell

