



Friday 6th October 2017

Autumn Term 1 Issue 3

Dear Parents & Carers

I am always amazed by our talented children and we are growing some talented writers here in Ravensworth. A big thank you to Emmaly and Zach, who have done such a great job writing Class Three's newsletter this week. As you know, improving our children's outcomes in writing is one of our key priorities this year and the children are making great progress already. Cecelia, Morgan, Grace Nicholson, Robert and Emmaly's handwriting is now consistently neat and joined and they have earned their pen licences this week (with lots of children now desperate to earn theirs!!!). Each week we are celebrating 'Writer of the Week' and you can have a look at our display in the hall to see some examples of outstanding and improved writing. Well done to this week's writers of the week: Robert, Jake, Matthew, Amy, Alanna and Lucas.



All the children have been engrossed in writing about 'Our Beautiful Bodies' in the classroom and in science club; from report writing, information texts, labelling and powerpoint presentations. Zoom in on some of the outstanding writing below from Lorna, Joseph and Emmaly.

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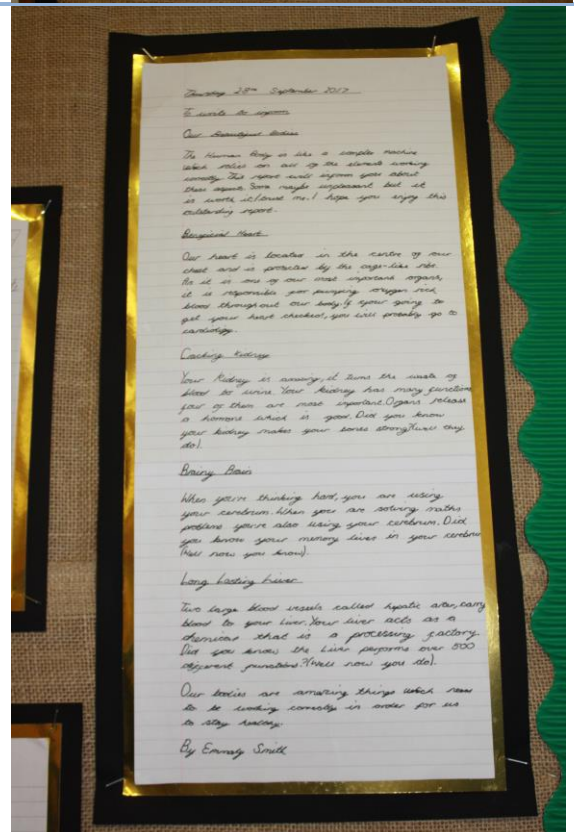
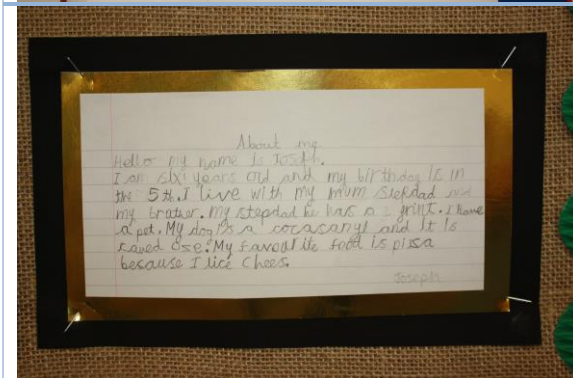
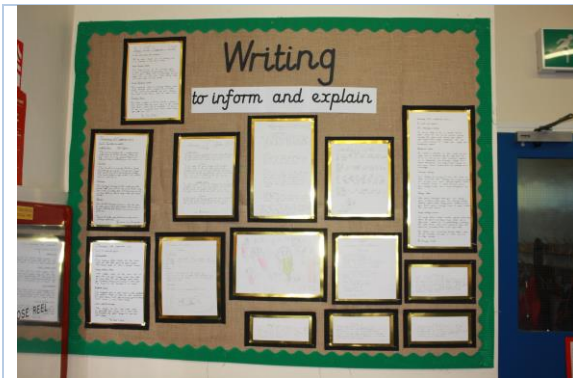
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I am delighted to let you know that the Academisation consultation report is now available on our website on the 'MAT Consultation' page. I hope that you find the responses helpful. At this point in time, we are still on track to convert on 1st December. As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, via email or the school office.

Please can I remind you that the start of the school day is 8.30 and the school will be open from 8.20, when staff will be on duty. We always endeavour to take the children outside at the start of the day and at breaktimes (unless it is absolutely pouring down) so please can you ensure that your child/ren bring a coat to school every day.

There are sometimes occasions when children are not going home on the bus. If you have a change in end of day arrangements please inform us before lunchtime on the day, so we can remove your child from the bus list. Please telephone your changes to ensure that the message is received as this ensures your message will not be missed.

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Usually Mrs Richmond is in the office from 9.00am -1.30pm, however there are times when she is unavailable, there is an answerphone that is checked at regular intervals. If you send an e-mail and you do not receive an acknowledgement, **please assume that the e-mail has not been read and telephone us.** If Mrs Richmond is not in school, for security reasons, the admin computer is password protected. Staff members have no access to any data held on it including e-mails (as some information held on this computer is highly sensitive and confidential).

Also, dogs are not allowed on school property, in line with NYCC policy. We have some children in school who are genuinely very scared of dogs and this can cause them unnecessary anxiety. Thank you for your continued support with this.

I hope you can join us for our Harvest Community Lunch followed by a walk up to church and our Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October. I am praying for blue skies like last year, but if the weather is not on our side we will hold the Harvest Festival in the school hall. A letter has been e-mailed to all parents today with further details.

Just to give you the heads up that a letter will be e-mailed home today about our upcoming Parents' Consultation Evenings which will take place on Monday 30th October and Thursday 2nd November. I will be available from 5pm on Monday 30th and throughout the evening on Thursday 2nd November. **There will be no after school clubs this week.** Please can you also save the date – Friday 10th November, from 5pm – for The Friends of Ravensworth School Family Film Night. It promises to be great fun with a huge movie screen and refreshments galore! I have booked a front row seat already!

Our first Messy Church of the year will take place on Tuesday 7th November, 3.15 - 5.00. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to learn about Remembrance through: stories, songs and craft activities and to share tea together. Parents are welcome to join us from 4.45 onwards to share a celebration cake with the children and to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Messy Church also help us with our Christingle Service, on Tuesday 5th December at 6pm in Kirby Hill church. We are really lucky to have Messy Church in school and such a dedicated team of helpers. So please come along and show your support.

Reception Starters 2018

If you have, or know anybody who has a child ready to start Reception in 2018, either living within North Yorkshire, Darlington or the surrounding area and your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, they are due to start school in 2018. You will need to apply for a primary school place for September 2018 via the website link below by 15th January 2018.

For more information and to follow the North Yorkshire online application process click on the following link - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-primary-or-junior-school-place>

If you do not live in North Yorkshire you must apply to the authority where you live. For any families living in Darlington but wishing to come to our wonderful school, please

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use <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-years/admissions/apply-online/>

For families living in County Durham apply using the [Parent Portal](#) This is the quickest way to apply and you'll receive immediate confirmation that your application has been submitted. If you are unable to apply online you can either download a form from this page or contact us by email or phone and we will send you one.

We say a very fond farewell to Bobby and Mylo Walker this week and it wasn't without a few tears from the staff and children. We are so pleased that the boys have loved their time with us at Ravensworth and we wish them all the best in their new home and new school.

And finally...I would like to say thank you and well done to our Year 5/6 mixed football team – Jake, Robert, Zach, Thomas, Cecelia, Lucy, Morgan and Emmaly (the only mixed team in the competition!) Mrs Petch was so very proud of your outstanding behaviour, team work, sportsmanship and resilience. You were amazing. Go Team Ravensworth!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Ravensworth

Children celebrating achievements:

Our stars of the week last week were:

Class 1: Florie Brown & Holly Antoncich

Class 2: Mary Hoskyns-Abrahall, Ava Causer & Zak Penrose

Class 3: Zach Wardle & Evie Millns

The Badger has been awarded to: Izbel Suleyman

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Charlotte Dobinson

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Izbel Suleyman

Our writers of the week were: Alanna, Lucas, Amy, Matthew, Robert, Jake

Pen licences were awarded to: Cecelia, Morgan, Grace Nicholson, Robert, Emmaly

News from Class 1

We have been making amazing progress in mathematics over these two weeks. We have been recognising, representing and comparing numerals. The children have loved using the equipment to show me how they know an answer is true or false. We created a super number line that is displayed in the classroom which shows numerals, objects, pictures and words to represent numbers which is helping the children problem solve and reason. The children have enjoyed the experiments and research we have been doing all about our bodies and understanding how organs work and how we can look after them.

News from Class 2

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We have been so busy over the last 2 weeks. Last Tuesday we had a wonderful visit from Liz who taught the children all about the ear. It was a lovely afternoon where the whole class became ear parts. The children then wrote a lovely explanation about how the ear works and Zak really impressed us with his report about the ear. On Friday morning we had our jewel jar treat and had a full morning of art activities, painting, pastels and sketching different types of fruit. The children worked really hard all morning whilst having fun. Our maths topic has been addition and subtraction and the children brought to my attention that they rarely use money in our modern world. Please try to encourage your child to handle money as often as possible when out shopping or saving pennies to help reinforce what they have been learning about in school.



News from Class 3

On Friday 29th September some children from Class 3 went to a football tournament. We played Richmond Methodist, Croft and St Marys. Unfortunately we didn't get through, however we displayed outstanding sportsmanship and enjoyed every minute. It was remarked upon that we were the only school including girls in our team; it made us very proud.

In Science we have been investigating the effects of exercise on our pulse. We collected data, presented it in a graph and wrote a report where we drew conclusions based on our results. In Maths we've been developing our mental Maths skills-finding different strategies and really challenging ourselves with large numbers and decimals.

We loved our jewel jar treat of art all morning. We produced fantastic pictures which we will be using in harvest.



By Zach and Emmaly

Week commencing Monday	EH = Executive Head in school
9 th October 2017	
Monday 9 th October	Longrigg presentation meeting 6.30pm at Barton School Please return any outstanding consent forms for forthcoming netball tournament
Tuesday 10 th October	EH

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	PE all classes –am Class 3 music with Mrs Evans
Wednesday 11th October	EH Netball tournament Richmond School 1-4pm – individual pupils have had letters Rev Kirby for collective worship 2.40pm
Thursday 12th October	EH Year 6 visit to RAF Leeming Crucial Crew – am please return your consent form on Monday if not already done so, thank you. Harvest Community Lunch and Harvest Festival at Kirby Hill Church
Friday 13th October	Football tournament at Richmond School 1- 4pm. Individual letters have been issued *Deadline for all Longrigg payments if not already paid*
Week commencing Monday 16th October 2017	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 16th October	EH Year 5 & 6 Pupils depart for Longrigg residential 9.30am
Tuesday 17th October	PE all pupils in the morning Class 3 music with Mrs Evans
Wednesday 18th October	EH
Thursday 19th October Friday 20th October	EH Year 5 & 6 pupils return from Longrigg residential 3.15pm School closes for half term holiday 3.10pm

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 20th Oct	School closed for half term holiday
Mon 30th Oct	Parents evening 3.30 - 5.30pm - letters to follow
Thurs 2nd Nov	Power Down Pete schools carbon reduction officer presentation to pupils on energy saving tips Tempest Photography for individual photographs – Pre-school siblings welcome. Letters to follow Parents evening 5.00 - 7.00pm - letters to follow
Tues 7th Nov	Messy Church 3.15-5pm – everyone welcome
Fri 10th Nov	School Friends family film night – more details to follow from School Friends Association
Mon 13th Nov – Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need week

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Flu vaccinations:- a reminder that the health Authority no longer routinely issue letters inviting parents to request flu vaccinations for their children. The system has now changed and any child from Reception to Year 4 is entitled to have the vaccination, however, parents must complete their request on line at <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> If you would like your child immunised and have not already registered, please do so as a matter of urgency. Thank you

School lunch menus:- a number of parents have asked where to find a copy of current school lunch menus, these can be found on line at www.myschoollunch/.co.uk/northyorks Client Catering are no longer issuing paper copies of menus to schools.

Food hygiene:- Congratulations to Brenda, our cook who recently had a spot check of our kitchen by the Richmondshire District Council Environmental Health Inspector. We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the maximum score of 5 points and are rated 'good' in all areas.

John Dakyn's Educational Charity:- this charity aims to support young people resident in civil parishes of Dalton, Gayles, Kirby Hill, New Forest, Newsham, Ravensworth & Whashton who are undertaking a course leading to a post-school academic, vocational or technical qualification including approved apprenticeships. Applicants must be between 16 and 25 years of age and have been in residence in the parish for the last 3 years. Applications for assistance can be made to Mrs F McGregor, 30 Springfield, Skeeby, Richmond DL10 5DY. The deadline is Friday 13th October.

Jumpers and cardigans:- I wonder if you could help us out with a BIG problem here in school. Our lost property box is already overflowing with brand new jumpers and cardigans and some children have lost more than one school jumper already. Please can you label your child/ren's jumpers. It doesn't have to be a posh label; a permanent marker or sharpie will do the job.

2018/19 holidays:- Dates for next academic year have now been approved and the holiday dates will be uploaded to our website next week so that all parents have a note of school holidays and teacher training days to consider before booking their family holidays. A copy of the dates has also been placed on our school noticeboard outside the main entrance, this can be photographed with your mobile phone if parents wish.

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