



MAY 2024

# NEWSLETTER

**NORTH DUFFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*'GROWING LEARNERS FOR LIFE'*

## Update from Mr Russell

Welcome to our monthly Newsletter. Our aim is to produce a letter each month to provide information and updates of events at North Duffield School. I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. I am sad to announce that Mrs Mounfield and Mrs Hemingway will be retiring at the end of this Summer term. They have both been an integral part of our school for many years, I am sure you will join us in wishing them well and enjoy a very well earned retirement. We will all miss them greatly.

We are currently recruiting for a new class teacher. This may mean class lists and teachers are finalised slightly later than usual. Our Year 6's displayed many of our schools' values, vision and meta-cognition skills in their recent SATs.

Well done to all involved. We have lots to look forward to this term including, trips to Beamish, Eden Camp and the Yorkshire Museum. We also have Y 5/6 residential, new starter's lunch, Opal Stay and Play, Outdoor learning day, Premier Sports Enrichment Day, Sports day and the Year 5/6 summer Production - which this year is 'The X Factory'!

Mr Russell



## Friends of NDS

Friends of North Duffield School would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support so far this year. Both the Mother's Day Shop and Disco were a great success. Thank you also for your support on Monday with the cake sale. Our next event is the Father's Day shop on the 10th June. All money raised goes towards easing costs where we can within school. It really makes a big difference.

Thank you! FRIENDS

## Fundraising

Thank you for your support with our most recent charity fundraising. We raised £251 for Comic Relief from our bake sale, fashion show and colourful outfits. Some of our children even made the local press with their fabulous outfits! Thank you also to the children in our School Council for their creative ideas and organisation.



Class winners of North Duffield Primary School's best dressed competition for the brightest and funniest outfits. The school also

# SPORTS REPORT

## NETBALL SUCCESS!

Our Netball teams have had fabulous success recently. We are currently unbeaten in all tournaments we have played this year! On the 14th March at an inter-school's tournament at Barkston Ash our Year 6's were overall tournament winners. The children won all their games, conceded no goals and scored an incredible 30 goals! On the 25th April our years 5/6 played Escrick school at home and we won an impressive 12-8. At our most recent match on the 9th May at Escrick our Year 3 and 4 won a convincing 6-0!

A huge well done to all involved. Also thank you to parents for their support and our netball coach Mrs Horne. Reminder: Mrs Horne's Netball club is every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm and open to all pupils in KS2.



## Football Focus

Well done to our KS2 Football team who attended an U11's inter-schools tournament last month at Riccall School. Our fabulous football team won both of their matches.



## LUNCHTIME NEWS

### From Mrs Langhan and Mrs Wass

The children are really enjoying our new Summer Menu. Their most popular choice is currently our delicious chicken nugget wraps, served with salad and wedges! The children are also loving the new addition of our ham and tuna baguettes, as well as our cheese baguettes and Jacket Potatoes. A reminder that ham, tuna and cheese Baguettes are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in addition to a hot lunch and Jacket Potatoes.

We have lots to look forward to as well. We have a delicious outdoor picnic planned on the 20th June, which will take place on Outdoor learning day. Also a new starters lunch next term. We also have lots of foodie treats planned for the last few weeks of term. More details to follow in the next Newsletter.

# Opal

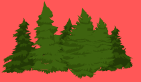
The launch of our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) programme has been a huge success. Children can now choose to explore our Muddy Cafe, Treasure Island, Forest School, The Haven, Wheelie World, Cardboard City and Small World. We also have daily activities run by our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors, outdoor equipment such as the gym and trim trail plus team games including football, basketball, netball and tennis. Further new play zones will be opening over the coming weeks and months. We would like to invite all parents and carers to a 'Stay & Play' session on 11th June, so you can see for yourselves how much the children are enjoying their lunchtimes. We shall also take this opportunity to thank everybody who has donated items for the OPAL project so far, it wouldn't be possible without your generosity.

Mrs Foulds



## Spotlight on... Class 5

## Forest School



Year 6 have been using a set of BBC Micro:Bits which we applied for earlier in the year. So far we have programmed them to greet us, to show emotions and to measure surface temperatures.

We were excited to be meeting a children's author AF Steadman (writer of the Skandar) on Tuesday 21st May.

Year 5 and 6 are coming to the end of their swimming lessons this week. They have progressed so much since Easter and have developed vital skills, techniques and improved their water confidence.

Our Year 6's worked very hard during SATs week, and also in the run up to their SATs. We are incredibly proud of them and they should be very proud of themselves. Well done to all.

Finally, Year 6 would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs Broome who provided us with a delicious breakfast each day during SATs week.

Mr Stroyd

Class 2 and 3 had a lovely time exploring our Forest School whilst the Year 6's had their SATs. They had lots of fun and displayed so many skills including teamwork and perseverance. Mrs Duffy



Class 3 with their mini-beast hotels



Class 5 virtual author visit

# Upcoming events

- 24th May - Last Y 5/6 Swimming lesson
- 24th May - Break up for Half term @ 3:30 pm
- 27th May to 31st May - Holidays - School closed
- 3rd June - Inset day. Children not in school
- 4th June - Children return to school
- 4th June - Residential Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 7th June - Y 3 & 4 start Swimming lessons
- 10th June - Friends Father's Day shop
- 11th June - Parents Opal Stay, Play & Lunch 12-1 pm
- 13th June - Class Photos
- 18th June - Open the Book Assembly
- 19th - 21st June - Residential - Lake District
- 19th June - Class 3 Eden Camp
- 20th June - Outdoor Learning Day & School Picnic
- 28th June - FRIENDS Disco
- 2nd July - Barlby High Y6 Transition Day
- 3rd July - Sports Day @ 1 pm
- 5th July - Friends Disco
- 10th July - Y 5/6 Summer Production
- 16th July - Y6 trip to Yorkshire Museum
- 18th July - Y6 Leavers lunch & BBQ tea
- 19th July - Y 6 leavers Assembly @ 1:45 pm
- 19th July - Last day of summer term
- 22nd July - Inset Day - school closed

## Outdoor learning day

On Monday 20th June we have our whole school outdoor learning day. Planning is underway for what is always a great day, usually ending in a whole school water fight!

Parent helpers are very welcome. Please let your child's class teacher, or the school office, know if you'd like to help for any part of the day.



# Activities for the holidays

## MRS DUFFY'S MAY HALF TERM FOREST SCHOOL

MRS DUFFY WILL BE RUNNING TWO MAY HALF TERM FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:

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## MAY HALF TERM



THURS 30TH MAY @ NORTH DUFFIELD  
10:30-12:30 AND 1:00-3:00PM £10 PER SESSION