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Newsletter

20th November 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week was **Anti-Bullying Week**.

I am so proud of our School Council who have led the activities this week with poster making, leaflet making, t-shirt designing and more. They have taken their leadership very seriously and demonstrated excellent communication skills to both adults and children.

I would like to say a big thank-you too to you, the parents, for seeking out those plain t-shirts, coming along to join in the designing, and making super additions to the t-shirts when they went home. It has been a really powerful whole school community venture!

Yesterday morning School Council, with help from Mr. Fenton our Safeguarding Governor, met to judge the most effective T-shirt and poster/leaflet. They were judging a very long time so I can imagine how difficult it was with such an amazing effort from everyone!

The following children were selected and received a prize in today's assembly:

Harry Davey, Neve and Oliver Beattie for their bright, colourful and informative poster.

Molly, Adam and Sofia for their powerful poster.

Jake, Nicola, James and Jasmine for their leaflets explaining what bullying is and how to deal with it.

Oliver Beattie, Beau , Phoebe Greaves, Casper, Olivia and Phoebe Greenwood-Mann for their T-shirt designs.

Swimming Report

When we got to the swimming baths the first thing everyone did was get into their swimming kits. Then everyone got into the pool and started running lengths of the pool - in the water! Everyone had to link arms and then walk backwards through the water. After that the children swam half a length of the pool separately. Some children swam on their backs. Next everyone got split into three groups and they swam separately in different parts of the pool. Some people tried to float and others practiced jumping in the pool 1m deep. Some children put their heads and bodies under the water and had to be 'cannon balls'.

by James Robinson

House Points

House Points are awarded for positive displays of social and emotional behaviour.

This week's winners are Dino Sam with 70! (**Minion Madness**: 63 **Red Eagles**:53) Well done to all the teams for their efforts in this week.

(Cumulative points: **Red Eagles** 133, **Dino Sam**: 166 , **Minion Madness**:138)

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Attendance

Our overall school attendance this week has been 94.45%!

Well done Class 1 for having 98.9% attendance this week!

Please remember that the bell goes at 8.55am in the mornings and your child(ren) should be in school before this time. **ALL Children should be bringing a warm coat to wear at playtimes now that the weather seems to be turning a little colder.**

Pick-it-up Tidy-up Award

This week Class 2 has won! Well done for keeping the classroom clean and tidy this week!

Merit Certificates

Class 1	Maia for some super writing about Florence Nightingale, Beau for setting a good example to others on our trip, Ryan for volunteering to travel to the Thackray Museum without a partner.
Class 2	Molly for a consistent effort with spellings and times-tables, Imaan for superb public speaking and organisation during Anti-Bullying week, Casper for showing kindness and support to his peers.

Behaviour

Behaviour has continued to be superb this week. Well done everyone! Let's keep this going until the end of term!

Dinner Money

Please can I remind parents that all Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. A full week costs £10.50 (each day is £2.10). If you think you may be in arrears, or are not sure if you owe anything at the moment, please see Mrs. Seager in the office.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2016

If you or someone you know has a child who is 4 or will be 4 before September 2016, you can now go online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions to start the process of securing a place in a primary school in September 2016. If you need any further information, please ask Mrs. Seager in the office for a leaflet, or use the webpage address above.

SAFEGUARDING

Would parents please note that due to changes in the Safeguarding Policy the back door of the main building will now be locked at 9.00am, once the school day has started. If parents need to speak to members of staff or have other issues, please go to the office at the front of school via the front door entrance. Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the building after this time and go around to the front door, it is purely for the safety of the children. .

Key Dates

30th November – KS2 Cross Country Event at Tadcaster Grammar School

4th December – NSPCC Bobble Hat Day

10th December – School Christmas Dinner

18th December – Christmas Party

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Yours sincerely,

Claire-Marie Habbishaw
(Head Teacher)

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