

# Kirkby Malzeard C of E School

## Newsletter

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## Happy Easter!

We are finally at the end of a very busy term and start to 2022! The children have worked incredibly hard, as ever, and are certainly ready for a rest over the holidays. We hope you enjoy some of our photos from this term. Have a lovely Easter break, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Easter Activities.



It has been very special for us to be able to come together in person as a school recently. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our delicious afternoon tea on Friday, and thank you also for the delicious contributions of cakes.

There were some amazingly creative designs for our Easter cupcake competition. We were so impressed by them all, and by the children who went above and beyond and actually created these designs as real cakes.

Our winners were: Tiffany, Millie, Thomas and Jessica. Congratulations!

## Living out our values

### 'Read for Good Readathon'

Our children are always passionate about helping others in their community or in the wider world and this term was no exception.



To celebrate our half term's golden thread 'life-long readers' we ran a 'Read for Good' Readathon for all our pupils. as it has been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely.

Pupils could choose whatever they wanted to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs – it was all about reading for fun. Pupils were motivated to read because the money they raised in sponsorship was helping to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

We are delighted to announce we raised £1602.10 – WOW!

## 'Support for Ukraine'



It was great to see the whole school come together in support of the Ukraine by wearing yellow and blue. Everyone knew why we were wearing these colours and it helped us open up and talk about the conflict that is happening.

We started our day with a lovely prayer spaces collective worship, which helped us reflect about others around the world. We thought of lots of people we know around the world, but also about others we do not know, such as those in Ukraine. We respectfully considered their difficulties at the moment and wrote and spoke prayers to support them.

Thank you to everyone who donated money - this really showed our Christian values in action within the community.

We all joined with children from schools all over the Ripon area to think about how we might help those fleeing to safety. Donations were also collected for the British Red Cross to support their work in Ukraine.

In school we are still supporting the Ukraine with donations. The School Council pleas has had a huge response. More information can be found [here](#).

### 'Comic relief'

This year our school council organised Red Nose Day, which took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Pupils were invited to wear red for the day, or dress up as 'something funny'.

During the day, we made joke books, which we sold for £1.

We also held a bake sale at the end of the day. We are proud to announce that so far £239.76 has been raised by pupils in support of Comic Relief.

### Golden thread - Being curious...

Acorn and Oak delved deep into the world of Fairtrade this half-term – learning about what Fairtrade means and thinking about the impact Fairtrade has all over the world, their curiosity led them to create their own Fairtrade café and sold their bakes to them at the end of the school day.

Palm Class have been thinking about prayer as part of their RE learning this term – considering the way people can and do pray. They have been curious about religions and cultures – asking questions and thoughtfully discussing world views.

Cedar have been curious about the author Emma Carroll, joining her via Zoom for a live lesson about her new book, 'The Week at World's End'. Pupils were curious as to how she developed her characters, how she researched her books, as well as gaining an insight into the process of writing a best-selling novel.

### Above and beyond

I had a delightful morning earlier this week where I welcomed all of our 'Above and beyond' children for breakfast before school. These children have followed our 'Three B's' and demonstrated our Christian values at all times. They have also been recognised for going above and beyond this also in lots of different areas. Well done to them all!



## Ambassadors

STOP PRESS... Our new ambassadors have been announced!

Congratulations to Wilberforce and Antonia who will be representing our school at many events in the coming months, the first being an ambassadors meeting for all the local school ambassadors to launch their project for the year ahead.

As part of this project, the local school ambassadors will meet to plan and prepare an important project they will run back in their schools around good mental health and wellbeing for all.

## Friends

As always, a huge thank you to our Friends for their support with many of our events this term.

We also need to extend a huge thanks for their donations to our many projects in school. which couldn't happen without their fundraising. This term alone, they have contributed over £5000 for the outdoor area, £2000 for our new phonics scheme and over a £1000 for some new musical instruments.

## Enrichment

This term we have experienced some fantastic sporting workshops from Chris at Sports Cool. This is an opportunity for children to try different sports to find something they love that they may wish to try in their own time. This term they have experienced Archery, Volley ball and dance with Dianne.



## Wear your scarf to school day

Back in February we wore our scarves to school for **Children's Mental Health Week**.

We completed special activities during the week to help children keep mentally well, using resources provided to us by Coram Life Education.

The theme this year's Children's Mental Health Week was 'Growing Together' pupils spent time considering the people in our lives who help us grow. Classes watched special online assemblies starring many famous people, including Strictly Come Dancing's very own Oti Mabuse. Pupils thought about strategies to help us when we do need support and Palm created some beautiful hot air balloons to record all the wonderful friends and family that they have in their lives.



SCARF is a big part of our health and wellbeing/PSHE curriculum where we learn about all the things we can do to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy. We remembered and celebrated SCARF's important values of **S**afety, **C**aring **A**chievement, **R**esilience and **F**riendship.

You can find out more about Coram Life Education by visiting their website [www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk](http://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk) and about their [SCARF PSHE resources here](#).

## Clubs

Clubs have been refreshed for next term. We have Cricket with Chris on Thursday, Gardening on Monday, Dance with Diane each Wednesday and Yarn Bombing each Friday.

Wishing you a very happy Easter. I hope you all enjoy some time with family and friends and lots of chocolate!

Mrs Sarah Taylor