



The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Friday 12th January 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Truthfulness

A message from Mrs Mann

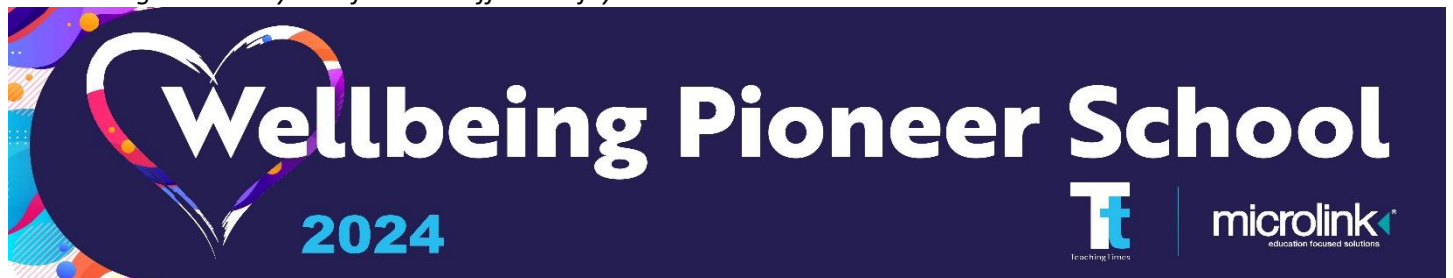
It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to hear their news about the Christmas holidays. The children have settled extremely well back into the new term and as always it is a delight to watch them support and encourage each other both in the classroom and on the playground.

This half term our Christian Value focus is 'Truthfulness' which was chosen by our Collective Worship Leaders.

National Wellbeing Gold Award

We are thrilled to share with you the news that our Federation has been awarded a National Wellbeing Gold Award having been part of a pioneer programme. This has been a focus on the school development plan for staff and governors who have been engaging in training and also developing policies, practice and the curriculum so that wellbeing is an intrinsic part of our federation.

Marius Frank, the assessor and Co-Head of Education, wrote: *"It is with great pleasure that we present to your school community a National Wellbeing Gold Award in acknowledgment of your participation in the Raising Attainment with Wellbeing Programme: Putting wellbeing at the heart of learning, teaching and leadership. Out of around 60 award applications, your evidence trail is simply outstanding - the best yet! A fantastic effort... a joy to read!"*



SIAMS Inspection

You will have seen from the email sent out earlier this week that we are expecting a visit at Spennithorne from SIAMS on Thursday, the inspection focuses on the impact of our school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. The Inspector Sue Thackary will spend the day observing teachers and pupils and will take time to chat with pupils. She will be accompanied by a trainee Inspector throughout the day.

Walk through the Bible

We welcomed Mrs Carol Holland back into Middleham this week to work with the children in Oak Class on learning about the chronology of the stories in the New Testament of the Bible. Carol was really impressed how many of the Year 6 children could remember the actions and story sequence of the Old Testament. Walk Through the Bible is a really interactive and engaging programme where the children learn the different stories in the Bible and learn an action for each story to help them remember the order!

Curriculum Newsletters

You will have received with this newsletter a copy of each classes Curriculum news for the Spring Term. These are also available on the Class pages on our website: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/>

Class News



We have budding artists across the Federation this week.

Children in Maple Class have used paint, pipettes and cotton wool to explore colours and colour mixing to create their own planets



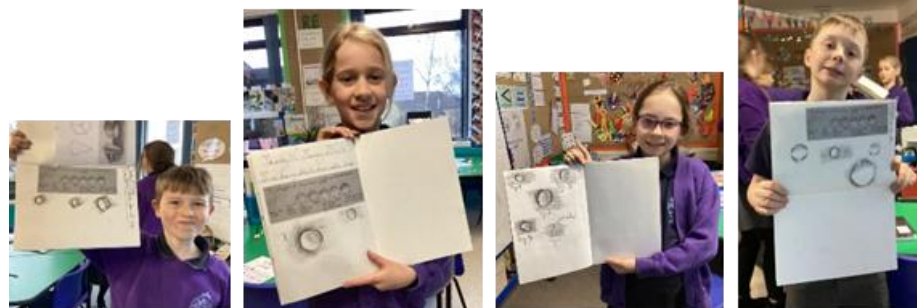
In Birch Class pupils have been working on their shading skills. Inspired by the artwork of Nancy McCroskey, we designed our own abstract piece of art, focusing on light and dark tones.



Sycamore Class have kick started their new novel, "The Firework Maker's Daughter" by watching a spectacular firework display and then painting their own fabulous fire work pictures!



Oak Class have started their art topic drawing different stages of water droplets. Well Done.



Diary Dates

- 15.01 Milk available in school from today – please see email for further details
- 15.01 Sycamore Class – Dance session begin
- 18.01 SIAMS Inspection
- 19.01 Sycamore and Oak visit to Middlesbrough – please see email for further details
- 26.01 KS2 First Aid training – more information coming soon
- 9.02 Last Day of term
- 19.02 School reopens to all pupils.

Stars of the week 12.01.24

Maple Class	Olivia for excellent phonics work and super handwriting. Daniel for super concentration in phonics and lovely letter formation.
Birch Class	Harry for coming up with great sentence ideas for Traction Man. Minnie for showing a fantastic attitude towards learning in all our lessons.
Sycamore Class	William for being a kind and helpful friend to the new members in our class. Arya for a super first week as part of Sycamore class. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Lailah-Faye for being a kind, caring and supportive friend to all.
Oak Class	Oliver G for fabulous reading. Poppy for amazing artwork. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Ophelia for a super start back to school.