



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 July 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Trust

What a fun filled week we have had across the Federation. From pirates to sports to the final jigsaw of the year! the children have really engaged in every opportunity, and we are so proud of them all.

It was wonderful to see parents and new families join us at Spennithorne for our 'book-nic' the rain didn't stop our fun, we were able to move inside and enjoyed sharing some of our favourite books with each other.

Auditions for 'Fedmas Has Talent' were held in school this week, parents and families are invited to come and watch the show at Middleham School, Monday 15th July at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm.

FOMASS

Thank you to all the families who bought and sold raffle tickets, donated items and joined us for the Summer Fair. We raised a fantastic £2653, Bags2School collection today was also a great success with a total of £87 raised.

This money goes directly to supporting the little extras for our children that enrich their education. Over this academic year we have covered the cost of Riding Lights Theatre visiting at Christmas, Wonder Dome Planetarium, Open Door Art, leavers hoodies for the Year 6 children and transport for various class visits.

THANK YOU to the amazing FOMASS team for putting on such a wonderful event for all to enjoy!

A message from the School Council

On Thursday 18th July we will be hosting a "charity fun day" at both sites. The children are invited to come to school in pyjamas or free dress (football kits are allowed). We will be raising funds for 'Epilepsy Action' who have been a great support to a family in our school community over the last few years. <https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/>

Suggested donation is £1 but every little helps! Children are invited to bring a small snack (e.g. packet of crisps, popcorn, small chocolate bar) to enjoy whilst watching a film. **NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS PLEASE**

PE

We are thrilled to welcome ML Sports and Fitness to our Federation to run PE sessions from September. Jacob and Max visited school this week and impressed the children with their football skills! They are also running a variety of holiday camps over the summer holidays, for more information see their website [ML Holiday camps](#)

NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe



Children in Year 2, 5 and 6 were presented the 'Speak out Stay Safe' campaign from the NSPCC yesterday. With the help of the NSPCC mascot 'Buddy' children learnt about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age-appropriate way, and how to get help for themselves or a friend should they need it.

Additional information can be found on the NSPCC website. [NSPCC Parents](#)

Year 6 Leavers Service – all welcome

Our Year 6 Leavers Service is being held at 11am, St Alkeldas Church Middleham. All are welcome to join us at the service. The children who are taught at Spennithorne will be transported across to Middleham for the service and will return to Spennithorne after lunchtime. Collection arrangements will be as usual at the end of the day.

Mape Class - Pirate Day

We had an amazing Pirate Day and enjoyed completing challenges to become fully trained pirates! We sailed boats, solved clues to find treasure, made pirate funny faces, sang songs, talked like pirates, and even walked the plank!

The children looked fantastic. Well Done me hearties.



Birch Class



Children in Birch Class enjoyed a wonderful day engrossed in the life of Richard III. They started their day at Middleham castle listening to rules of the castle from the 15th century, watching the art of archery, hearing about stories of hunting for food and making braids using wool and a wood circle. After lunch we walked to Middleham Church where Philippa Langley talked to the children about her role in discovering the remains of Richard III and answered lots of questions from the children.

Sycamore Class - Sacred Space Workshop

Children from Sycamore Class travelled to Ripon Cathedral and joined pupils from other schools to create art expressing their ideas about faith and deepen their understanding about the core beliefs of Christianity.



Oak & Sycamore Class - Grinton Moor

A fabulous day was had at Grinton Moor organised by Countryside Learning. Children enjoyed demonstrations from game keepers with their gun dogs, sat in a tractor, used the water sprayer for wild fires, rescued with the Mountain Rescue team, looked at traps and stuffed moor animals, explored looking after moorland sheep, and how wool can be used to look after peat bogs. Children also got the chance to try venison burger and pheasant burger!



Pupil Celebration



Tia, Ruby & Oonagh performed in the summer showcase on Sunday, with a ballet and musical theatre piece.

They've worked so hard in rehearsals for the past few weeks and were all amazing! Well Done.

Jack competed against 8 or so other children in the young handlers under-13 class at the Great Yorkshire Show this week. And came first!

He then competed and won overall champion against 2 over-13 young handlers as well! Well Done Jack.



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Stars of the week 12.07.24

Maple Class	Rocco for super sentence writing and a great attitude to learning. Well done Jack B for showing determination and hard work all year. Well done
Birch Class	Freddie L for writing a super set of instructions. Well done. Tia for trying so hard with her writing and always listens well. Well done.

Diary Dates

- 15.07 Fedmas Has Talent, Middleham School , 6pm
- 16.07 Bikeability Yr 6, rescheduled from last week
- 17.07 Final Oak Swimming lesson
- 18.07 Charity fun day – children invited to wear free dress or pyjamas for a suggested donation of £1.
- 19.07 Year 6 Leavers' Service and Leavers Lunch (with parent/carers) from 11am, St Alkeldas Church Middleham.
- 19.07 School closes for the summer
- 02.09 Staff training day
- 03.09 School reopens for pupils



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