



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

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann

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 3rd March 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Justice

Dear Parents and Carers,

Skip 2B Fit

On Wednesday, Willow and Elm Class went to The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form for a Skipping Workshop organised by the Wensleydale Cluster. This was led by Dave from Skip 2B Fit who was very impressed with the progress that the children have made since his visit! The children at both schools skip for 10 minutes every day at 12.50pm – what a great way to end lunchtime each day!



World Book Day – Author Visit

On Monday, Maple, Elm and Willow Class joined together to watch a video presentation from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Julia read her story 'The Baddies' a story of the meanest, nastiest ghost, witch and troll in the land who met a girl who quickly shows them that you don't have to be big to be brave, and baddies don't always win. Axel also read a story then talked about how he creates illustrations. The children in Elm class then created their own illustrations based on the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.



On Thursday we welcomed author Antony Wootton into both our schools. In Sycamore and Oak class, he talked through the plot of some of his books. He then guided the whole class to create their own adventure story – our children have such wonderful imaginations! Antony is also an illustrator, his drawings are used in books, video games and one has recently been used in a TV programme. We were very impressed with the engagement from all the children. They asked lots of super questions and really got involved with the workshop.



Sycamore Class News

In science this week, Sycamore Class enjoyed doing a whole class investigation about rock porosity. The children have been thoroughly engaged in the topic of rocks and soils. They have made some super predictions and then linked these to the science throughout the investigation – well done Sycamore.

Oak Class News

What a brilliant DT day Oak Class had! They have planned their very own playgrounds and worked superbly with partners to measure, cut, join and assemble their different play structures. They have created roundabouts, castle themed climbing frames, bouncing sheep, zip lines, climbing walls and tepees to name just a few! Well done everyone and we'll update you with completed models soon!



Weather Forecast

As the weather forecast is looking a little unpredictable next week we are resending the closure procedure letter for your information. I am mindful that it is also our parent/teacher consultation evenings and so will be keeping a careful eye in case we need to reschedule.

Stars of the week 3.03.23

Maple Class	Heath for working really hard in maths this week and finding different ways to make 9 and 10.
Willow Class	William for trying hard to take good photographs during computing. Ruby for good contributions and understanding during maths lessons.
Elm Class	Louise for always trying her best, being super organised and helping others. Jack for working hard and taking on challenges to develop his maths deeper thinking skills.
Sycamore Class	Charlie for an amazing piece of writing in English. Ella for excellent contribution to discussion in our PSHE lessons. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Maya for working hard if her first approach isn't successful, she always reevaluates and finds another strategy.
Oak Class	Liam for super writing including atmosphere and suspense. Charna for such perseverance and great listening in Maths <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Maia for showing such enthusiasm and positivity in all her learning. Well done Maia

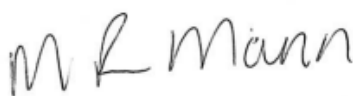
Diary Dates

6.03 & 9.03 Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings
 7.03 No Craft Club
 17.03 Sycamore and Oak class visit to The Life Centre, Newcastle – letter issued this week
 22.03 No Lego Club
 23.03 Year 5 Winter Sports Day at Wensleydale School – more information coming soon
 24.03 Oak Class Forest School session
 27.03 Federation Day at Thorp Perrow – more information coming soon
 29.03 Easter Service at St Alkelda's Church, Middleham 2pm – more information coming soon.
 29.03 No Lego Club
 30.03 Stay & Play for Maple Class and younger children
 31.03 Federation Charity Fun Run organised by school council – more information coming soon
 31.03 No Eco Club
 31.03 School closes for Easter holidays
 17.04 School closed – staff training day
 18.04 School opens for the summer term

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 6th March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am – Middleham pm – Spennithorne	Spennithorne	am -Middleham pm - Spennithorne	Middleham	am -Middleham pm - Spennithorne

Have a super weekend.



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