



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Love

### A message from Mrs Mann

It has been another busy week across the federation. A quick reminder that next week is parent's evening where your child's class teacher will be updating you on how your child has settled in to the new school year. If you are not sure of your appointment time, please contact Mrs Clarkson on 01969 623474. We hope that you enjoy this week's news!

### Phonics Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Phonics presentation at Spennithorne this week, we hope you found it helpful. The presentation is now available on our school website on your child's class page (Maple and/or Birch):

<http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/>

### Class led Worship - Sycamore Class

Children across the Federation have been learning about Black History Month. The children have been looking at significant individuals across a range of different subjects. This week children in Sycamore Class presented a thought-provoking Collective Worship about equality, reflecting on the inspirational life and words of Martin Luther King. Thank you to all those from the community who attended the worship.

### Combined Cadet Force Day

Our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a fantastic day at The Wensleydale School this week taking part in a Combined Cadet Force Day experience.

Pupils used tactical skills on a treasure hunt around the school grounds, practised camouflage and concealment skills, built shelters and used first aid knowledge.



### Childrens Survey



Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has recently created a survey for children to complete. The survey asks children for their opinions about their schools, communities, family life, the wider world and asks for their views for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Answers from the survey will go to Government to help shape the future for our children so please do spare a few minutes to complete the survey.

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



### Sumdog

The latest Sumdog competition is now live and will close on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Pupils will be ranked individually within the competition but also as a class so every question answered helps towards our overall score. Sumdog is to be completed each week as homework so hopefully this week, the competition will give an extra incentive!



## Class News

### Birch Class

Children in Birch class have been exploring poetry. This week they performed Rain by Brenda Williams what fabulous expression they used, they then went on to create their own rain themed poetry. Well done Birch Class



### Pupil Celebration



Congratulations to Molly who has received her dance exam awards following her dance exams this summer at The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy. She has done fantastically well and her dance teachers are bursting with pride.

We love celebrating achievements from outside of school. If your child has celebrated a success in an activity that you would like to add to the newsletter please send a photo and details to Mrs Clarkson.

### Stars of the week 13.10.23

<b>Maple Class</b>	Toby for being eager to learn new skills at school. Olivia for being such a wonderful member of Maple Class.
<b>Birch Class</b>	Heath for being an enthusiastic learner in science. Molly for making a fantastic effort with her reading and writing.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Martha for a gripping independent write in English. Sofia for superb writing in English. <u><a href="#">Growth Mindset Box</a></u> Jack for having an excellent mindset in each and every lesson.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Shay for super enquiry skills in science and for furthering his knowledge. Lily for writing a powerful 'I have a dream' speech. This was super and very emotive. Well done. <u><a href="#">Growth Mindset Box</a></u> Izzy Cope for always being the very best she can be and for a super positive learning attitude.

### Diary Dates

- 16.10 & 19.10 Parents Evening
- 18.10 Year 5/6 Girls Football
- 19.10 Leyburn Jazz Festival – concert at Middleham for KS2 pupils
- 23.10 Christmas card design closing date
- 25.10 Year 5/6 Boys Football – more information coming soon
- 25.10 Harvest Service, 2pm at Spennithorne – more information coming soon
- 26.10 FOMASS Disco 6 – 7.15pm – more information coming soon
- 27.10 (Friday) School Closed for staff training
- 8.11 Flu Immunisations at both schools – check emails for further information
- 10.11 Tempest Photographer in school (individual and sibling photos) – more information coming soon
- 15.11 Year 3/4 Football – more information coming soon
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon
- 22.12 Last day of term