



5th February 2016

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well done to the six children from Year 5 who travelled to Addingham for the latest debating competition across the schools in the Wharfe Valley. The topic this week was: 'Should children be tested in their times tables at the end of Key Stage 2?' Very topical! The children were debating for the first time against Burley Oaks who won the toss and opted to debate in favour of testing.

Olivia confidently opened the debate with a strong introduction; we continued hesitantly at first until both teams gained confidence; reasons 'for and against' came thick and fast.

All competitors: Emily, Seb, Charlie, Olivia Charlie C. put forward strong arguments to support their case and responded to the points made. A special mention should be made to Amelie who stood in at the last minute replacing Oscar who was ill.

Finally the debate finished with a confident conclusion from both teams and it was time for juice and biscuits whilst Addingham decided on the winner. Burley Oaks were declared the winners with a 2 point lead. Well done to both teams and especially well done to Ben Rhydding who I'm sure enjoyed the experience and will gain in confidence from taking part. Well done!

Helen Jacques

I have attached a simple '**calculations**' overview for school in line with the new national curriculum and a more detailed policy. This will hopefully give you a summary of the methods used to teach the four number operations for the different year groups across school. There is also a booklet giving ideas about how to support your child at home and the complete maths calculations policy. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher in the first instance. These will be available on [the website](#).

Kind regards

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LEARNING HEROES

Year 1

Isabelle De La Poer

for having an excellent attitude to learning and being very respectful.

Year 2

Nelson Muirhead

for being very funny, kind and interesting .

Year 3

Betsy Hartley

for being funny, resilient, conscientious and a good team player.

Year 4

Sophie Mc Mullen

for being a good role model and having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Year 5

Tizzy Burrows

for working hard and being enthusiastic and cheerful.

Year 6

Alice Mc Mullen

for always producing the highest quality work and being a great 'people person'.

Reception

Amelia Carpenter- Allum

for becoming a more confident learner.



TROPICAL WORLD'S MEERKATS

Year 1 had an exciting day spotting a variety of animals at Tropical World. They saw birds, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians which provided lots of information to use in our science work. We particularly enjoyed watching the playful meerkats which brought to life our study of the book, 'Meerkat Mail'. The snake shedding its skin was another treat!



MATHS MADE GREAT FUN!

Year 3 have been learning new methods to solve multiplication and division problems this week. Although some of us struggle with certain times tables, the children now realise that it is important to persevere and confidence is building in the classroom every day. It has been fantastic to see all the excellent work being produced at home including powerpoints,



films, models, posters and even some Greek food. The children have really enjoyed sharing their homework with the class; thank you so much for your support.

[Twitter](#) followers now at 52!



Dates for the Diary/Notices:

Class Assembly List

Year 2 Friday 4th March

Year 1 Friday 18th March

Parents are invited to attend their class assembly and refreshments will be served afterwards. The children are keen to share and present their learning successes.

There will be no girls' after school football club on Monday 8th February.

Year 5 Swimming lessons start on Monday 22nd February.

Chess Club starts Wednesday 24th February 3.20 – 4.20pm – Year 2-6, places are limited.

After School Girls Netball Club for Years 4-6 resumes on Friday 26th February. New players always welcome. Please wear warm clothing and appropriate footwear. Netball club will be cancelled if it is raining.

School is closed for half-term from 15th to 19th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February.