



# Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School Newsletter Friday 15th May 2015



Summer Term 2015 5



This has been a very exciting week for all of us at school and we have thoroughly enjoyed having Mrs Njie from our partnership school in Bakau New Town as our guest. The children have been fascinated by the letters from the children in Bakau, the photographs of their school and the gifts and other things Mrs Njie brought to show us. Staff and children alike have benefitted hugely from learning about how children learn in her school, about the culture and way of life in the Gambia. They are particularly impressed by stories about crocodiles and the idea of mango trees in the playground!

They discovered that they have many things in common with the children there as well as many differences, and some of them have developed an increased awareness of how privileged our lives are in the UK.

On Thursday Frankie very kindly brought in some loom bands and the juniors have made enough loom bands for Mrs Njie to take back for every child in her class.

The other special visitor we had this week was Miss Lawton who popped in to meet Mrs Njie and to share with the children some of her tales of her trips to the Gambia. Then children were very pleased to see her and hear about how things are going in her new school.



**Congratulations!**

## Star of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received Star of the week awards in our last celebration worship: Scarlet for her enthusiasm at golf and improvement in spelling and Emma for her independent maths work.



## General News

### Quad kids

Next Thursday the whole school will be travelling to Northallerton for a 'Quad kids' event. This is an athletics event which involves the children in three different athletics activities; a jump, a throw, a sprint and a longer distance run. We will be travelling by bus and will be accompanied by Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Wyatt. Children will need to have their PE kits in school and will need some tracksuit style trousers and school jumper to travel in. In order for the event to go ahead we will need at least one parent to help with supervising the groups. Please find a permission slip attached to this letter.

## **Forest Schools**

The whole school went to forest schools this morning. They investigated the different species of plants that can be seen at this time of year and produced some natural art work. It is hoped that this is an activity that Mrs Njie will be able to do with her class when she gets back to the Gambia.



## **Out of School club Cake stall**

The children in out of school club decided they would like some new toys to play with and held a cake stall on Wednesday to raise some funds. They baked the cakes in advance on Tuesday night and were really pleased with the £39.50 they raised. They will put this together with some other money for OSC funds to buy a wii fit and some games.

## **Friends news**

### **Boden Party**

A huge thank you to the friends of the school who held a Boden and Jewellery party on Tuesday night. So far they have raised just over £200 which we will put towards the cost of the coach to Bradford after the holidays.

### **Nepal Earthquake Appeal**

Well done to Frankie and Mia who decided to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake appeal by performing a fabulous dance at the Friends Boden party on Tuesday night. They raised a total of £36. We would like to help them to double this amount so if you feel you would like to donate to the appeal, please send your money in a sealed envelope by next Friday.

## **Governor news**

Only one nomination was received last Friday for the Parent Governor position. This was for Collette Faulks and means that she is now appointed on to the newly formed federated governing body that will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> September. Many thank go to Collette for volunteering her time and expertise.

## Next week in school

Next week's dinners will be following the North Yorkshire County Caterers week 3 menu.

**Monday** - Mrs Pollard teaching the Juniors

Y5 and 6 to East Cowton for a science afternoon

6.30pm Governors meeting

**Wednesday** Year 2/3 teacher interviews

**Thursday** - Quad kids at the Allertonshire all afternoon

**Friday** - Break up for half term

## Diary Dates

18.5.15	Y5/6 to East Cowton -science afternoon
22.5.15	Break up for half term
1.6.15	First day back
3.6.15	Bradford trip
8.6.15	Jonas Centre Parents meeting
13.6.15 (Saturday)	Thornton Watlass football competition - Y2 -6
17.6.15	Langton Concert
19.6.15	Y2 to South Otterington - Art workshop
23.6.15	Jonas Centre trip
26.6.15	Cricket afternoon East Cowton
13.7.17	Annual reports to parents
17.7.15	Break up for the summer holidays