

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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This has been a super year for the school, and in no small part, made so because of everyone's valued contributions; from parents helping with the maintenance of the school; to coming into school listening to readers; to providing much needed transportation to our different events. Parent generosity has been wonderful throughout the year; above we recognise 'the generosity of giving time' but you all have been so generous in the financial support you give to our school on special days such as *Macmillan's Coffee Morning*. We also are thankful to those of you who have made larger contributions to school such as David Dixon's donation of new hockey equipment and Jane Thompson's donations of new books for the library. All these acts of kindness make for a more pleasant community.

The Friends of the School have been a great support to us with organised events such as the *Christmas Fayre* and of course our annual *Duck Race*. Thanks go to Mrs Smith, Miss Watson, Miss Bates and Miss Lawes for ensuring, over time, that our children have the knowledge, understanding and confidence to approach different challenges as they arise.

Learning has not only been centred around the more obvious Core subjects; we have offered *Wider Opportunities Music*, *Modern Foreign Languages (French)* and *Village Seeds* where we have enriched our teaching and learning in RE. We have had a full sports timetable in place, delivered by our own teachers, swimming instructors, specialists from Richmond School and our sports coach, JD. Competitions have played a large part in our curriculum and are important to give pupils the opportunity not only to compete but to learn how win and lose well. Unfortunately, it seems for a few competitions the weather beat us all.

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Thank you also to our Governing Body who work very hard behind the scenes and thanks go to our present Chair of Governors, Ms Millar and our recently-retired Chair of Governors, Mrs. Stansfield, for their tireless efforts toward the improvement of the school. Julie Rush (Administrator) has ensured the smooth running of the school not only for the last year but for many years previous to this. Thanks Julie, for all you do, in and out of the office. Sarah, our school cook, has delivered restaurant standard meals for our children, daily and superb meals for all who attended our Community Lunches. Thanks Sarah.

Finally, I would like to thank our Wrap around Care providers (Karen, Carole, Tracy and Victoria) for their valued work in taking care of the children by providing some high-quality activities both before and after school.

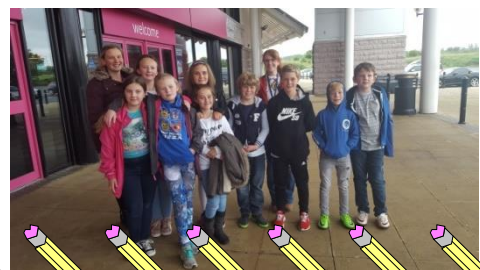
We will be entering a new and exciting year in September when, hopefully, we will reap the rewards of everyone's ongoing efforts and the school will go from strength to strength. We will have many opportunities to work collaboratively with several schools, not just North South Cowton and will continue to discover new ways of enriching school life. Watch this space for another exciting year at Melsonby in 2017 - 2018! From everyone at school: we wish you all a very restful summer holiday. Our very best wishes are extended to our year 6s and others who are leaving us - you will always be children of Melsonby, wherever life takes you, and be welcome here.

Our Trip to Teesside Park

At first, we went in our designated cars for our day out; the year six's SATs treat. We (The year six's) were very excited about going to the cinema and bowling afterwards.

The Pirates of the Caribbean was our choice of movie. During the movie Sam got so scared he jumped back on his seat and pushed Jakes seat back. After the movie, we bought some lunch:

- Isabel had chicken nuggets so did Lexie and Millie.
- Jake had a chicken burger so did Curtis and Miss Bates
- Sam had a beef burger and so did Miss Watson
- Chloe had a junior burger and so did Bethany
- Last but not least Harry had Buffalo wings



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After lunch, we went bowling; the boys and girls played separate games. The girls had a fantastic game Isabel couldn't bowl hard so Miss Bates showed her how to bowl. Bethany won then Lexie then Isabel then Millie last was Chloe.

Jake was really annoyed that the bumpers were up because Curtis started rolling it against the bumpers really slowly but enough to win. So Curtis won, Harry came 2nd, Sam was 3rd and last was Jake (he did the best bowling by far though).

It was a great day for the year sixes and the teachers that went as well.

By Isabel and Jake



Class 1's Richmond Fun Run

On Tuesday the 11th of July Class 1 attended a Fun Run at Richmond School. Although, yet again, the weather was disappointing the children's' results were far from that. We had a winner and second place in the Year 1 race. Florence Dixon came first with Martha Morton a close second. Ella also did really well narrowly missing out on a podium position. All the children had a thoroughly enjoyable morning and thank you to Jane and Katharine for providing much needed transportation.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Earlier in the week we said our collective 'goodbyes to Miss Watson who after working at our school has secured a full-time contract. We would like to thank her for the time spent with us and wish her success in her new job and lots of luck on her Wedding Day on Saturday.

We also say a huge thank you and goodbye to Candy Rodgers one of our Foundation governors for her dedicated service to the school for the last two years. Candy thank you for your support and encouragement, you will be missed. Finally, we say goodbye and thank you to Carole McNeil for her work within our Wrap around Care. During the year Carole has run some fun and interesting clubs for the children which have been very well attended. Thank you and goodbye Carole.

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Melsonby Laying Down Tracks



On Tuesday morning Shaun Henderson came into school to record the school song with the children. They were so professional that we were able to record the track on the first go. Hopefully we will be able to place the finished recording onto the school's website for everyone to listen to. Many thanks Shaun, for all the work you have completed in putting the song together and helping us achieve the completed result.



Sports Afternoon

Well we certainly weren't beaten by the weather on Tuesday as the sun was definitely shining on our sports day. But it was not only the sun that was shining as all our pupils put 100% effort into the afternoon. I was really impressed with the way everyone demonstrated positive attitudes to each other; they were gracious in victory as well as defeat; and the same can be said of our parent and staff races. **So the final results were:**

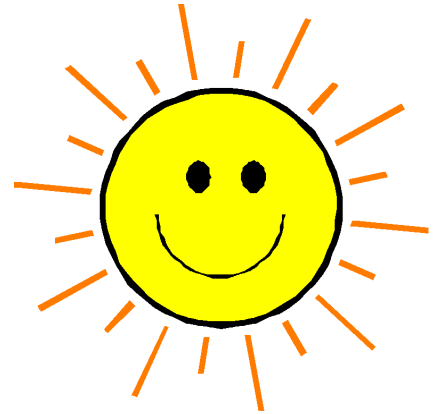
Yellow Team 1st on 81 points

Blue Team 2nd on 70 points

Red Team 3rd on 63 points

Green Team 4th on 61 points

Well done to everyone, especially to Yellow Team, really well done!



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The individual results are:

Sam Booth 19 points

Ellis Hepper 17 points

Alex Morton and Justin Hepper 16 points

Aidan Jackson 15 points

Well done everyone, especially Sam, and thanks to the staff for organising and running what was a really fun afternoon.



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Plea from Class 1

If you have any dressing up clothes, large pieces of material or sand and water toys which your children have finished with we would love to have them to enhance of resources in Class 1. Thank you!

Important Dates for Diaries

Summer Term 2017

Celebration assembly every Friday at 3.10pm

Monday 4th September - Training day - no children at school

Tuesday 5th September - autumn term begins

Monday 11th September - Swimming begins

