

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Wider Opportunities Music Provision

We have been offered an exciting opportunity in school this year. Through the North Yorkshire Music Service we will have a specialised music teacher delivering National Curriculum music lessons to the children of Class 2 every week. As well as this each child will be given an instrument that they will learn to play throughout the year. Emma Calvert (music specialist) will also assist us in any performances we may wish to organise including helping out with our Harvest Festival Service, Christmas production and Easter Service.



Melsonby's Football Tournament

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When Melsonby Methodist Primary School entered a 6 a side football tournament at Richmond School everyone who wanted to go was really excited.

When Melsonby arrived at Richmond School their first match was against Ravensworth and it ended 0-0. We tried our best but drew. After Ravensworth we played Bolton on Swale and got demolished 7-0. The next game was even trickier because it was against the Richmond A team and we got demolished 6-0. The Richmond B team were next. One of our team players accidentally scored an own goal but made up a minute later scoring a goal to make the score 1-1. But in the second half we didn't play as well as we did in the first half as we lost 4-1. In the end we didn't win any of our games in the group. Next we played Middleton Tyas we saw Robbie Vart and Rose Jury, they went to Melsonby. We gave them a run for their money in the first half, then they subbed their best two players off and they ended up sadly beating us 3-0. We learnt one thing though never give up on something!

By Nathaniel and Kai

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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Everyone had a super time at our Macmillan's Coffee morning. There was a huge turnout of people coming in for a chat and sharing our cakes, biscuits and refreshments. Thank you to all who kindly donated cakes and raffle prizes and to all those who donated on the morning itself. We raised a whopping £278.37 for the Macmillan's charity, not bad for one hour's work. A huge

thank you also goes to the Friends of Melsonby School for organising this hugely successful event.

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New Clubs (and the continuation of some old favourites)

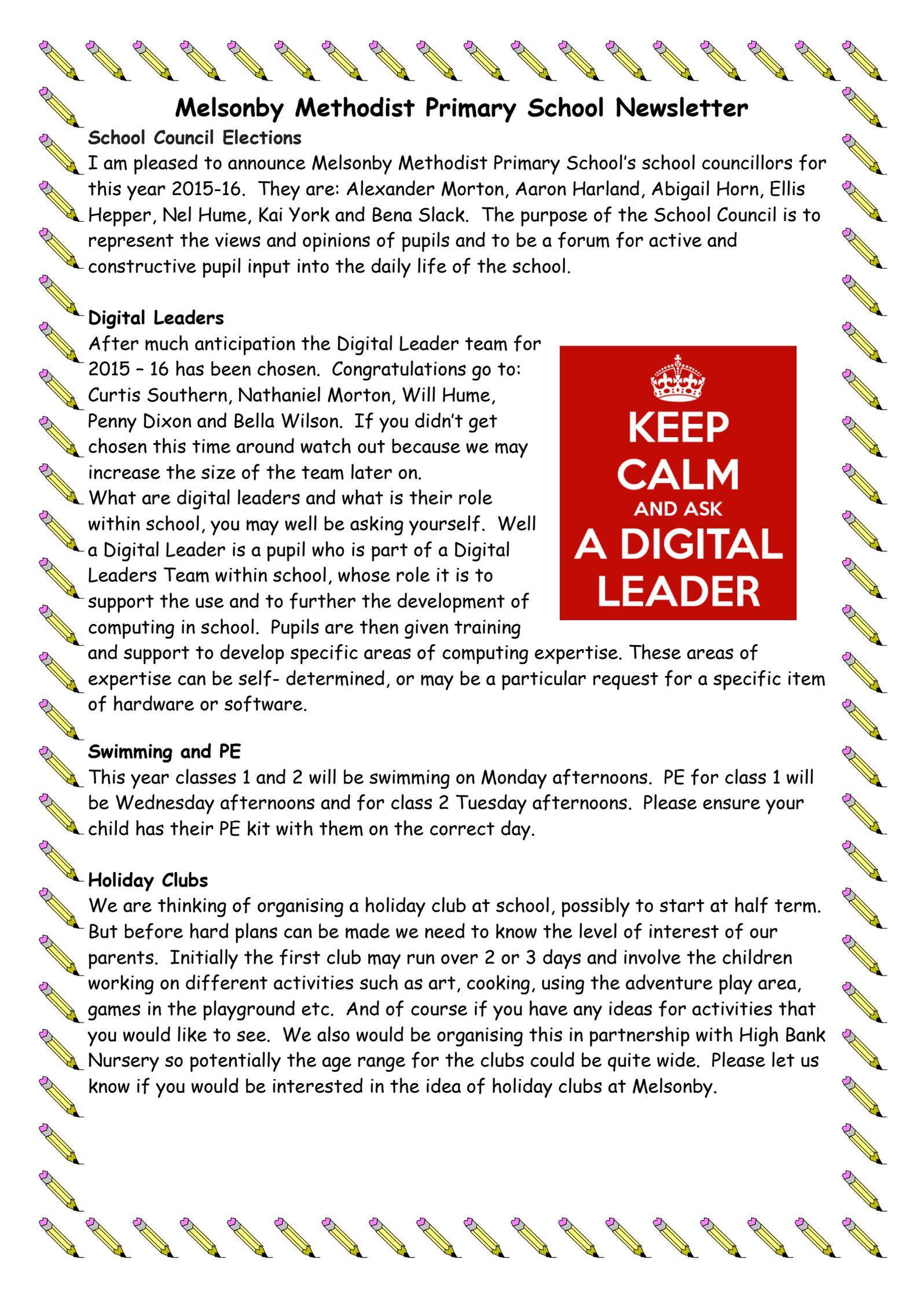
In the very near future we hope to run some new clubs as well as some old favourites.

One of the new clubs we will be offering is the 'Kung Fun' club, thanks to Scott for that snappy title. The club will be led by Charmaine, our new apprentice teaching assistant, who is also a bit of an expert when it comes to martial arts, in particular kick boxing. The ethos of the club is around fitness, fun, martial arts and life-skills.

A new club, which has just started, is netball club and Miss Watson (class 2 teacher) is running that.

We also hope to continue our Coding Club where we have programmers from the computing industry coming into school to work with our own budding coders. If anyone has any ideas of new and different after school activities you would like or if you have any favourite clubs that you would like to see return please let us know.





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School Council Elections

I am pleased to announce Melsonby Methodist Primary School's school councillors for this year 2015-16. They are: Alexander Morton, Aaron Harland, Abigail Horn, Ellis Hepper, Nel Hume, Kai York and Bena Slack. The purpose of the School Council is to represent the views and opinions of pupils and to be a forum for active and constructive pupil input into the daily life of the school.

Digital Leaders

After much anticipation the Digital Leader team for 2015 - 16 has been chosen. Congratulations go to: Curtis Southern, Nathaniel Morton, Will Hume, Penny Dixon and Bella Wilson. If you didn't get chosen this time around watch out because we may increase the size of the team later on.

What are digital leaders and what is their role within school, you may well be asking yourself. Well

a Digital Leader is a pupil who is part of a Digital Leaders Team within school, whose role it is to support the use and to further the development of computing in school. Pupils are then given training and support to develop specific areas of computing expertise. These areas of expertise can be self-determined, or may be a particular request for a specific item of hardware or software.



Swimming and PE

This year classes 1 and 2 will be swimming on Monday afternoons. PE for class 1 will be Wednesday afternoons and for class 2 Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on the correct day.

Holiday Clubs

We are thinking of organising a holiday club at school, possibly to start at half term. But before hard plans can be made we need to know the level of interest of our parents. Initially the first club may run over 2 or 3 days and involve the children working on different activities such as art, cooking, using the adventure play area, games in the playground etc. And of course if you have any ideas for activities that you would like to see. We also would be organising this in partnership with High Bank Nursery so potentially the age range for the clubs could be quite wide. Please let us know if you would be interested in the idea of holiday clubs at Melsonby.



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Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

Tuesday 8 September	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 23 October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 November	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5 January	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 24 th March	End of Term

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 12 April	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 2 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	School closes for Half Term
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 22 July	End of Term

Staff Training Days

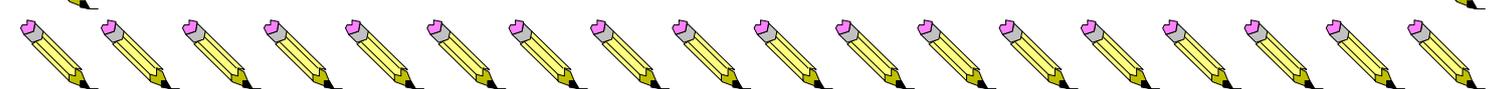
- Monday 7 September 2015
- Monday 4 January 2016
- Monday 11 April 2016

Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday we will hold a Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm to celebrate what our children have accomplished during the week. All parents and members of the community are more than welcome to attend.

Lunch Money - Years 3-6

The cost of school meals remains at £11.25 per week. May we remind you that money for school meals should be sent to school on a Monday morning for the week ahead in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Any cheques should be made payable to Melsonby School BAFS Account.



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Dates for Diaries

Whole school swimming lessons every Monday afternoon until Monday 23rd of November

Thursday 1st October - Friends of the School meeting at 3.30pm (everyone welcome)

Friday 2nd October - Harvest Festival Service at St James's Church at 10.00am

Tuesday 6th October - writing our own school prayer

Wednesday 7th October - Reverend Nevin leading school assembly

Thursday 8th October - residential presentation for parents of our Year 5 and 6 starting at 6.00pm

Monday 12th October - football match at North South Cowton for Year 5 and 6 pupils starting at 4.00pm

Monday 19th October - Year 5 / 6 Residential trip. Returning on Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October - Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November - School re-opens

Tuesday 3rd November - Whole school parent's evening

Thursday 5th November - Malcolm Cundick (school governor) leading school assembly at 10.15am

Friday 6th November - Class 2's Class Assembly @ 3.00pm everyone is very welcome to attend

Tuesday 17th November - Whole School Open Day

Tuesday 17th November - Class 1 Stay and Play afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.00pm

