

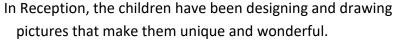
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we're at the end of this half term, we have been busy right up to this afternoon and have lots to share and celebrate with you!

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This week, we are celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. All the children have been taking part in lots of activities linking to the theme 'My Voice Matters'.





Year 1 made these lovely positive affirmation bookmarks for their friends.



Year 5 made some beautiful creations which shows the things that makes them unique and special.









All the children then came dressed to express themselves today!



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Year 1 Performance

This morning we were treated to a wonderful St Valentine's performance by Year 1 children, full of poems and songs all about love and friendship. The children all sang beautifully and performed with great gusto and confidence and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed performing to their very appreciative audience. Thank you to the children and all our visitors for helping to make it such a special end to the half term.



Clubs!

As a school we offer a huge range of clubs, mainly through staff volunteering to provide these and we thank them for willingly offering to do this. This next half term alone we have 148 children accessing 15 different afterschool clubs which I am sure you will agree is fantastic. We know that there has been a huge demand for places and we can not always accommodate everybody's interest, which I know can be frustrating, but we will continue to keep exploring options to provide the children with the best possible opportunities.

This is just a taste of what's on offer:

Drama

Drama club is well underway and parts have been given out for our upcoming performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella. We have an enthusiastic cast who are busy learning their lines. After half term, we will be putting all the elements of the production together ready for our performances!



Chess Club

Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed challenging each other to chess games.

They have developed both their strategies and concentration skills!

Mindfulness Club

Year 5 have been enjoying taking part in mindfulness activities in a calm environment to provide them with ways to help calm and de-stress themselves.







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Year 2



Year 2 have been very busy and on Monday the 29th of January they walked down to All Saints' Church for a Baptism service led by Mike Coe. During the service, they learnt about the promise, font and why the water was a very important part of the Baptism.

In Maths, the children have been learning about money. They've learnt how to count pence, pounds and notes. They also made the same amount of money using different coins and notes and compared amounts of money. They've used physical money which gave the children a greater awareness of the value of money and how different costs are associated with items of different values. They should be able to help parents out with all their financial needs from now on!











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Headteacher Awards

KS1







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KS2





It was a fantastic end to our Headteacher Awards for this half term with the recipients keeping up their hard work and strong representation of our school values right up to the very end! Thank you all for your amazing contribution to our school and for being such excellent role models. We are incredibly proud of you!



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Extra-Curricular Sports

Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League (Girls) – Wednesday 31st January

All Saints 8 Ashlands 0

To say that the weather conditions for this match were bad would be an understatement! Gale force winds and horizontal freezing rain certainly made for a challenge, but a challenge our girls were more than up for! They were thoroughly dominant in their performance right from the kick-off, with goals coming regularly and little trouble for our defence. In fact, goalkeeper Tilly got through the whole match without touching the ball! With regular rotation of outfield players throughout the match, all the girls played an important part, showing skill, teamwork, encouragement and a vastly increased confidence. Hattie stole the show with an amazing 6 goals, although Rosa perhaps took the award for goal of the night with the first of her double strike. We're up to 3rd in the league and the squad is looking forward to pushing on from this great result.

Perhaps most impressive was the girls' compassion towards one of the opposition players who suffered a nasty injury during the game. We have sent best wishes for her recovery and both Ashlands Primary and the family of the girl have told us how grateful they were for the care and concern shown by our team.

Team: Tilly, Bea, Faith, Maggie, Erin, Emily C, Rosa, Hattie, Sophia

Mr P's Player of the Match: Hattie – for her double hat-trick!

Future Fixtures (Girls)

Double-header 1: Wednesday 21st February – 3:45pm vs Ben Rhydding, 4:30pm vs Burley Woodhead

Double-header 2: Wednesday 6th March – 3:45pm vs Menston, 4:30pm vs Addingham

Finals: Wednesday 13th March or Wednesday 20th March (depending on final league position)

Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League (Boys) – Wednesday 7th February

All Saints 3 Ben Rhydding 1

The boys got their much-deserved first win of the league with a controlled, clinical performance against a well organised Ben Rhydding side. After a couple of unfortunate recent results, the boys are really beginning to gel as a team. Henry bagged the first goal, following up on a shot that the keeper could only parry. With the boys pressing high up the pitch, a misplaced pass led to a swift counter attack and the opposition striker just squeezed his shot past Ismaeel's valiant dive. After a couple of tactical adjustments, the boys started the second half strongly and retook the lead via a thunderbolt free-kick from Oscar. Ben Rhydding pressed for an equaliser but Ben and James were



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commanding in defence throughout – sweeping up many attacks and calmly distributing the ball back to our midfield trio of Ewan, Thomas C and Thomas G. Ismaeel then pulled off a superb double save before we were able to ease the pressure with a third goal that was just reward for the tireless running of Oscar, Wilf, Henry and Alex all match. Alex took the honours, slotting home after a slick move. Well done to all of the squad for a superb display!

Team: Ismaeel, Ben, Thomas G, Ewan, Thomas C, Henry, Wilf, James, Alex

Mr P's Players of the Match: James and Ben – rock solid in defence!

Future Fixtures (Boys)

Double-header: Wednesday 28th February – 3:45pm vs Burley Woodhead, 4:30pm vs Menston

Finals: Tuesday 12th March or Tuesday 19th March (depending on final league position)

Cross Country

The latest cross-country event of the season, and the first of 2024, took place at Ben Rhydding Primary School last Saturday, 3rd February. 49 runners represented All Saints' – 30 from EYFS/KS1 and 19 from KS2. A huge well done to all the children who took part – everyone battled high winds and finished (mostly!) with a big smile on their face. Podium finishers are listed below but it was particularly nice to see several first-time runners who have been inspired to get involved. The races really are great fun and competitors are always offered huge amounts of encouragement. So, if you do want to try something new with your child then the list of remaining races is below - watch out for future communications of specific race details. We're particularly keen to get as many children along as possible to our own event, to be held on Saturday 2nd March at Ilkley Lido.

Podium Placings (1,2,3)

Individual: 1st – Leo H (Y3 boys), 2nd – Toby C (Y1 boys), Abigail (Y2 girls), Bea (Y5 girls), 3rd – Leo N (Y3 boys), Thomas G (Y6 boys)

Team: Six 1st place team finishes! (Y1 boys, Y2 girls, Y2 boys, Y3 girls, Y3 boys, Y6 boys)

Remaining Races

24 Feb Ghyll Royd

2 Mar: Our own event! Held at Ilkley Lido

16 Mar: Relays at Nell Bank (KS2, invitation only)



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Personal items

We have seen an increase in the number of children bringing items in to school in their bags. Could we please ask you to remind children that they should not be bringing items such as soft toys, pocket games and make-up items in to school. Unfortunately, some of these items have caused distraction to learning, fallings out and have been removed from cloakrooms. Thank you for your support with this.

Car park

Just a gentle reminder to ask you to support safe parking in the school grounds at drop off and collection times. We are lucky as a school to have a sizeable and well laid out car park with clearly assigned parking and drop off bays. Accessible parking bays are for the use of drivers with a 'blue badge' and we you to park safely and considerately at these key points in the day. Cars must not be parked on double yellow lines for any reason. Please be aware that at drop off times children are present around the car park and we ask you to be aware when manoeuvring as you arrive and leave. Thank you for your support.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We look forward to being able to share the children's work and progress with you at the Parent Consultation Evenings the first week back so please make sure you book a spot of you have not already been able to do so.

At the end of this busy half term, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and engagement with school. We hope you all enjoy a fantastic break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th.

Best wishes, Helen Dunn



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DIARY DATES

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Parent Consultation Evening	20.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	22.02.24
Cross Country, Ghyll Royd	24.02.24
6J Class collective worship and class visit	27.02.24
Cross Country, All Saints' (Ilkley Lido)	2.03.24
Year 4 Parent lunches	4.03.24 -15.03.24
6B Class collective worship and class visit	12.03.24
Drama group performance	15.03.24
Reception Spring Show	22.03.24
2F Class collective worship and class visit	16.04.24
Year 6 parent lunches	22.04.24-3.05.24
2BD Class collective worship and class visit	23.04.24
Year 2 May performance - Pentecost	3.05.24
1M Class collective worship and class visit	7.05.24
KS2 SATS	13.05.24-16.05.24
1MS Class collective worship and class visit	21.05.24
Year 6 Residential	10.06.24 -14.06.24
Year 5 and Reception parent lunches	17.06.24-28.06.24
KS1 Sports Day (PM)	19.06.24
KS2 Sports Day (Year 3+4 AM, Year 5 +6 PM)	20.06.24
Reserve Sports Day KS1 (PM)	26.06.24
Reserve Sports Day KS2 (Year 3+4 AM, Year 5 +6 PM)	27.06.24
Year 6 Leavers' Service	18.07.24