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Acts of Kindness

We launched our new 'Acts of Kindness' award with a focus assembly last week. The children thought about small things they can do around school which demonstrate kindness and care. Examples include celebrating the achievements of others, looking after our school environment and simply remembering to say hello to different adults and children in school. There will be a poster in school displaying other examples to refer to. We have been impressed by the children's efforts so far to really go the extra mile. The adults in school are on the lookout for children demonstrating these acts frequently and the first recognitions will be awarded in praise assembly this week. All children recognised for really going above and beyond to show kindness and care will receive a voucher that can be used at the school bring and buy sale later in the term. Our children are amazing ambassadors of our school values and the 'We Care' ethos permeates through all aspects of school life- we look forward to recognising these achievements as part of this new award in school. All children who receive this recognition over the year will have their name hung on a kindness tree displayed in the school hall.



Netball Competition

Children in Year 5 were invited to Barlby High School to take part in a netball cluster tournament last week. All of the children displayed great attitudes and team work throughout. Two of the team members, Leon and Natalie reported 'It was really fun as we were able to play against lots of different schools. We got split into two teams, one played in the warm sports hall and one had to go outside in the cold and rain! We couldn't feel our hands but it didn't matter as it was still fun.'

Simon Wood's Holiday Club

Dates: Tuesday 16th April and Wednesday 17th April.
£15 per day or £20 two days. Letters in the school office.

STEM Landing Day

Our whole school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) topic culminated in a visit from an AECOM traffic engineer who shared their latest work on driverless cars! The children were very excited to find out about the innovations already being developed and the prospect of Driverless cars being on our roads in the not so distant future! During the workshop, they were challenged to program robotic Driverless cars to complete a route. Not only that, they had to ensure another groups cars would not collide with their own. The children used problem solving and cooperation skills to complete the mission and began to consider the huge implications facing Driverless car developers. Steve, the engineer, questioned the children about how people will be kept safe and how these problems need to be considered. Many of the children have made grand designs of the Driverless cars of the future ... perhaps we have a few Barlby Bridge engineers in the making.



Selby Abbey 950 Celebrations

Years 4 and 5 attended workshops at the Abbey to commemorate 950 years of its existence. The pupils listened to bible readings and explored the Abbey's past. They created a range of artefacts to help them remember the Abbey's history: bead crosses, clay tiles and clay bells. All the events were run by the Abbey's community of volunteers. Congratulations to Gloria in Year 5 whose entry was chosen to feature on a special banner that will be displayed outside the Abbey as part of the celebrations later in the year.



All children in Reception- Year 6 will be walking to the Abbey on Wednesday this week to take part in the Literature Festival. There will be the opportunity to meet and listen to famous children's authors and take part in reading based activities.

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Equality Team News

Mrs Herrington and three members of the Equality Team: Wiki Raj, Emelia Potter and Charlie Bolshaw, were invited to attend this year's Pupil Voice conference in Harrogate last Friday. They attended various workshops during the day including;

- Refugee Voices
- Learning about keeping yourself healthy, safe and about healthy relationships: How good is your school?
- Parliament – how it works
- Stub out drugs
- How Can I Cope?!
- Celebrating Difference



Also included within the day, the children took part in a question and answer session with some very important influential people. Some of which included; Dr Maggie Atkinson (Chair of North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children board); Jayne Hill (Head of North Yorkshire Children's and Young People Commissioning Team) and Richard Flinton (Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council). We were grateful to have some of our children's questions answered about issues in our area that are important to them. The Equality Team look forward to reporting back news from this event soon.

Important Dates for your Diary

25th and 26th March	School Book Fair- Monday and Tuesday after school
Wednesday 27th March	Literacy Festival at Selby Abbey- 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 27th March	Reception and Jupiter (Year 4) Parents' evening
Thursday 28th March	Parents' evening whole school
Thursday 4th April	Mini Mudder Fundraising Event- 1.00pm
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Egg Competition entries brought into school
Wednesday 10th April	Bring and Buy Fundraising Event- 2.30pm
Friday 12th April	School closes for Easter Holiday School Reopens Tuesday 30th April

Parent Consultation Meetings

Meetings take place this Wednesday and Thursday. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's books and you will receive an information sheet detailing their current effort and attainment in reading, writing and maths. Please bring any questions or queries you have so these can be discussed at the meeting. Our annual parental questionnaires will be available if you can spare a few minutes to complete one before your meeting. Many thanks.

BRING & BUY

Bring and Buy Fundraiser



On Wednesday 10th April we will be hosting a special 'Bring and Buy' sale in support of our fundraising to purchase new reading books for the children. The sale will take place outside in the school playground (if weather is permitting). If it is wet then it will relocate into the school hall. The sale starts at 2pm where you will be able to come along and browse and shop, and will finish at 4pm. Where permission has been given, children can be collected at 2.30pm to attend the sale with you. Children who are not collected early will be released at the usual school finish time. There will be stalls selling books, toys, games, school uniform, children's clothes and crafts. There will also be refreshments, a tombola and a raffle. We will be looking for donations, so if you are having a spring clean please consider if it is something that could be made use of by others. A letter will be sent home soon, detailing the sort of items that we require. A very big thank you to all of the parent's who have organised this event. We really couldn't do it without your support!