



# School Newsletter

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## REVIEW

Dear Parents,

It has been a really busy half term and children have continued to enjoy collaborative events across our two schools. In addition to the Forest School events mentioned overleaf, RMS Photography Club visited Arkengarthdale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to take part in shared photography sessions, led by HLTA Emma Moore. The children paired up to learn the basics of photography, including colour, perspective, light, pattern and the 'rule of two thirds'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elspeth for re-planting the pond plants and weeding the planters at the front of school. The pond plants look much happier in their natural habitat in the forest pond and the planters provide a cheery welcome at the front of school.

This term has also been a busy one for governors. Thank you to David and John for all their help with WAC this term. Their support has enabled teachers to undertake invaluable training and it has also given governors a new insight into school life. Governors have also helped to interview and recruit a replacement teacher for Miss Metcalfe (more details to follow) and School is delighted to have welcomed Helen Hird to the Governing Body as Parent Governor.

Finally, we say a very sad goodbye to Miss Metcalfe who we wish every success in her new teaching position at Ravensworth School and every happiness on her wedding day at Easter. The final word is Amy's -see below

Children and staff are now very ready for a good break, as I'm sure that you are too.

*I wish you all a very happy Easter,  
Helen Ring*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me to Arkengarthdale. I have enjoyed this teaching experience and have many wonderful memories to cherish. I would also like to wish pupils, parents, teachers, governors and the community happiness and continued success in the future.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Cross Country 9th March:** The children below took part in the event and all ran well. Lily came eighth and qualified for the North Yorkshire finals held at Dalby Park on 23rd March. Mrs. Martin and her mum accompanied her. It was a tough course but Lily managed to complete it - well done Lily.



**John Muir Discovery Award:** Since November 2016 we have taken part in a range of activities demonstrating and enhancing our love, respect and care for the outdoor environment. This has culminated in the award for completing four activities under the following challenge headings—Discover, Explore, Conserve & Share. More information on this award is on our website.

## EVENTS



**World Book Day:** The children were invited to make a hat from a favourite story and wear it for the day. As you can see there were some amazing hats. They spent the day reading their favourite books to each other.

**Red Nose Day:** The children were asked to produce a comedy sketch to make everyone laugh. Some had been preparing for two weeks. Their performances ranged from telling jokes to acting and dancing. We all had a very entertaining afternoon and we raised £12. Thankyou for your donations.

## DIARY DATES

School opens Tuesday 25th April 2017

Monday 13th March—Science week begins

Friday 5th May—Toddler Tepee session

10th—12th May—Y4 Marrick Priory Visit

16th May - Maypole & Cream Tea on the field

26th May—School closes for half term holiday

School open on Monday 5th June

Swimming begins on Friday 9th June for 5 weeks

After School Clubs will continue as usual with : Art Club Monday, Computer Club Tuesday, Ukulele Wednesday, and Sports Club on Thursday.

## COMMUNITY

Our children welcomed the foundation children from RMS who have had three visits to our school during March, when different activities have taken place in the wood and tepee. They have had some magical experiences, exploring and creating sounds of the forest, finding and counting runaway story characters and creating animals using clay.

