

Dear Parents and Friends,

Well it's been a busy week in school - the Year 6 children have had their heads down completing their SATS tests. They've been amazing - very mature and calm. And all credit must go to Mr Jones, Mrs Grayshon and Mrs Turner for their respective roles and hard work in preparing the children so well.



After half term we will be hosting another 'Big Help Out' in school! The national volunteering scheme is officially back this year and running from 5-8 June, providing a chance to lend a hand locally in the UK's biggest celebration of community. We are hosting an event in school on Friday 5th June and we are keen for some adult volunteers to step forward to help out and make a positive impact in our lovely school once again! All

the children and staff will be joining in too. Please see the attached flyer for extra details and email [admin@dacreb.co.uk](mailto:admin@dacreb.co.uk) if you are interested with BIG HELP OUT in the subject line.

Also, look out for a letter about the Summer Serenade in bookbags this weekend. Our annual evening of music will take place on Thursday 18th of June, providing an opportunity to showcase the musical talents of the wonderful children at Dacre Braithwaite. If your child is receiving music or singing lessons at school (including WOP, choir, recorders, ocarinas) then we invite them to take part. It's always a lovely celebration evening with a supportive enthusiastic audience! Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the event too, there is no charge.



Mr. Jones writes, "Firstly, well done to all of Yr6 in completing their SATS testing in a sensible and composed manner. Nobody would ever pretend this is a pleasant experience but everybody approached the process positively and I am sure they will have done themselves justice."

While SATS testing was under way, Yrs 4 & 5 worked on calculating with money and working with decimals, two very similar skills and an area of maths which has obvious real-world relevance. We made good progress and the next step will be to use this knowledge to tackle more complex problems.

Yr 4 will face the challenge of their compulsory times tables knowledge check shortly, and we have been doing some intensive work around 7, 8 and 9 times tables and this will carry on into next week.

The history topic around the Vikings is proving very popular, we have worked on who the Vikings were and why they arrived in Britain, and this week we have been looking at their belief systems and some of the Norse myths and legends. It has also been fascinating to find out how much Viking culture is still visible in our everyday lives in place names and the days of the week!

Just a quick reminder, Peat Rigg parents evening will take place on Tuesday evening after school if you have any thoughts or questions about the upcoming trip.



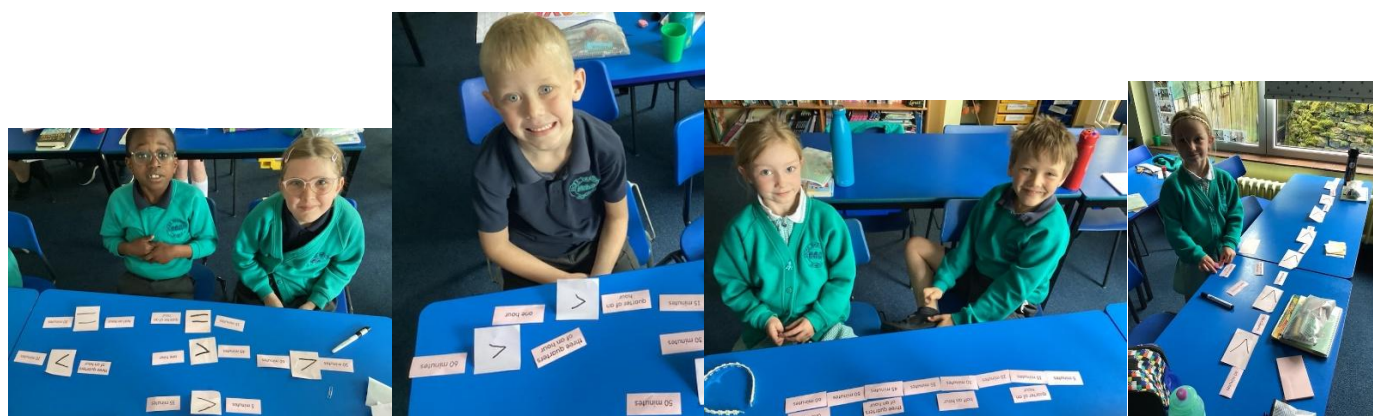
Well done to everybody this week, particularly Yr6 and have a restful weekend!"

Mrs Stokes writes, "We are incredibly proud of how Class 2 conducted themselves during SATs week; their respectful behaviour and patience throughout the testing period were truly exemplary. Our mathematicians have been busy exploring the similarities and differences between analogue and digital clocks, alongside mastering the concepts of AM and PM, while our Year 2s tackled a fantastic practical activity focused on ordering and comparing units of time.



In literacy, we have been refining those tricky handwriting joins and diving into independent writing inspired by a boat in a stormy sea — a prompt that sparked some wonderful and varied creative directions! We also shared some laughs over John Foster's poem, 'The Morning Rush,' which felt very familiar to many of us. Finally, our history work continues to thrive as we compare farming and schooling from the past to the present, and we've loved hearing the insights children gained from interviewing family members about their own experiences.

Also, a little appeal! If you have a little or a lot of loose change at home please could you consider donating it for our maths lessons? We will be using coins in our maths lessons linked to money and plastic coins are never quite as good as the real thing, particularly when there are not as many real-world opportunities for handling and counting money now! We have some real coins in class but I'd love to build the collection which can be used across school too! All coins welcome, so please check down the back of the sofa, in pockets and pass any spare ones in to school in an envelope or bag!"



Mrs Marshall writes, "Once again, the children in Year 1 have amazed me with their independent writing. We were provided with a picture as a stimulus and the children were expected to use that to write a story. We discussed some ideas together beforehand and then the children were expected to write their own ideas down. I was so impressed with how the children persevered, even when they thought they'd run out of ideas, and the stories they produced were very impressive.



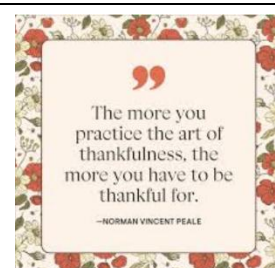
It has been a challenging week for everyone in school due to the tests happening around us. We have been restricted to the amount of provision we've been able to access. Thankfully the children were able to apply the 'Golden Rule' that we learned in RE recently - treat others how we would want to be treated. The children know that these tests are important and that they would want everyone to be quiet if it was them completing the tests. I would like to congratulate each and every one of them for being so respectful and considerate during this time. Thankfully, the tests are now complete and we can return to our normal routine if the weather allows. I am sure that year 6 will be glad that they're finished too and I hope they all get the results they deserve."



Our Christian Value this half term is one of Mrs Dobbs's favourites - it's **Thankfulness**.

This week's thought for the week comes from one of our Governors, Mrs Hayward who quoted Norman Vincent Peale to her in an email, **"The more you practise the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for"**.

She loves this quote, and it's so true!



Next week the whole school will be celebrating the joy of maths during National numeracy day on Wednesday 20th May which we will look forward to (along with the Class 2 trip on Thursday and Space Camp for Year 6s and all the other wonderful learning that will be going on in school!).



Also, on the last day of term next week (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May) please remember to wear non uniform and bring a tombola prize to contribute to the FODBS fundraising initiatives. Thank you - we are as grateful as ever for your support with fundraising in school as it makes such a difference for enhancing the learning experiences for our children!

Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!

Mrs Stokes, Class 2 Teacher

<b>15</b> <b>Do something to contribute to your local community</b>	This months Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled <b>"Meaningful May".</b> Today's encouragement is - <b>"Do something to contribute to your local community"</b> <a href="https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar">https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar</a>	
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	<u><b>Bee Safe</b></u> Continuing our support for parents with keeping their children safe and happy, this week in the Bulletin Bag there is a really helpful leaflet with lots of useful tips and links to support parents and carers with an updated guidance sheet on Online Grooming To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <a href="https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding">https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding</a> For online training go to <a href="https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school">https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school</a>
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**School Lunch Week 3 - W/C 18/05/26**



Monday	Margherita or Ham Pizza / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Tomato Pasta / Beef & Lentil Bolognese / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Chicken / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Vegetable Stir Fry / Sticky Chinese Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary

May			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations	12 Noon	See Bulletin Bag
21 <sup>st</sup>	Class 2 Trip To Bolton Abbey	All Day	Letter sent
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Overnight Camp in School	Overnight	Letter sent
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming Gala - No uniform required	12:00 - 16:00	Letter sent
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Uniform Day for FODBS - bring a tombola prize	All Day	Parents to be aware
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closes for Half term	15:15	Parents to be aware
June			
1 <sup>st</sup>	School opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
5 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos	09:00	Parents to be aware



5 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Help Out	PM	Email <a href="mailto:admin@dacreb.co.uk">admin@dacreb.co.uk</a> if you can help
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Email sent
10 - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Letter already been sent out
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Trip to Ripon Cathedral	09:30 - 14:00	Letter to follow
18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Letter to be sent today
19 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	Information to follow
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Barbeque	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
<b>July</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 <sup>th</sup> June)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter to follow
7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
10 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS School Leavers Disco (sorry this was incorrect previously - now it's correct)	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Eve T Toby	For being respectful and kind and being quiet during SATS. For a great discussion about how transport has changed.
Class 2	Olivia Amera	For showing great respect and working on own learning. For being a supportive friend and helping them.
Class 3	David Alice	For great concentration and effort in WOP. For sharing in Class and being a fantastic member of Class 3.

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Shortlist was – Carrie - always so helpful  
 Izzy - improvement  
 Beau - control  
 David - dodging and blocking  
 Harper - accuracy  
 Erin - team player

Winner was Carrie

This week's winning house  
 team is  
**Tuley Teal**



**dreambox**  
 READING PLUS



Level Pre A

Harvey