

AINDERBY STEEPLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

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CHRISTMAS THEATRE VISIT

On the 24th of November 2006 Riding Lights Theatre Company came in to our school to perform "A Wild Goose Chase".

Set in Russia, the story followed Babushka - an old Russian lady - as she first gave shelter to one of the wise men, and then followed him to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. Of course, it's never quite as straight forward as that and the plot involved a couple of KGB (King's Guard of Bullies) agents, a Russian peasant intent on starting a revolution anda goose!!

The actors were brilliant and the colourful and very clever set changed from a Russian home to a Palace to Bethlehem and back again.

It was a wonderful beginning to our Christmas festivities and we would like to thank FASS for providing this entertainment for us.



Bedale High school visit report!

On the 26th September year 6's went to Bedale high to find out what it is like there.

First of all we all met at Ainderby Steeple Primary school to catch the coach provided.

When we got to Bedale High we all met in the hall for a talk about the day ahead, we then split up into two different groups (6A, 6B)

6A:

Jasmine Cerrato
Annabel Charlton
William Holder
Emily Miller
George Snell
Kimberly Walker

6B:

Jack Chapman
Bobbie Coleman
Megan Readman
Harry Stanforth

	Lesson 2		Lesson 3	Lesson 4		Lesson 5
6A	Form Tutor Miss Carter Room 21	b r e a k	French Mrs Wilson Room 19	Maths Mrs Horner Room 17	L u n c h	Textiles Mrs Jones Room 15
6B	French Mrs Longstaff Room 10	y o u t h c l u b	Form Tutor Miss Carter Room 22	Maths Mrs Hacking Room 18	y o u t h c l u b	Drama Mrs Mason Room 21

At the end of the day we caught a service/ school bus home after an enjoyable day at Bedale high school!!!

By Jasmine & Jack

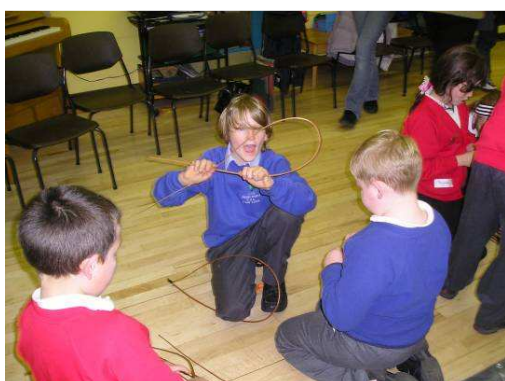
Y4 ART WORKSHOP

By Mrs Gill

On Tuesday the 7th November, the year 4's travelled to Appleton Wiske Primary School to participate in an art workshop. They arrived a few minutes early so had time to "try out" the playground to see how it compared to ours!!

Then followed a very busy, very sticky and very creative afternoon. Joining with children from Great Smeaton and Appleton Wiske, the children spent the afternoon making "fish" from willow branches, tape, tissue paper and lots of PVA glue. Following a short demonstration, the children were divided into teams. In their teams they decided what their fish would look like and how they would go about creating it. At the end of the day there was an array of sea creatures ranging from sharks to rainbow fish to jellyfish.

The children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mr Barker, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Phillips for their help.



Library Volunteers

Many thanks to Ms Davidson, Mrs Ball and Mrs Phillips who have spent several hours labelling and sticking bar codes into books in the library so that Mrs Gill could then catalogue them. A thankless task but one that was very much appreciated.

The children are now able to "check out" both fiction and non-fiction books from our school library using our computerized system. Each class has a designated library day each week, but if parents would like to come in to the library after school and have a look at our selection you are more than welcome to do so.

Fundraising

So far we have raised the following amounts for our charity of the year – MARTIN HOUSE

Harvest Festival – Healing Hands £155.18

Class 3 – PJ Day £41.00

Christmas Concerts: £179.83

Christmas Post: £54.10

Thank you for all your contributions.

Football tournament

By Jack Chapman

On the 1st of November at the Hambleton Leisure Centre in Northallerton Ainderby Steeple football team went to compete in a small schools football tournament.

Their first match was against Brompton. An early goal from Iain Atherton got us off to a good start, then two more goals from Jack

Chapman and another from Iain made us win the match 4-0.

Next after a good kick about with Mr O and Mr H, we played our rivals-South Otterington! Jack scored a freekick from just outside of the box to put us ahead, but just after half-time Otterington scored to equalise, but Iain put us ahead again to win 2-1.



PJ Fiesta

By Emily Miller

On the 20th October, Ainderby Steeple School held a P.J day to raise money for our charity. Everybody paid 50p to wear their P.J's or casual clothes to school. We all had a normal school day but instead we were in our PJ's! The teachers even joined in! The day was organised by Megan Readman and Emily Miller. We raised £41.00 for our charity.



Huff and Puff Training Course

On Friday 29th September 2006, 10 of the tigers (Class 3) went to the leisure centre Northallerton to learn how to try out new playground games and equipment. Ainderby steeple tried out different running games; to begin with we did games like:

- Stuck in the mud
- What time is it Mr. Wolf
- Tag

Next we did skipping and we tried out different methods of skipping and we also learnt how to teach the little ones how to skip.

Then we did various different games with balls of all shapes and sizes. We all started doing our own balls games to teach the other members of the school for future playtimes such as basketball, netball and different games with all balls.

After that we did skipping with a big skipping rope, then with the big rope we did games like bumper car, bumper car, cat and mouse and raspberry strawberry – we all really enjoyed it. The last game was a game where the Y5 and Y6's had to separate to invent a game for the opposite team to play. So by the end of our training session we had learnt lots of different games to teach the rest of the school.

Report by: Annabel Charlton & Emily Miller

We've tried something a little bit different this term and put the children in charge!!

A team of Year 6's, aided by Mrs Gill, have become the new editorial team and has produced most of the reports in this term's newsletter. The team is as follows:

Sports Editor: **Jack Chapman**
Achievements
Editor: **Jasmine Cerrato**
Charity Editor: **Emily Miller**
Photo Editor: **Francesca Howe**
Special Activities
Editor: **Bobbie Coleman**
Vouchers/
Coupons Editor: **Annabel Charlton**

They have worked very hard, giving up lunch times and Golden time to produce their reports – they have also become masters at getting around the school computer network!!
Thank you very much team for all your hard work.

Anti-Bullying Week

November 20th – 24th was designated as National Anti-bullying Week. Schools all over the country participated in activities. At Ainderby Steeple, Class 3 had a visit from PC Snowdon who showed them a slide show about the reasons why people might bully others. They also filled out a survey about bullying.

Friday was declared "Blue Friday" again with schools all over the country wearing blue to signify their support for the anti-bullying campaign.

This week was a good ending to a lot of work this term by class 3 on the subject of bullying. They have designed posters, superheroes and even written play scripts with the anti-bullying theme.

A message from the Junior Road Safety Officers

The school now has 3 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs), they are:

- Jasmine Cerrato
- Annabel Charlton
- Amy Curtis

To be a JRSO you have to be able to:

- Give information about road Safety
- Be encouraging
- Be confident
- Run competitions
- Invent posters that encourage people to use our road safety information.

Our first competitions are going to involve the whole school.

For KS1, a colouring competition, the closing date is 10th January 2007, so get colouring.

The KS2 competition is designing a road safety character; it could be a "Cool Dude" or "Super hero"! The prize will be getting your character made into a real life costume and the runner up will get some cool goodies. The closing date for that is also 10th of January 2007.

Hope to see your designs!

From the
Junior Road Safety Officers



Governors Section

This section will be dedicated to issues relating to the Governors of the school.

Welcome to the first Governing Body Update. As there is now no statutory requirement for an Annual Report to Parents, the Governing Body thought a regular informal note might help keep parents in the picture as to what the Governing Body is and what it is doing. If on reading this, there are any particular aspects anyone feels they need any/more information on, please let the Clerk to the Governors know via the School Office.

We have again seen some changes of Governors in recent months, and are very grateful to Keith Blenkiron for his many years of service as a Foundation Governor (and who has kindly agreed to act as an associate member to the Buildings Committee given his vast experience of the School). We also thank Carol Best for her hard work as a staff governor, particularly acting as training link governor for the Governing Body. As new Governors we welcome Kay Turner as a parent governor, Kate Hackett as a Community Governor and Julie Gill as a staff governor. We are grateful for them for stepping forward for this work and look forward to their contribution.

The Governing Body is made up of 15 members drawn from the different areas that make up our School Community. Although there are different categories of Governor they are all equally responsible for the work carried out by the Governing Body. For example Parent Governors speak as parents: but they can't speak for all parents. The Governing

Body acts as a corporate body so while governors have specific duties, decisions are the responsibility of the whole Governing Body (or any committees to which powers have been delegated).

The governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. The Governing Body has three particular roles: to provide strategic direction; to act as a "critical friend"; and to be accountable to parents, the community, Church (in our case), local authority and any other stakeholders. Governors work with the Headteacher and Staff to establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies and procedures, for example for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline. They are also responsible for the school's budget and the use and maintenance of the premises. They carry out a range of legal responsibilities so have made an important commitment to the School. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children.

A list of policies is available from the Clerk to Governors c/o the Office.

Governors also carry out lesson visits and accompany school trips etc to monitor how policies and procedures are applied (subject leaders, the Headteacher, local authority advisers and registered inspectors carry out other types of lesson observation).

To carry out its duties the Governing Body has four committees (Buildings and Health & Safety, Curriculum, Finance & Personnel, and Public Relations) that meet regularly throughout the year as well as a Strategic Planning Committee. The Committees report back to the Governing Body at its half-termly meetings and also produce an annual report of work. Full details are available from the Clerk if you wish more information.

By way of some lighter reading, Kay Turner has agreed to pass on some thoughts on her experience as a Governor.

To close, here is the list of current governors who can be contacted c/o the Clerk or the Office.

Foundation	Rev Richard Glover
(Ex Officio)	
Foundation	Mr Adrian Dixon
(Chair) (Tel 01609 761089)	
Foundation	Mrs Joan Walker (Vice-chair)
Community	Dr Bren Knights
Community	Mrs Kate Hackett
Local Authority	Mrs Helen Wood
Local Authority	Mrs Jos Mortimer
Parent	Mr Geoffrey Holder
Parent	Mrs Carol Thompson
Parent	Mr John Curtis
Parent	Mrs Lynne Phillips
Parent	Mrs Kay Turner
Headteacher	Miss Fiona Lloyd
Staff	Mr James Hodgson
Staff	Mrs Julie Gill

(Clerk to Governors – Mrs Su Dixon Tel 01609 761089)

BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR

By
Kay Turner

Putting myself forward to be a parent governor was a decision driven by the desire to give something back. We have two children in Class 1 and our third child will start next September. Consequently we take a lot! Thanks to the hard work of the teaching staff, Mrs Link especially, our children are happy, content and love going to school (most days anyway!)

There are many ways to support an excellent school like ours. Examples include the giving of our own time and skills. Being a governor involves lots of words and lots of reading. I have been baffled by abbreviations and confused in meetings! However I have also been fortunate enough to observe the outstanding commitment of the staff to our school and feel I now have a good understanding of how primary schools work.

Coupons & Vouchers

Tesco Computers for School

Last term we told you about the wonderful things that we had ordered from Tesco – well, THEY HAVE ARRIVED!! Class 1 are putting their new flat screen monitors to very good use.

Thanks again for your support.

Tesco Sports Coupons

We have amassed an amazing 6800 sports coupons which will go towards getting new PE equipment for the school.

Nestle Box Tops

Don't forget we are still collecting the box tops from the top of Nestle cereal boxes. We will be able to add to our library using books ordered through this scheme.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY

**WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY**

