

AINDERBY STEEPLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR**

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## CHRISTMAS THEATRE VISIT

The Christmas season started early this year when The Riding Lights Theatre Company arrived on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and performed their play - *Scrub that Manger* - to a packed house in the school hall.

The hall was transformed into a busy bed and breakfast in Bethlehem, whose stable had the honour of being the birthplace of the baby Jesus. The play was very funny and many of the children found themselves being cleaned and dusted by a meticulous landlady who insisted on everything being spotless - even the manger and the stable behind the inn. Her daughter, mother, a local dirty shepherd, and, of course, Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, helped her to understand that it's what's inside your heart that counts - not how clean your house is! It was a wonderful beginning to our school Christmas season provided by funds from the Friends of Ainderby Steeple. Thank you!



### Class 3 discover local business!

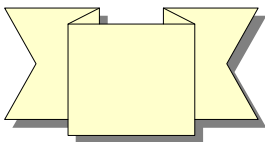
Ainderby Steeple C of E Primary School visit Black Sheep Brewery, Glass Workshop and Candle Workshop!

By Sean Bailey

"The Black Sheep Brewery was good," said Maisie-Anna, a pupil from the school. The Black Sheep Brewery had big tubs of Fizz! At the glass place, the person who told us how to make glass was called Steve. He made a bubble of glass then destroyed it!

"The candle workshop was nice," said Maisie-Anna. "The man dipped his finger in some wax and made a candle of his finger!"

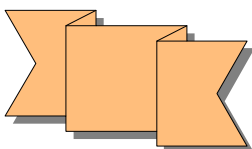
Brymore was great. There were cows at Brymore.



Class has Ace School Trip!

By Iain Atherton

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Class 3 of Ainderby Steeple School, went on an amazing school trip. They went to Uredale Glass, Black Sheep Brewery, White Rose Candles and Brymore Ice Cream. They saw a man at Brymore called Robert. Liam from Class 3 said, "I think it was exciting and the best bit was the White Rose Candles."



### Excerpts from report to governors by Mrs Phillips:

*"Several children asked questions during the visit (at the brewery), and staff there complimented them on their behaviour."*

*At Brymore Ice Cream, "(the children) were all very attentive and asked intelligent and relevant questions. In fact, the man said their questions were better than those from a group of agricultural students, quite a compliment!"*

*"...everyone agreed it was a thoroughly brilliant day!"*



### Voucher & Token collections!!

We are continuing to collect various tokens and vouchers and have made a great start to the year by collecting 5586 Tesco Sports vouchers.

The **Box Tops** are also continuing to come in although we collected 100 in August and September and only 37 in October **and** November!!

Don't forget when you have finished your box of Cheerios or other Nestles cereal to tear the token from the top and send it in to school. As a result of collecting these last year, we added 9 very good books to our library, which the children are benefiting from – in fact you might have already had one of them in your home.

PLEASE KEEP COLLECTING!!!!

## Harvest

This year, as well as the “usual” boxes of food, we also had a “harvest of tools” for Africa.



Old and new tools were collected which were then sent on to a charity which will make sure that they get to the people who need them. Just something as simple as a garden tool can make a great deal of difference.

The children (and staff) came dressed as farmers and gardeners for the day and the children took this to its logical conclusion by playing a game of “farmer’s in the den” at playtime.



The harvest festival service was a highlight of the year with each class presenting something to the rest of the school and guests – Class 1, in particular, amused us with their rendition of “One potato, two potato” which was even more impressive when you remember that some of those little ones had only been at school a few weeks!

## Herb Garden



Our “new” Class 1 building got another new addition early in the term, in the form of an herb garden. The sun was shining as a group of parents gave up one Saturday to dig, and rake, and carry and lift to make a garden to replace the one Class 1 had to leave behind when they moved classrooms. Mrs Simons has since planted some herbs and we are waiting until the spring when the cold and frost (and hopefully the moles) will be gone and we can see the fruits of their labours. Thanks to all those who helped out.





## Recount of Education through

### Football

By Oscar Zealley



## SPORTS NEWS

I was so excited at 9:00. I knew the day at Middlesborough's Riverside Stadium was going to be great!

The journey on the bus was comfortable and short and I enjoyed playing sweet and sour with Tim, Tom and Jon.

When we arrived, we went to a football coaching centre with an Astroturf pitch. We practised football skills and played mini matches. As soon as we finished, it was back on the bus to go to the Riverside Stadium.

Then we arrived at the stadium and we went on a tour of it! It was amazing – we got to go in the home and away changing rooms. In the away changing room the main room was shaped like an “L” for loser!

Lunch was one of the best parts of the day I think. I had pizza, salad, noodles and upside-down cake with creamy custard. The lady who was serving the food accidentally gave me two pieces of pizza!

Later we went into a classroom where we learnt about fantasy football fitness; we played a game called “The Big Match” which was very competitive.

Soon after we went into another classroom with lots of computers, which were quite new. Then we did a test to see if we could become Middlesborough's new manager and you would win a certificate if you did.

Then we went back to the other classroom and we watched a made up game show, which was performed by a teacher, Jacob, Lucy and Jon. It was called “The Price is Right”. It taught us about the bad things that come with smoking. Then it was time to get on the bus and head back home.

In the end the trip was even more thrilling than I expected and I hope we can go again in the near future.

The Ainderby Steeple Football Team had a fantastic season in the Small Schools West Division. They were UNDEFEATED!! Well done to all members of the football team and a big thank you to Mr. O'Neil and Mr Hodgson for all their efforts.

### RESULTS:

Ainderby 1 : 1 Appleton Wiske

Croft 4 : 9 Ainderby

Ainderby 5 : 1 Gt Smeaton

Sacred Heart 1 : 2 Ainderby

Ainderby 4 : 3 South Otterington

### **Pupil Achievements**



Jack Chapman competing in a series of 12 motorcycle trials during 2005 in which he won his class in the Ripon Motor Club summer series and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class with the Richmond Motor Club.

WELL DONE JACK!



## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



I think you will all agree that the children performed brilliantly again this year in the annual nativity plays. KS1 presented "Cock-a-Doodle Christmas". Aren't you glad that you don't have a cockerel like Jack Rogers living next door?

KS2 upped the tempo a bit with "Rock around the Flock" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all - those who watched and those who participated! A great big congratulation and thank you to all the children who performed so well and especially to the staff and stage crews who put in so much effort behind the scenes to make this a memorable experience for all concerned.

Collections were taken at the end of each concert (the proceeds going to our chosen charity this year, the RSPCA). The following was raised:

KS1 CONCERT	£78.62
KS2 CONCERT	£128.02

On 1<sup>st</sup> December, the children arrived to a Christmas tree standing in the lobby and a hall decorated by the Christmas fairies! Following tradition, the children in Class 1 and 2 then decorated the Christmas tree with decorations they had made on their creativity day. As usual, it was hard to see the tree for decorations!



### OTHER FUND RAISERS

Class 1 did a magnificent job with their joke books; they have been selling like hot cakes!

- £65 raised

Class 4 are busy with the collection of Christmas post each day, as the money is still coming in and is yet to be counted we will let you know the total raised in our next newsletter.

Our school calendars are still available from the office at a cost of £5.00 each, profits raised from the sale of these goes into school fund

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SCHOOL RE-OPENS  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006