

AINDERBY STEEPLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Northallerton Primary Schools Cross Country Championships 2006

We had another great year at the cross-country competition held at the Allertonshire. Despite the rain and mud, our runners once again proved not only are they great runners but also great sports men and women and a credit to our school.

The year 3 / 4 girls did especially well this year *achieving something that had never been done before*. Not only did they win the small schools trophy, but they also won the overall competition beating the big schools too! **Sarah Ward** came in second out of 97 runners in her group!!

The Year 3 / 4 boys didn't win any trophies this year but I think they accomplished what they set out to do, which was to get as muddy as possible and enjoy every minute of it!!

The Year 5 / 6 girls and boys also made us proud. The girls came 3rd in the small schools competition and 5th overall and the boys won their group again in the small schools competition and were 3rd overall.

Well done to all who participated and also to our dedicated staff and parents who stood in the rain and cheered them on!!



CLASS 3 REPEL CELT ATTACKER!



Mrs Gill's team (almost) ready for inspection

On a very cold and icy day in March, a village of Celts (disguised as Class 3) were taken to Murton Park near York where they began their initiation into the Roman Army. This was the beginning of a 25-year stint in the army before they were eligible to become Roman Citizens. The villagers were met by the Centurion and Marcus, his able assistant, and marched to camp chanting *sin, dec – left, right* in Latin – as they went. They were divided into 4 groups (2nd in command) in the form of Mr Hodgson, Mrs Charlton, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Gill.

After putting on their tunics and helmets and arming themselves with a spear – called a Hasta (because every soldier hasta have one!) – and a shield, the training began. The soldiers were trained in the arts of pot making, guard duty, using weapons and writing. They had to march back to headquarters to collect lunch then march it back to camp where they were allowed a brief lunch break before continuing with their training.

At the end of the day, each had performed their duties well enough to be paid, which was a good thing because the next payday wasn't for another four months!

A surprise attack from an angry Celt enabled them to put all of their training to good use and they saw him off without any trouble.

The constant marching helped them keep their toes warm but in spite of the weather, a brilliant day was had by all!

Northallerton's Mayor Visits Class 4



At the end of January, Class 4 had a very special visitor in the form of Councillor David Blades who came to answer questions about his current position as Town Mayor. He was very impressed with the children's comments and the questions they posed to him – ranging from “How heavy are your chains?” to “Are there any plans for creating a lorry by-pass in our town?”

SPORTS NEWS

We have had a fantastic term with our sports teams participating in all sorts of activities and competitions.

The **Small Schools Football Tournament for Years 3 and 4** was held on the 7th February at Hambleton Leisure Centre. It was a little bit different this year in that 6 schools attended and the teams were made up of one or two pupils from each school. **Becky Cowie** and **Harry Charlton** played for the Warriors team, which eventually won the competition; **Sarah Ward** and **Phoebe Powell** played for the Eagles team; **Iain Atherton** and **Cameron Smith** played for the Sharks; **Beth Eyles** played for the Stoemers; **Joe Barker** played for the Knights and **Liam Atherton** and **Corrine Holder** played for the Tornados.

It was a great day. **Phoebe** said, “It was really exciting and it was fantastically organised!” **Cameron** had an especially good day and was given the Player of the Match award for his excellent play in goal. He said, “I enjoyed making new friends and got complimented for being a good goalie.”

Hambleton Primary School Festival

The Girls’ football team travelled to Stokesley Sports Club on a very wet and windy afternoon in March to represent our school in the Hambleton Primary Sports Festival.

The team:

**Lucy Clarkson (Y6),
Sophie Glover (Y6),
Amy Curtis (Y5),
Jasmine Cerrato (Y5),
Beth Eyles (Y4),
Sarah Ward (Y4),
Beckie Cowie (Y4),
Corinne Holder (Y4)
and Phoebe Powell (Y4)**

played “magnificently” according to Mr Hodgson.

They played so well that they were undefeated in their league - (drew 0:0 against Carlton Minniott, won 1:0 against RAF Leeming and won 2:1 against Stokesley)- and also won the semi-final 2:1 against North & South Cowton . They had to stay to play in the last match of the day - The Final! where they were, unfortunately, beaten by Hutton Rugby.

A brilliant effort by all of the team - Well done!



Kiplin Hall by Mrs Pratt

We were lucky! After several days of snow and rain, it turned out to be a beautiful spring morning for Class 1 and Class 2's visit to Kiplin Hall. We arrived there to see the 17th century hall bathed in glittering sunshine in its magnificent lakeside setting, complete with spring bulbs and little lambs. We were impressed!

The purpose of the visit was to look at materials and patterns, as well as soaking up some of the history of the house. Kiplin provided us with extra adult helpers and in our two groups we toured the house. Every surface was richly decorated and the children enjoyed sketching chair backs, ceilings, picture frames, cupboard fronts, dado rails, carpets – there just wasn't enough time! The house is just a comfortable size (as long as you aren't responsible for the dusting) and contains many paintings by famous artists. The children were very amused by the pictures of little Spanish boys in girls' dresses in the long gallery!

Our other activity was to make clay tiles. For this it really was necessary to have plenty of extra hands. Using the brick, floor and wall patterns that we had seen, they worked quickly and effectively to make their tiles in two shades of clay. Then on to lunch, a much more exciting event when eaten in such fine surroundings. Kiplin had a little shop with "tasteful" souvenirs and so after spending our money we returned to school just in time for the end of playtime.

Kiplin Hall has several child-centred activities during the holidays and many of the children would love to go back to show you around. Their website is www.kiplinhall.co.uk



KS1 visit to Kiplin Hall By Grace Eyles

We got on the coach to Kiplin Hall. Kiplin Hall is by the River Swale. On the way we saw some lambs. Kiplin Hall has lots of paintings and they had gold frames. Then we went to the drawing room. It had a chandelier. Next we went upstairs. Next we went through the long gallery. We saw some pictures of boys wearing dresses. Then we looked in the schoolroom. We had lunch and then we went back to school.



Junior Road Safety Officers Appointed!

Jessica Hall and Jon Easton have been voted by Class 4 to work with the support of the Road Safety Officers to promote road safety in school. Their job includes:

- *encouraging everyone in school to use roads safely
- *displaying road safety information
- *organising competitions
- *taking part in school assemblies
- *preparing a folder that contains a record of all they have done in the year.

As a Junior Road Safety Officers they will need to be enthusiastic, resourceful and keen to help others.

We wish them luck in their new “jobs”!

A Visit from the RSPCA!

On the 16th of February, Debi Price, the Regional Fundraising Manager for the RSPCA, visited Class 3 and told the children about the work of the RSPCA. The children had prepared questions to ask her and she was very impressed with the thought that they had put into them. She answered a whole range of interesting questions and the children came away from the morning

much better informed about what the RSPCA does particularly in our local area.

RSPCA Photo Competition

Whilst she was here, Debi judged our RSPCA photograph competition and chose the six winners who were:

Jack Cross and Grace Eyles

– Key Stage 1

Frankie Phillips and Grace Miller

– Key Stage 2

Tim Bailey and Julie Walker

- Parents.

The winners had their winning photographs enlarged and framed courtesy of Keith Sanderson Photography and Andrew Haw of Skelf Frames.

The competition raised over £90 for the RSPCA.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

RSPCA UPDATE: We have raised well over £500 so far with fundraising still in full swing. We will let you know our final total for the year in the next newsletter.

Pupil Achievements

Sophie Glover passed her Keyboard Grade 1 exam with Merit. Well-done Sophie.

Several of our Key Stage 2 girls have passed ballet exams recently. They are:

Catherine Pridmore	Grade 3
Emily Walker	Grade 3
Jasmine Cerrato	Grade 3
Megan Readman	Grade 3
Sarah Ward	Grade 2
Sarah Kelly	Grade 2

An awful lot of time and effort goes into preparing for all of these exams – music and dance – and we congratulate them on not only passing but also for the dedication and determination that gets them to the exam in the first place!

Amy Curtis was awarded a Blue Peter Badge for raising money for the Tsunami and Mashambanzou Care Trust

News of Former Pupils

Ainderby Steeple Primary School (in the form of past pupils) was well represented at this year's Northallerton College "Celebration of Achievement" night at the Hambleton Forum in December. The awards were as follows:

Outstanding effort & Achievement in PE - **Kirsty Thompson**

Outstanding attitude & Achievement during Year 10 – **Louise Best**

Contribution to the School Council – **Louise Best**

Outstanding Achievement at A2 Level – **Ian Duffus**

Ben Hyde Sports Awards – **Kirsty Thompson**

Competitor in Motor Cross World Championships – **Rebecca Rennison**

National Level in Cycling – **Josh Miers**

Kirsty Thompson also participated in a dance performance during the evening.

It is always great to hear what our former pupils are up to and especially when they are doing so well!! Congratulations.

Congratulations also to **Robert Firth**, who has been entered into Northallerton

College's book for "Outstanding Achievement".

Robert achieved within 5 marks of full marks in Stage 8 Maths Module. The college writes:

"This level of work is valued extremely highly by the college and we are very proud that Robert is capable of producing such quality."

Robert is a very modest, unassuming young man but he needs to know that we, too, are very proud of him.

Emma Kelly and **Beth Thompson** represented the Allertonshire School in the under 13 Girls team at the Hambleton and Richmondshire Area Gymnastics competition. They did extremely well and helped their team to win the competition in their age group.

Lucy Ridley also represented the Allertonshire School recently in the U12 Area Netball rally. Her team was placed 5th.

Anne Tipton, of Scruton, who was a pupil 15 years ago, is enjoying acclaim in the theatrical world. She directed "Phaedra's Love", part of a set of plays staged at the Barbican, London, as part of the "Young Genius Season". Anne first directed the play at the Old Vic in Bristol, then moved to the Barbican in the autumn, where the play ran for 3 weeks. The production had very good write-ups in the *Sunday Times*, *Telegraph* and *Guardian*. Anne has now been asked to direct "The Taming of the Shrew", at the Old Vic in Bristol, in May. Watch this space!

If your son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter etc is a former pupil of Ainderby Steeple School and has

Voucher & coupon collections

done something you think we should know about, then please let us know – we do scan the local papers and get news from the local secondary schools but we don't catch everything!

NESTLES BOX TOPS

We have collected a grand total of **364 box tops**, which will enable us to “buy” 12 books for our school library.

Thank you.

Classes 2, 3 and 4 have the opportunity to borrow books from the library each week so these books will be well used. You are welcome to come in and have a look at the books when they arrive.

We will let you know!

TESCO SPORTS VOUCHERS

We collected an amazing 5586 sports vouchers which has enabled us to buy:

*Number beanbags
Step & count mat
A parachute
Foam Frisbees
Juggling scarves
Dancing rings*

*Table tennis nets
Table tennis balls
Table tennis bats
Netball ring
Netball nets
and a Ball sack*

These items will make a great addition to our PE equipment and we are anxiously awaiting their arrival!

TESCO COMPUTER VOUCHERS

It's that time of year again to collect Tesco vouchers. We banked all of the vouchers that we collected last year so those we collect this year will be added to that total which will enable us to buy something special – maybe even a computer!!

There is a blue box in the foyer to put the (blue) vouchers in. We have made a great start already so keep on sending them in!

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Freedom of Information Act requires publicly funded bodies, including schools, to be clear about the information they publish. We have produced a publication scheme setting out all the information we publish on a regular basis and where to find it. Ask the school office to let you see the scheme or provide you with a copy free of charge.