

Newsletter

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Menu Week 2—W/B 31.10.22

The highlight of the week ... has been the way the Year 4s have thrown themselves, sometimes literally, into all of their learning on their residential visit to East Barnby. They have scrambled in becks, paddled rafted canoes, built shelters, found aliens and orienteered while keeping tabs on their kit, working with different people in different places and sleeping in unfamiliar surroundings. Add variable weather to these challenges and they should all be very proud. The staff at East Barnby have been full of praise for the way that Newby and Scalby pupils stand out from others who visit in the way they have been prepared and the way that the learning is something that is collaborative between the adults and the children. I was privileged to have the children explain their reflections on their experiences: 'Even when you are really brave you can sometimes be scared' or 'A worry can end up being a good thing' or 'I didn't know I liked sandwiches.' My thanks to parents for supporting such an important opportunity to learn and to Mrs Buttery, Mrs Wadley, Mrs Murphy, Miss Watkin, Mrs Gray and Mrs Castleton for enabling the visit to run so well. The children will build on this learning in the next half term.

Other news ...

- Some of our older pupils took part in a tag rugby taster session this week. Thanks to Mrs Gortzak for attending with them. The children enjoyed the experience and would love to play again.
- The Charity Committee have organised the delivery of the harvest donations to the residents at Gatesgarth and the Rainbow centre. Visitors to school have been impressed by your generosity displayed on two large trestle tables. Thank you.
- Clubs continue immediately after half term. There are still spaces to join some of the clubs on the parent app.
- Mr Herger, our visiting Swiss teacher, said goodbye to us today. We have enjoyed welcoming him to school and he has loved being part of our community. He says there will be a part of a school near Zurich that is forever like Newby and Scalby.
- Although I will write this quietly (ssshh), we have been very grateful for a donation of 500 Christmas crackers by Miss Kay which means we are already officially getting ready for the festive season.
- On a very serious note, there was a near miss outside school on Thursday. Several cars parked on double yellow lines and a car tried to park on the pavement at the KS1 end of school narrowly missing a parent and their child. We must all work together to ensure everyone who comes to school stays safe. We have alerted the police and we will work with them, the council and local residents to improve the traffic around school for everyone's benefit.

And finally ... I hope you all have a good break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 31st October, after the clocks have gone back.

Best wishes, Paul Davidson Interim Headteacher

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