

My highlight of the week ... has been the Y2 production of The Mystery Bag, a show the team have devised around the geography theme. Anticipation had been building from before the half term break and continued from Monday, which was a slightly dull morning. Lydia marched through the gate wearing sunglasses. She explained, 'It's my costume!' The children entertained parents and carers, and children in school, in a show that enabled them to collaborate, overcome nerves and demonstrate varied musical, speaking and dancing skills. Well done to all who took part, and to parents and carers who improvised costumes. It was a great start to the half term.

Other news:

- The Year 6 children have clearly returned from their break refreshed and excited to carry on the learning they began at Bewerley Park, particularly their geography theme about rivers, which this year is supported by recent, relevant (and sometimes slightly damp) experience. Their river study at Bewerley was celebrated by the centre staff and by the North Yorkshire Outdoor Education advisor who happened to be there at the same time as us. Most children have also been reunited with some misplaced belongings, that have miraculously had the mud removed!
- Mud has been a bit of a theme as we are encouraging children to help our school environment by not trailing mud into school. We are encouraging them to not walk on the grass and are grateful to all parents and carers who queue against the wall, so families do not have to walk on the verge.
- Table tennis – Evyn, Charlie and Samuel represented school at a table tennis event on Thursday. They all played well, winning some of their matches. They reported that it was a fun competition.
- Catering update: Like the rest of the country, the supply of salad items is inconsistent. However, Miss Candlish says she is still able to offer salad sticks as a lunch item; there just might be some variation.
- EYFS welcomed Acting Inspector Regan into school on Thursday to talk about people who help us in the community. The children listened with interest about how the Police help us.
- Clubs: There will be no after school clubs on Monday, 27th February because of parents' evening.
- Teachers are very much looking forward to speaking to parents and carers on Monday and Wednesday next week about their child's progress and next steps. This will be by phone again. On Thursday, 2nd March, we will send out a survey to get your opinion about how we will conduct these meetings in future.
- There are also opportunities to visit your child in their class at the end of the school day this term:

Year group	Dates	Year group	Dates
Year 1	Class 3- 6 th March	Year 4	23 rd March – 3:15-4:00pm
	Class 4 -7 th March both at 2:00-2:45pm		29 th March – Production 6:00pm
Year 2	9 th March 3:15-4:00pm	Year 5	20 th March 3:15-4:00pm
Year 3	Class 7 – 27 th March	Year 6	28 th March 3:15-4:00pm
	Class 8 – 28 th March both at 3:15-4:00pm		

- World Book Day is on Thursday, 2nd March. See separate Parent App message for details.

And finally ... as I have explained in a separate message, school will be closed to pupils due to NEU industrial action on Tuesday 28th February. At the time of writing this, the NEU have stated this industrial action will go ahead unless they enter talks with government by Saturday. If there is a change, I will let you know.

Best wishes, Paul Davidson Interim