

# Linthwaite Clough News



Nov/Dec 2019

*Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.*

*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

#### Dates for your diary

Fri 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 Jan	Staff and pupils return to school
Mon 6 Jan	TICKETS For Strictly Pennine on sale
Wk 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair and Reading Café

#### STOP AND THINK!!

I'm sure we all agree that the safety of our children is vital. We all do our best to keep them out of harms way.

With this in mind, I would like to remind everyone that between the hours of 8.30 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm it is illegal to park on the zig zag yellow lines outside of school.

We have a traffic enforcement office who will regularly patrol outside school to ensure everyone is aware of the dangers to the children arriving and leaving school.

If you have any question or concerns, please let school know.

Thank you

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#### Reading for pleasure

This half term, we have enjoyed listening to a range of books for our class read. Below are some of the stories we have enjoyed:

#### Year 5/6

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson  
Clockwork by Phillip Pullman  
A House without Walls by Elizabeth Laird

#### Year 3/4

The Creakers by Tom Fletcher  
Land of Roar by Jenny Mclachlan  
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

#### Year 1/2

I need a Monster by Amanda Noll  
Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield  
The Deep Dark Wood by Algy Craig Hall



As well as reading for pleasure, we have also been developing our reading skills through VIPERS. We read lots of different texts: magazine articles, newspapers, poems, even song lyrics. You name it, we read it!

Children in year 6 have also continued in their role as reading champions and are becoming much better readers to an audience as a result,

“I feel a lot more confident. I can use more expression and different voices now. It makes you think reading to other people and not just yourself.” Conner.

“It’s been really good for my confidence. I was a bit scared at first but now I enjoy it. Now I need to start asking them VIPERS questions to check they are listening!!” Cameron.

**We have some exciting news....**next half term (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb) we will be holding a Scholastic book fair each evening after school in the hall where you will be able to browse through and purchase a wide selection of books at a discounted price! This will also provide funding for school to buy new books so everyone’s a winner! During this week we will be inviting parents to our new Reading Café where you will be able to share books with your children.

Remember – KEEP READING because books train your imagination to think big!

### A visitor to KS1!

**‘Room on the Broom’** - The children in key stage 1 had a fabulous afternoon with the characters from the story. The story was brought to life when the witch arrived in school on her *truly magnificent broom*.

“The witch had a cat and a very tall hat,

And long ginger hair which she wore in a plait.”

They learnt how to recreate the story using props and worked alongside the witch in CCL.



When I saw the witch I got really excited because I actually got to meet her.

She showed me how she made the shower for the frog.



### Sports

This term in sport, some students from KS1 and Year 5/6 recently had the opportunity to visit the high school and take part in the yearly Sports Hall Athletics competition, where children completed a range of throwing, jumping and running activities. All children represented the school well and appeared to enjoy the experience. Across age groups, children have had the opportunity to develop their skills in the sport of archery. We believe it is important to introduce children to new sports and provide them with different experiences.

“It’s been good doing archery. We learnt about the importance of safety when shooting and collecting arrows as well as how to hold the bow. It’s also been good because we never usually get to do it in school.” Tyler (Year 6)

“I enjoyed the athletics we did at high school. You got to work with other schools and it was fun doing different activities.” Poppy (Year 5)

A few weeks ago, children from Early Years took part in the 'Balanceability' scheme, which aims to build core skills for younger children in relation to cycling. The course instructor commented on the development of all children, which was clear to see. Moving forward, we look forward to competing in further competitions as the year progresses and the weather improves!

**All Children Count (ACC)** – Our new School Council is up and running!

We are pleased to announce that voting took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December and we now have a new school council. They will be working hard to represent the children of Linthwaite Clough, improving the school and visiting Scapegoat Hill School to share ideas.

Our Council members are  
Ruby Whitehouse – Chair  
Amy Kerry – Vice Chair  
Tilly Plowman – Secretary  
Martha Fell - treasurer

Callum Ashton - Fund Raiser  
Joe Dixon – Fund Raiser  
Jayda Nelson – Fund raiser

Izzy Goldstein – Fund raiser  
Emily Dodson – Fund raiser  
Carmelo Nelson – Fund raiser

## News and Events from across the Federation

**Robin Wood Residential.** This term we went on an exciting residential visit to Robin Wood. Year 6's from the Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation went together, making new friends and building their teamwork skills. I am very pleased to say it was an enormous success. This was due to the trust parents put in us, the superb staff at Robin Wood, our teachers who gave up their time and the excellent behaviour of the children. I would personally like to thank everyone that made the weekend a success.



**Robin Wood assembly.** What a great way to find out what your children had been up to. The assembly was written, rehearsed and presented in under two days. Fantastic work, well done!

**Communication.** The introduction of 'PING' a new electronic paperless system is almost up and running. If you haven't already, please make sure we have an up to date email address so you can be part of this new initiative.

Mrs Holden, at Scapegoat Hill, is busy working on a new website for Linthwaite Clough; it will be launched in the New Year. If there is any information that, as parents and carers, you would find useful on the website please let school know and we will try our best to include it.

**Parent Governor.** I am pleased to announce we have two new parent governors for the Federation. We welcome them to the team and look forward to working closely with them to ensure our schools continue to improve and provide exciting educational opportunities for all.

Our doors are open! As a Federation, and in each school, we are constantly looking to improve communication between ourselves, parents and the local community; we would welcome any ideas or feedback to support this.

**Cloakrooms** - We are looking at ways to improve the ongoing situation with our cloakrooms. Some PE kits are now kept in storage boxes in the classrooms, which has begun to ease the congestion. Please bear with us.

**Social media** is a great form of communication however we do ask that if you take photographs, at assemblies for example, please do not post anything onto any social media sites. We would also appreciate it if you contact school directly should you have any questions or concerns.

**Term time holidays** - permission does need to be requested for term time holidays, but this should only occur in exceptional circumstances and should be avoided if at all possible.

**ParentPay** - Please check your child's school dinner money account and ensure you pay off any outstanding amounts- even stay in credit if possible. Thank you.

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