



Friday News

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Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

<i>Saplings</i> Minahil Adeel		<i>Seedlings</i> Sumayya Mahmood	
<i>Maple</i> Bella Claghan	<i>Oak</i> Ibrahim Iqbal	<i>Willow</i> Emelia Quattrocchi	
<i>Elder</i> Shreya Joy	<i>Fir</i> Zayyan Mustafa	<i>Rowan</i> Hollie Sagar	
<i>Ash</i> Kimberley Naylor	<i>Holly</i> Umm-E-Hani Khan	<i>Silver Birch</i> Farhan Hussain	

This week has been very busy and eventful and we wouldn't have it any other way. Mrs Kennedy began the week talking about empathy – our 4th forest principle – in assembly. We also celebrated our Year 4 swimmers who have worked hard since September to develop their aquatic skills.

World Book Day was a day to remember! Miss Buckley had kept the whole thing a surprise: the children could not believe their eyes when they walked into the world of Dr Seuss on Thursday morning in the school hall. Staff dressed as Dr Seuss characters and it was really special to see so many children dressed as so many different characters. Thank you to everyone who supported this – it really is something to remember for all the children.

We believe that you should not judge a book by its cover and to prove that theory, each child chose a book wrapped in brown paper to take home and enjoy. We hope that you take the time to share this book with your child and enjoy the storytelling. Thank you to Meera's, Oliver's and Sonny's mum who took the time to come into school and read to the children. It is wonderful to have different faces telling us their favourite tales. If you would like to volunteer with reading in classes, please get in touch.

Our eggs arrived in school on Monday and have been fascinating to watch. On Thursday morning, we arrived into school to find 3 newly-hatched chicks. The children have loved watching them and we are looking forward to seeing them develop over the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, Arthur's mum came into school to talk to Rowan class about her job as a paramedic. She gave some important advice on how to contact the emergency services as well as teaching some water safety and advising on action if someone breaks a bone. She was supporting the work being done by Miss Lafbery and Miss Buckley around the NHS. We always welcome parents and carers who would like to share their interesting jobs with the children. Please get in touch if you think you could inspire the next generation.

Mrs Foulds took our netball team to South Craven School for a tournament on Wednesday. Despite only having 6 players instead of 7, we went on to win the first 4 games against Glusburn, Cononley, Sutton CofE and Lothersdale. Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten in the semi-final by Sutton CP School. We placed third out of nine schools overall which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the players: Kiese, Gabby, Anaya, Amelia, Naimh and Inayah.

Wednesday also saw our cross-country runners travel to Marley to take part in the cross-country league. Well done to Alex, Arthur, Zain and Conan, who all ran well in their Year 3/4 race. The boys' team finished in 8th position overall – impressive running. Fantastic results from Hollie, Kara, Annabel and Florence, who all placed in the top 11 in their Year 3/4 race. A special well done to Anna, who won the race overall for Year 3/4. The girls' team were in top team position overall too – amazing. A strong finish from Joseph in the boys Year 5/6 race too. Well done throughout the season to all our runners. We are very proud of you all.

On Thursday, Mr Shaw took the girls footballers to Marley to compete in the Keighley league. We played 4 games in total. We won 3 of them and drew 0-0 against Baildon. We beat St. Mary's 5-0, St. Andrew's 7-0 and Eastwood 3-0. Another fantastic set of results from: Amira, Sunaira, Hibah, Kiese, Milo, Annie, Joselyn, Violet, Maira and Anaya.

With effect from April 1st, the price of a school meal is increasing to £2.10 each day. We appreciate that this is not good news for any family with the current cost of living. Remember that if you think you may qualify for free school meals, Mrs Kennedy can apply on your behalf with a simple phone call. It is a very quick application process. Get in touch: Sharmyn.kennedy@steeton.bradford.sch.uk.

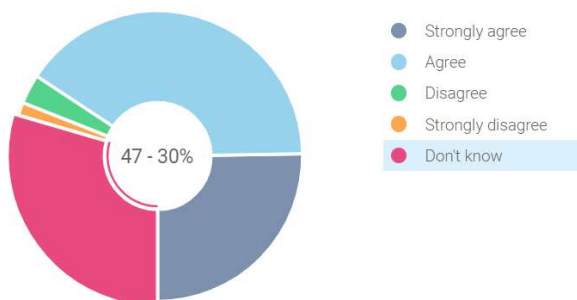
Our fundraising efforts are going well to raise money towards new class libraries. Thank you to all parents and carers who have donated through Parentpay. Even the smallest of donations will make a huge difference to the children. I had a wonderful surprise this week when Oscar's grandma contacted me to say that Diane Dandy – on behalf of Steeton's 'Knit and Natter' group based at The Hub - would like to buy us some books. They have very generously given £250 towards the direct purchasing of new children's literature. This will make a huge difference to the children's reading choices and we are very grateful. Our Just Giving page is still live if anyone would like to share the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-redman?utm_term=qYXpPNPq4. Children have enjoyed choosing old books from the library this week at lunchtimes. This will be extended all next week too – 50p a book to take home.

More fundraising news: we will be holding a spring raffle on the last day of term before the Easter break. This will, of course, be chocolate based. If you are out and about over the weekend and you feel that you could help, then please add a chocolate treat to your shopping and send it into school next week for a raffle prize. We will be making hamper-style prizes, so anything from a small chocolate lollipop to a bag of chocolate bunnies to a giant egg would be very much appreciated. There will be a box in the main reception all next week for any donations.

Next week we have another busy week for sport with a girls' football afternoon for Year 5/6 and some runners will travel to Temple Newsome for the final of the West Yorkshire league. More on that next week.

I have shared the results of the parent/carer survey in a previous newsletter. It is always good to seek your views so that we can continue to move forward as a school and do the very best for our children and our community. One of the questions centred around bullying: 'This school deals effectively with bullying.'

This school deals effectively with bullying



As you can see, the majority of parents/carers agreed. However, 47 people who responded do not know if Steeton deals with bullying effectively. This may be because they have never encountered any issues with bullying, or that they are unaware of our behaviour policies and procedures.

Below is our stance on bullying for your information:

The NSPCC describes bullying as:

Bullying is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally.

At Steeton, bullying is a very rare occurrence. Children do fall out with each other from time to time. Children, on occasion, can also be unkind to their peers. When staff are aware that children are having friendship issues, or someone has been unkind, the following steps are taken:

1. A relevant staff member will speak to all children involved. This will help to give the staff member a clear idea of what has happened.
2. Depending on the incident, the staff member may address the issue immediately, creating a solution.
3. The incident may require further investigation, including looking at the school's CCTV.
4. If required, parents will be contacted either via a phone call or at home time to inform them of the incident and solution.

Usually, this will resolve the issue in school. If the issue is ongoing, further action from senior members of staff will occur. Please see our Positive Behaviour Policy for information on how we manage behaviour in school.

Children often say that they are being 'bullied'. Often, as mentioned above, it is a one-off occurrence which – whilst this can be hurtful and taken seriously – is quite different from bullying. Please take some time with your child to help them to understand the vocabulary around friendships and behaviour. If you have any questions, as always, get in touch – we are here to help. In the first instance, please contact Mrs Kennedy or your child's class teacher.

Mrs Kennedy also wanted to share some thoughts around behaviour too:

I am always pleased to say that behaviour at Steeton Primary is pretty good. This week, we have recorded only 1 reportable behaviour incident (or Red) and 4 warnings (or Ambers). Not too shabby for a school of 285 children.

Staff at Steeton operate within the guidelines of our Positive Behaviour Policy (on the website if you're interested), focusing on rewards, communication and mutual respect. For the most part this works well, with school being flexible when bespoke arrangements need to be made.

Positive behaviour is highly praised in school. Staff are constantly keen to tell children how well they have done, and use stickers, raffle tickets, table points and class dojos to let them know how excellent they are.

I am currently completing Senior Mental Health Lead Training, with the aim of completing the Wellbeing Chartermark for school. Many of the objectives are already standard practice in school, but we are looking into ways we can keep parents and carers informed of the positive behaviour displayed by their children, beyond green all week stickers. Please watch this space for exciting announcements coming in the summer.

If you do have any questions about behaviour, how it works at Steeton or any other query, please feel free to contact me. I am always happy to chat.

***Sharmyn Kennedy
Inclusion and Welfare Officer***

Enjoy the weekend

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Date	Event
8 th March	Y5/6 girls' football afternoon – in school
9 th March	Silver Birch trip to Grassington
14 th March	Firefighters and fire truck in school
15 th and 16 th March	Proposed union strike action days
17 th March	Red Nose Day
17 th March	Y6 height and weight checks in school
23 rd March	Holly forest school
27 th March	SATs information session – Y6
28 th March	Easter egg roll competition – Y5/6
29 th March	Easter egg roll competition – EYFS Y1/2
30 th March	Easter egg roll competition - Y3/4
31 st March	Silver Birch forest school
31 st March	Spring raffle



Head Lice

We have had some cases of head lice in school recently. This is a perfectly normal – and unpleasant – part of school life. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Long hair should be tied up for school.

Thank you

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Remember to inform us of any changes to contact details or medical information

