



Friday News

Spring Term Issue 3 20th January 2023

Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

Saplings		Seedlings	
Aaira-Haleema Hanif		William Harris	
Maple Christo Joshy	Oak All of Oak Class for their amazing behaviour with Miss Dale yesterday	Willow Trishikha Karthik	
Elder Alice Tillotson	Fir Isra Justin	Rowan Riyad Haleem	
Ash Laksh Lohana	Holly Niamh Goodman	Silver Birch Penny Brannan	

It has been a very chilly week. There have been some beautiful sunny mornings and we have managed to play out every day whilst wrapped up warm.

Miss Akram's assembly on Monday was in celebration of the Chinese New Year which falls this Sunday – 22nd January. Miss Akram explained how the dates change with the new moon each year and how many of the celebrations are similar to other cultures and religious celebrations – such as cleaning the home and giving gifts. It is the year of the rabbit and to celebrate, Miss Akram gave each child a xing yun bing gan or fortune cracker.

We welcomed a new member of staff to Steeton this week. Mr Scaife is working in EYFS to support Miss Bingham and Mrs Varley. He has lots of experience working with children of nursery age transitioning into early years, and this is invaluable to understand the development of our youngest children and how to best support their learning.

When school adapted to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, we found that many of the things we put in place were actually an improvement on what had been previously. For example, we have kept our staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to give children more space to play outside. We also kept our home time arrangements for safeguarding reasons; there are less children leaving from different gates each afternoon. We would like to ask, however, from Monday that parents collecting children from our reception building (Seedlings and Saplings classes) come into the school yard through the reception gate from 2:50pm to wait for their children. Staff will release your children to you safely. You can then leave through the reception gate and, if you have older children to collect, make your way to the main gate where they will be waiting. This is to reduce the congestion on the public footpath that run alongside school.

It has been a quiet week for sport, although in last week's newsletter I said we had 2 events. My apologies – I got both the week and the day wrong! The cross country and netball event are both next Wednesday. Training has continued as normal in preparation for events.

All teachers from Y2-Y6 have been trained in Read, Write, Inc spelling methods this week. This is very exciting for us as a school. We follow RWI phonics in EYFS and KS1 and the progress children make with such an interactive and consistent way of learning is very good. The new spelling programme sits effortlessly with the phonics children are taught and it is progressive throughout school whilst still incorporating the same systems and terminologies the children have been used to since reception. We will be launching soon – look out for our parents’ information sessions where you can come along and see for yourself how we teach it and how you can support at home.

Next week is the return of the Life Caravan sessions in school which supports and enhances our PHSE curriculum. This is something that the children always look forward to, despite the actual ‘caravan’ no longer travelling to schools, with the chance to meet Harold the giraffe on his annual visit.

We currently have a vacancy for a general kitchen assistant to support us at lunchtimes. The role is 10 hours a week and the salary is £10.50 per hour (term time only). This is advertised through Bradford Council – we are not the employer. Closing date is Monday. This is the link: [Mobile General Kitchen Assistant \(500876\) - Steeton Primary School \(engageats.co.uk\)](https://engageats.co.uk/jobs/mobile-general-kitchen-assistant-500876) .

Date	Event
25 th January	Netball tournament at Holy Family 4-5:15pm
25 th January	Bradford cross country final at Cliffe Castle PM
25,26,27 th January	Life Caravan sessions in school
1 st February	KS2 Performing Arts workshop at South Craven
2 nd February	Ash class trip to Grassington
8 th February	Safer Internet Day
8 th February	Netball tournament at Holy Family 4pm
8 th February	KS1 trip to Tropical World
9 th February	Cross Country at Cliffe Castle
10 th February	Wear your SCARF to school day (info to be sent out soon)
10 th February	School closes for the half term break

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss C Redman



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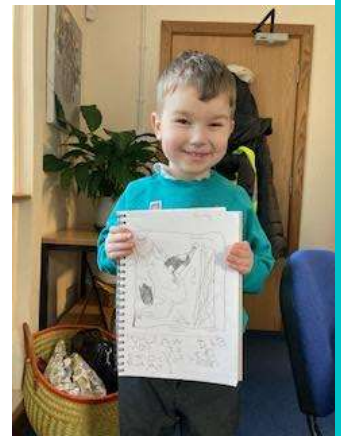
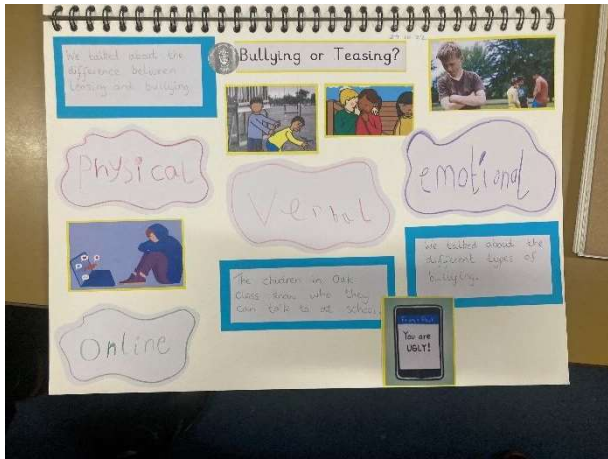
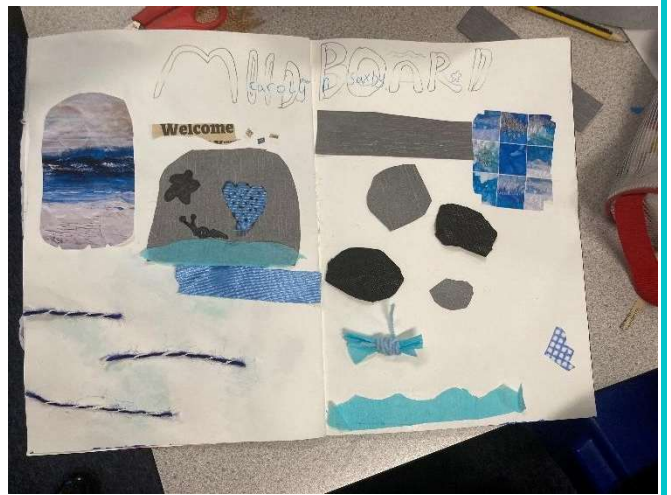
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Planetarium fun, the first 99Club member, Drawing Club, chilly playtimes, fortune crackers...just snippets of the week at Steeton.