



Forest Principle: Friendship

25th October 2024

This week's adventures...



Well there we have it - the first half term is done. It has flown by very quickly; all 8 weeks of it! We celebrated all our hard work in assembly on Monday with a number of children speaking in front of the whole school - well done; that takes courage.

On Tuesday, Mr. Daft ran the first of our spelling bee competitions. Y5 and 6 battled it out to become the champion speller in front of a live audience. Congratulations to Meera who was the winner.

Mr. Shaw took a team to South Craven to a football tournament on Wednesday. All players played well and only lost 1 match. Great work! We had a virtual visit from author Hannah Gold on Wednesday. She spoke about her love of animals being her inspiration for her books and what it is like to be an author. Children had chance to ask her questions about her job and how to begin writing.

Year 5 and 6 had a spook-tacular movie night on Thursday - Monster House set the scene perfectly for Hallowe'en next week.

Thank you to you for coming to school for our first book look of the year. It means so much to all the children to show their work to their grown ups.



Have a happy and safe half term break. We come back to school on Monday 4th November. Gates open at 8:30am



Don't forget to send in photographs of your child doing anything special outside school - we display them with pride on our special board. Send to kelly.lafbery@steeton.bradford.sch.uk.

Outside Eating



Our new fluffy blankets have been popular. Children enjoy eating in the fresh air with their friends. Any packed lunch or grab bag can be eaten in our outside.

Bonfire Lunch



On Tuesday 5th November we will be having a bonfire themed lunch. **There will be no grab bags on that day.**



We finally hit the Telegraph and Argus this week following our eventful year last year...

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NEWS

New Bratislava and Malmö

JETS/CITYBREAKS has introduced two new Christmas market destinations from Leeds Bradford Airport: Bratislava and Malmö.

The destinations, in Slovakia and Sweden respectively have been added to Jet2CityBreaks' flight network for the winter 2024/25 season.

Flights to Bratislava are via Vienna Airport, with Jet2CityBreaks explaining that customers will be able to enjoy Bratislava after a quick hop over the border from Austria.

Bratislava flights are available from November 23, 2024 to January 4, 2025, with departures twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays.

Flights to Malmö are available from November 23, 2024 to December 23, 2024.

Flights will be into Copenhagen Airport, with customers taking a direct train from there over the Øresund Bridge, which links Denmark and Sweden, before arriving in Malmö.

Services will operate twice weekly again on Mondays and Fridays.

Steve Henry CEO of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays, said: "Christmas market breaks are continuing to grow in popularity so we are delighted to announce the launch of two new festive destinations with Jet2CityBreaks for Winter 24/25 from Leeds Bradford Airport.

"Bratislava and Malmö are fantastic festive destinations, and we are expecting these new holidays to be popular with both customers and independent

Steeton pupils and staff are on the 'write' lines



Fund raising walkers from Steeton Primary School embark on the 'Walk to Play' challenge - a 37 mile walk through the Yorkshire Dales

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PUPILS and staff at Steeton Primary School have enjoyed a magnificent year.

The academic year started on a high with a Section 8 Ofsted inspection result of 'Good'.

Ofsted said: "The evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now." Ofsted usually return within 18 months to carry out a Section 5 full inspection.

Claire Redman, Head of School said: "The outcome is a true reflection of our wonderful school and the journey we are on. We couldn't be happier."

Steeton celebrated some outstanding Ye SATs results in May, with reading, writing, maths and combined results all being

above the national average; the best results for many years. Some 88% of children reached the expected standard in reading.

In June, the school was awarded the Healthy Minds Silver Chartermark Award. Inclusion Lead, Sharmyn Kennedy, who has worked hard to gain the recognition, collected the award alongside the Chair of Governors, Sue West, and Felicity Dore, a Year 5 pupil. The award recognised the school's approach to well-being - in particular with regard to mental health and emotional wellbeing based on a relationship-based approach.

Steeton also officially joined with Sandy Lane Primary School to form Unity Federation: Excelling as One this year.

In June, the school was awarded the Harper Collins Author's Choice Award for Reading for Pleasure - a national award in conjunction with the Open University Herts Gold, award-winning children's author, congratulated staff and pupils.

Ms Redman and Charlotte Bingham, the Early Reading Leader, have worked to make Steeton a reading school. Book nooks, and other inviting spaces, make reading a pleasure and children enjoy the hand-selected choices their teachers have made especially for them. Ofsted noted that, "there is an excitement around reading at school."

Steeton's Site Supervisor, Eric Shaw, was instrumental in achieving the award. He has transformed the look of school with his wooden creations, using donated wooden pallets to build beautiful pieces of furniture; from bookshelves to outdoor seating areas, book houses and pirate ships.



L-R: David Allison, Harper Collins, Hannah Gold, author, Charlotte Bingham, Claire Redman and Professor Teresa Cremin

In July the school was awarded the UKLA/Open University Reading for Pleasure Gold Quality Mark - the only school in Bradford to achieve the accolade.

In July Ms Redman, the governors and several friends of the school embarked upon the 'Walk to Play' challenge - a 37 mile walk through the Yorkshire Dales to raise money towards the improvement of the school playground and environment. Beginning at 6am on Saturday 6th July from outside the school gates, the team walked an astonishing 37 miles to Grassington and back, arriving back at school at 10:20pm.

An amazing £5,365 was raised, with

generous donations from local businesses alongside family and friends. Adam Longley, school parent and governor who organised the challenge said: "It was a challenge - 37 miles in 1 day is an incredible distance - but we did it and we cannot wait to see the difference it will make to the children at school."

Finally, Steeton hosts the Unity Teacher Training Partnership working with Leeds Trinity University as a delivery partner to nurture the next generation of teachers. Based at Steeton, the partnership offers POCE courses. For more information, contact Jo Elliott at JTEenquiries@steeton.bradford.sch.uk.



The Healthy Minds award

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Steeton Superstars

These children have gone above and beyond this week

Haider Navid

Rumaysa Aziz

Robert Beatty-Downey

Lucius Abraham

Eva Reeve

Safoorah Habib

Alexander Elliott

Aaira-Haleema Hanif

Alayna Rafiq

Jemimah Ali

Dates for the diary...

05/11/24- Bonfire Themed Lunch

05/11/24- Halloween Disco after-school

06/11/24- Year 3 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns

07/11/24- Year 4 trip to Stump Cross Caverns

07/11/24- Reception 2025 open day

08/11/24- Elder Forest School Day



There are LOTS of jumpers and cardigans in lost property. Please make sure your child's name is in all their clothes. Nothing fancy - just clearly written in pen is enough..

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