

# Forest Principle:

## Empathy

28th February 2025

# This week's adventures...



Welcome to a new half term - Spring Term 1. A new forest principle - empathy. Empathy is not a feeling but a cognitive and emotional ability; the ability to share and understand someone else's feelings. We will be working on this over the next few weeks.

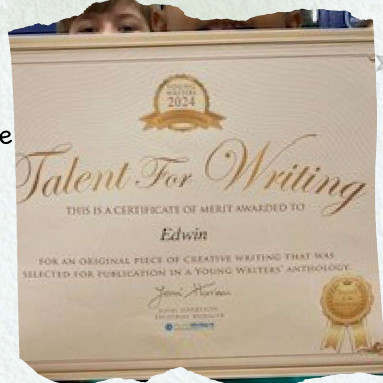
In assembly, Mrs Birtwistle spoke about The 99 Club. This is a special group of children (and staff) who are speedy and fluent in times table recall. You will notice lots of children already proudly wear their badge around school. It is really important that your child can recall their times tables as it makes all aspects of maths so much easier.

Rocksteady lessons began on Thursday - children were very excited to begin their musical journey. We look forward to hearing them perform later in the year. Myself and our newly established PTA met with councillors and Bradford Highways on Thursday to look at ways to improve safety when travelling to school, particularly on Market and School Street. Please respond to the ping sent and give your comments. Parking responsibly makes a difference to all our families who walk to the school gates.

We are proud of a group of children in Elder class who have had their writing published in the 'Young Writers' competition. It is so inspiring to see them enjoying writing and for them to see it in print. Well done to them!

Jamie in Year 6 had a very exciting half term. He went to Disneyland in Paris and performed with his dance school. What an experience for him - well done, Jamie. This week has been a very busy one indeed. On Monday, we received notification of our Ofsted inspection. A team of 3 Ofsted inspectors spent Tuesday and Wednesday in school. They talked to staff, children, governors and parents, spent time in lessons and playgrounds and looked at the more strategic side of school - our policies, systems and procedures. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the parent survey.

We will not have the report for several weeks. I cannot wait to share it with you.

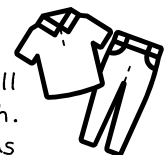


### Cross Country

Our runners travelled to Giggleswick for the next round of the season. All were on top form, running extremely well. 4 out of the 7 have qualified to run for North Yorkshire. Well done to: Anna who placed 1st in her race; Alex, Bella and Florence who placed in the top ten; Alexa and Oliver ran fantastic races just outside the leaders and a special mention to Annabel who missed qualifying by just 1 place! Proud of you all.

### Lost Property

We have too much lost property in school - it is taking over the cloakroom! On Friday next week, the lost property will be in the hall after school for you to look through. Anything left will be disposed of as we simply do not have the room!



# Steeton Superstars

These children have gone above and beyond this week

Murphy Atkinson

Noah Griffiths

Quinine Chen

All of Oak class  
Ahmad Husayn

Alfie Hollings

Zakariyya Hussain

Zia Rafiq

Jamie Simpson

Zara Noor

## Dates for the diary...

- 03/03/25 - Parent Consultations
- 03/03/25 - EYFS 2nd Flouride Applications
- 04/03/25 - Reception Height/Weight Checks
- 05/03/25 - Oak Forest School PM
- 06/03/25 - World Book Day
- 06/03/25 - Parent Consultations
- 07/03/25 - Yorkshire Building Society visit UKS2
- 07/03/25 - Silver Birch Forest School
- 07/03/25 - Lost Property in hall at 3pm



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