

NEWSLETTER



Our Vision

At Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation, we will all approach everything we do in the **CHAMPS** way, helping every child flourish into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a love of learning and:

- Chooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **Honest** in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **Achieves** the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **Manners** to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **Perseveres** when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **Safe** on and offline, ensuring that everyone is kept physically and emotionally safe.

This shows the special relationship we have with each other, where as a community, we look after each other, keeping each other safe – **Koinonia**.

Message from the Headteacher



I cannot believe it is only 4 days until Christmas Day!

This year, North Yorkshire Council schools have finished later than usual, but in school we made sure that we scheduled everything so that it has been spread across the last few weeks, rather than all in the last week. This has made it much more enjoyable 😊

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the fabulous things that have been happening in our school leading up to Christmas and to thank everybody for supporting us in making our school a great place to be! Take a look below at our photos ...don't forget to check out our Facebook page too for daily updates.

Our Community Giveback project is a great success. We are humbled by everybody's generosity - not only by the gifts and donations, but the **time** people have donated to help with this. The staff gave their time over the weekend for the pizza and film afternoon, whilst Pateley Pizza and Dales Market provided the pizzas, juice and popcorn for the children to enjoy. The PTFA gave their time to run a stall at the Pateley late night shopping event and the staff and pupils gave their time to sing the carols. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Thorpe for helping us make Christmas Wreaths at our school...we hope you liked them. Again, we are so lucky to have such skilled parents willing to share their talents and expertise 😊 We hope that parents and our community enjoyed the Carols and Mince Pies event earlier in the week; the toy exchange was well supported; and who can forget the nativity, which was absolutely fabulous. This is always one of those events that makes your heart melt! I was very proud of all the children for the great performance.

The staff and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.
Miss Thornber and Team

This week at Glasshouses

Don't forget to like our Facebook pages so you can see lots of the wonderful learning your children are taking part in each day

Jade Class



What a fabulous couple of weeks! In English, we have been learning about letter writing, whilst reading 'The Jolly Postman'. Reception have been writing letters to the characters from the story, whilst Year 1 are in the process of writing a letter to Miss Thornber to persuade her to let us have a Christmas party (Shhh, don't tell her!). We have also been busy on our DT project, making a nutritious wrap!

Amethyst Class



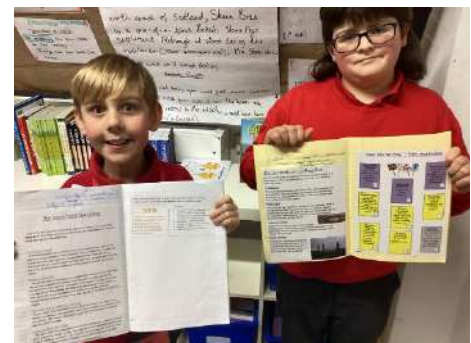
Amethyst Class have enjoyed reading and following instructions this week. We have been learning about how instructions are organised and the correct vocabulary to use in them. Best of all was following the instructions to make pizzas.

Obsidian Class

Another busy few weeks in Obsidian class.

There has been some super, factual writing on Skara Brae, a stone age settlement in Orkney, Scotland.

In maths, we have been focusing on multiplying, square numbers, primes and factors!



Attendance:

If the winning class achieves over **98% attendance** they qualify for a dress down day on **Monday**

Jade Class: 98.99%

Amethyst Class: 95.31%

Obsidian Class: 100%

The winning class this week is:

OBSIDIAN

Article of the Week

Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.



Pupil Leadership Team News

Rights Respecting Team

The Rights Respecting Team has been busy offering our services to other schools. We have written to schools locally offering to tell them more about what it means to be a Rights Respecting School and what the benefits are for the pupils. Hopefully you will see some more RRSA schools in the local area soon.

Sports Leaders

This week, the sports leaders have led the game infinity tig!

Here are the rules so you can play at home:

- If you tag someone, they are out and they put their hands up.
- Everyone is it
- If the person who tigs you gets out, you are back in the game.

Brimhams Active

Listen out for the radio adverts whilst you are swimming at the Nidderdale, Ripon & Harrogate pools (and Knaresborough when it opens!)

Some of our children did parts of the voiceovers to advertise our fabulous schools!

NOTICEBOARD



Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation Nursery



Based at St Cuthbert's Primary, Pateley Bridge

We welcome children from the age of three and we are an Early Entitlement registered setting (15-30 hours funding depending on your circumstances). For more information, ring the office at St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.



Baby/Toddler Groups

Glasshouses

Every Friday 9:30 – 11:00 am

St Cuthbert's

Every Wednesday 9:30 – 11:00 am

Every Friday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

All groups run during term-time only

No charge, but donations towards refreshments appreciated



feast & fountain

a community coffee morning



Every Tuesday 9am-noon during term time
Starts 23rd January 2024 at
Broadbelt Village Hall, Glasshouses

everyone welcome.

for more info please contact Sumun: sumun.fraday@gmail.com or 07714446226



AUTUMN TERM (4 September – 22 December)	
6 December	School Christmas Dinner
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
8 December	PM – Give it Back, Mak! Riding Lights performance at STC
8 December	3:30-5pm PTFA Christmas Fair
9 December	2-5pm Film & Pizza Afternoon (Adults Christmas Shopping Time)
12 December	AM Nativity (parents and community) PM Parent SEN Meetings
18 December	9-9:30am Christmas Gift Exchange
19 December	2:45-3:30pm Parents/Community Carols and Mince Pies
20 December	Class Christmas Parties
22 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
22 December	2:30 School Closes for Christmas to children

Spring Term Calendar

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE / CANCELLATION

SPRING TERM (8 January – 22 March)	
1ST HALF TERM – 5 weeks (8 Jan – 9 Feb)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4
8 January	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
9 January	School starts – all children
10 January	9-9:30am Learn with Me – Grammar, Vocabulary, Punctuation
17 January	8:15-8:45am Parent Breakfast with the children
31 January	9-9:30am Parents Learn with Me Session with Commando Joe showcasing resilience and teamwork
2 February	NSPCC Number Day
5-9 February	Children's Mental Health Week
6 February	Safer Internet Day
9 February	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2ND HALF TERM – 5 weeks (19 Feb – 22 Mar)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4
19 February	School starts – all children
21 February	Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena (KS2 children)
27 February	PM Children's SEN Meetings
29 February	9-9:30am Learn with Me – Commando Joe
5 March	1:30-4pm Parent SEN Meetings
7 March	World Book Day – dress as a word rather than a book character
7 March	9-9:30am Parents Learn with Me Session (Grammar & Punctuation)
11-15 March	British Science Week
12 March	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
20 March	Key Stage 2 Lego Workshop with Yorkshire Water
21 March	Federation Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church
22 March	9:30am Easter Bunny Trail (weather permitting)
22 March	2:30 School Closes for Easter



Community Give Back

Christmas is the perfect time for us to remember about the gift of giving and it has been wonderful to see our Federation community come together to embrace this.

A group of our children gave their time to sing beautifully on the High Street at Late Night Shopping, whilst our staff gave their time to keep the children safe. For some people, this time of year can be quite isolating so beautiful singing can make such a difference.

Our Federation then came together on Saturday afternoon for a Christmas film, popcorn and pizza. Once again, staff gave their time so that parents could have a few hours without children to get some festive jobs done. We would like to thank **Dales Market Corner** for providing the popcorn and juice, and **Pateley Pizza** for providing pizzas. Without this community help we could not offer to fund these sessions and it was very much appreciated by the parents, staff and children.

Well done to Noah on his Charity Book Stall! He is raising money for Centrepont; a charity that supports and helps homeless young people. What he raised is in addition to the £330 that he has already raised via his JustGiving page. Another example of one of our pupils engaging in Community Give Back.



Don't forget to visit the gift/toy exchange on Monday.

We also have our Parent & Community Carols and Mince Pies event on Tuesday.

At school, the children are being given the opportunity to make cards for people in hospital over Christmas and the hospital staff that look after them.

They will also be having a go at wreath making with one of the St Cuthbert's parents next week.

All of these activities are part of our Community Give Back initiative.

Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season. Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cozy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Mind Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education or care settings and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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