



NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

I was going to start my update with, 'Welcome to the Spring Term...' - on reflection, given the weather we have experienced since returning from the Christmas break, I thought that 'Spring' did not reflect it accurately! I hope that we have experienced the worst of the weather now; snow, winds, rain, and that you all managed to keep safe.

As always we have had a busy half term in school. Take a look at the class news sections and our Facebook page 😊.

This half term we are focussing on the CHAMPS value of Achievement. During our whole school and class Collective Worship and Assemblies, we share stories and discuss how this value can help us both in and out of school. As always, please do let us know if there is something your child/children would like to share with us in school. It is fabulous to hear and see what our CHAMPS get up to at home and in their clubs.

There are many things coming up for parents and children over the next half term, please do keep a look out. Mrs Haneskog will keep you updated through the newsletter and texts - she keeps us all organised!

Our Community Giveback is still gaining momentum and we feel very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive parent, staff and wider community, who are supporting this. The purpose of this is for our school community to make life better for others, and for the community to support our families. With the cost-of-living crisis and the legacy of COVID, there is a definite need for a supporting community. By working together, we can make a significant impact on people's lives, whilst creating stronger relationships within the community. We believe that teaching children about the importance of giving back can have a significant impact on their personal development and well-being. By making Giving Back a part of their lives, children can develop a lifelong commitment to social responsibility. So far this half-term we have held our parent breakfast, have introduced our morning toast and daily well-being check-ins with the children (thank you to the PTFA for providing us with toasters and butter, and to Toft Gate Café for supplying us with the bread), and Sumun (one of community-minded parents) has just started her Feast and Fountain coffee mornings at Broadbelt Hall every Tuesday - everyone from the community is welcome.

Next half term, we hope to organise a 'Working Bee' with volunteers coming into school to help us spruce it up inside and out. Further details to follow, but forewarned is forearmed (or whatever the expression is!). There will also be another opportunity for the school to help you as busy parents, giving you back an evening so that you can enjoy some 'you' time without the children! This will take place early evening, with a film, bedtime story and hot chocolate for the children - date and further information to follow.

Our Glasshouses family is about to grow again and we look forward to welcoming ...

Our children are keen to have the opportunity to learn to play board games, garden, cook and craft, etc, after-school and we are looking for volunteers to facilitate these clubs. If you have an interest in running one of these clubs, please email parentinfo@upperidderdalefed.school In line with our safeguarding policy, all volunteers have to have an enhanced DBS certificate (paid for by school).

Enjoy your weekend,
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

As you are now aware, Miss Sullivan began her maternity leave earlier than planned, due to the premature arrival of baby Raffael (5 weeks early!). Mrs Leyland will be covering the class whilst Miss Sullivan is away, having spent 4 weeks in class with the children, before Christmas, as part of the planned transition.



In Jade Class, we have had a super week exploring the story of Lost and Found, and have made our own penguin fact books; describing what penguins eat, what their features are and where they live. They have also been finding out about how teddy bears have changed over time and have really enjoyed listening to some stories about traditional toys. In PE they did gymnastics, showing off some super balancing skills and working together - really demonstrating our CHAMPS values. Well done guys!

Amethyst Class



In Amethyst Class, Year 2 have been looking at multiplying and dividing by 2 this week. In Year 3, we have been multiplying and dividing by 4.

Everyone has been thinking about our CHAMPS value of achievement. We have been writing about what we want to achieve as a class and what we want to achieve for ourselves.

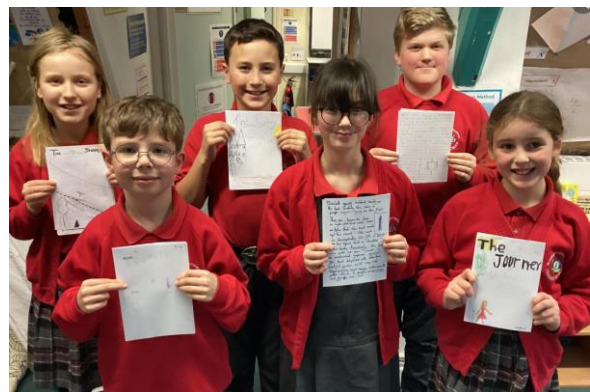
In English, we have been learning to punctuate speech using inverted commas (we used to call them speech marks!). We are now using this knowledge about writing dialogue to make our story writing more interesting to read.

Obsidian Class

Obsidian Class has been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks.

The children have written some adventure stories based upon the picture book, *Journey*, by Aaron Becker. In our stories, the characters discover a magic pen and use this to create whatever they want.

Have a look at the stories in the school hall, which are displayed on our amazing Writing Wall.





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**.

Attendance:

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

Jade Class: 98%

Amethyst Class: 95.81%

Obsidian Class: 98.33%

The winning class this week is:

Obsidian

Article of the Week

Article 2: (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



Pupil Leadership Team News

The Pupil Leadership teams were formed this week. Look out for their news in future editions of the newsletter.



Rights Respecting Team



Sports Leaders

Wellbeing Leaders

Online Leaders



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.

LITTLE CHAMPS

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

We are grateful to Sumun for her support and work in our community

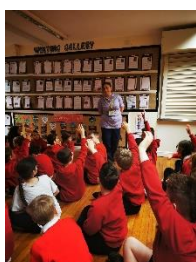
ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE / CANCELLATION

Dates
for
your
diary

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



Our Community Give Back has gained great momentum and it has been wonderful to see so many people engaging with it. Before Christmas, we saw our children giving their time as a Federation; making Christmas cards for people in hospital on Christmas Day. We also had parents giving their time. Thank you to Sarah, Tommy’s mum (STC), for telling us about what it is like working in a hospital and for ensuring our cards got to the right place, and to Kerry, Theo’s mum (STC) for a wonderful wreath making workshop!



New this term - we now have our delicious toast to look forward to every morning. Even the smell of it around school makes the day feel better! Thank you to Toft Gate Café and the PTA who our donating the bread and butter for this.

But what next? This is where you can get involved. What could you gift to our community? What skills could you share? Do you have a business that would like to support Community Giving? If so, please get in touch.

Safeguarding

As you know, we explicitly teach and promote awareness of using the internet safely at home and at school.

In school, we have robust filtering and monitoring systems that are analysed to ensure that they are working.

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

The link to Safer Internet UK has guides for parent and carers on how to support your child to use the internet safely, as well as specific guides to social media sites.

We're in the news!

The Harrogate Advertiser have run an article about our school 😊

'I don't have to keep my feelings inside' Glasshouses Primary School breakfast scheme toasting the worries away

Through our Facebook presence, the Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation has been spotted by the local reporter for the Harrogate Advertiser. She will be doing a half termly feature for one of our schools and this half term it was Glasshouses. We have had a lovely coverage around the 'morning toast and check-ins'. If you have read the article, I am sure that you'll agree that it is great for our individual schools, and the Federation as a whole. Next half term, it will be St Cuthbert's turn and we will be putting the focus on our Commando Joes sessions. We have already started work on this article, so look out for it sometime in March.

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!