



# APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, and volunteers

I cannot believe that it is the Summer Term! Last week, it was hail stones, the week before was snow, and this week it is 19 degrees! It is the beauty of the English weather 😊

As always, we have been very busy in school learning about our new CHAMPS value – **P** - Perseverance (and Courage). The children are now creating books and pieces of work, following on from the whole Federation Assemblies on Monday and Wednesday, and we are excited to show you these at the Celebration Assembly on Friday. The work follows a story based on the values covered by this month's Rights Respecting Articles (see next page for details).

You will have heard by now that we have two school guinea pigs, who are now settled into their new home 😊. The children are working together with Mrs Newton (our own Miss Newton's Mum) to look after and care for them.

This term, we have lots of events coming up, so please keep an eye on the calendar – for example: May Day on the Green on Monday, Sports Day, the Year 5/6 residential to East Barnby, Reception 2024 and Year 6 Transition Days and whole-school 'shuffle-up' days, and Federation Friday...

I hope you enjoy reading through our new-look newsletter.

Miss Thornber and Team

Our CHAMPS value this half-term is

**PERSEVERANCE**



## 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:

- **C**hooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **H**onest in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **A**chieves the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **M**anners to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **P**erseveres when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **S**afe 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**.

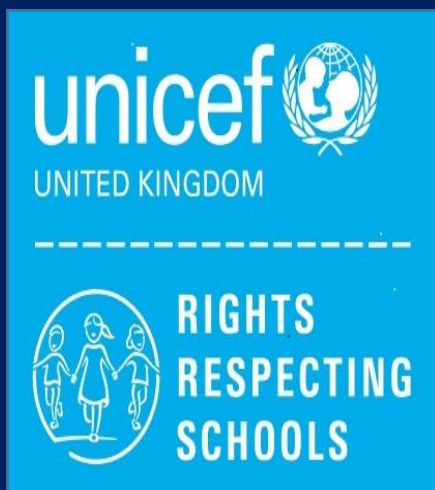
## Monthly Attendance Summary

Jade Class - 99.66%

Amethyst Class - 98.06%

Obsidian Class - 97.59%

Whole School - 98.22%



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

### Articles of the Month

**Article 1** – Everyone under 18 has these rights.

**Article 2** – These rights are for all children; there is no discrimination.

# Jade Class Monthly News

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

April has been such a full month. The guinea pigs have caused quite a stir - they are really sweet and the children have taken a great interest in feeding them, and ensuring they are happy and safe. Many children have brought in vegetables for them, so thank you. In our maths lessons, Reception children have been working hard on teens numbers and how they are made up of 10 and a bit, learning different ways to make the same number and jumping up and down number lines to find more or less. Year 1 have learnt all about time, singing our months of the year song (ask the children to sing it to you!), learning the days of the week, as well as the tricky task of reading O'clock times and half past times.

Our English has been focused around some inspirational people - Amelia Earhart and Marcus Rashford. If you ask the children what they have learned they will be able to tell you some interesting facts about these exceptional people.

In Science, we have been exploring different materials and conducted an experiment to find out which materials were the most waterproof. The children decided on ways of making it a fair test and added water to different materials to see which would soak up the most water. We have also been planting beans and did an experiment to find out if beans needed water to grow.

Our Federation Friday was a fabulous day, as always. Reception children went off to Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate. They had a great day learning about spring and new growth and the weather was really kind to them too. Year 1 made their own food pots with oats and fruit and thoroughly enjoyed eating them immediately. It was really lovely to see the friendships formed between the two schools.

Thank you for all the support you give the class; from reading their school books, to the warm greetings we all get each morning. Jade class are a wonderful group of children and we can't wait to see what May will bring to their learning and development at school and home.



# Amethyst Class Monthly News

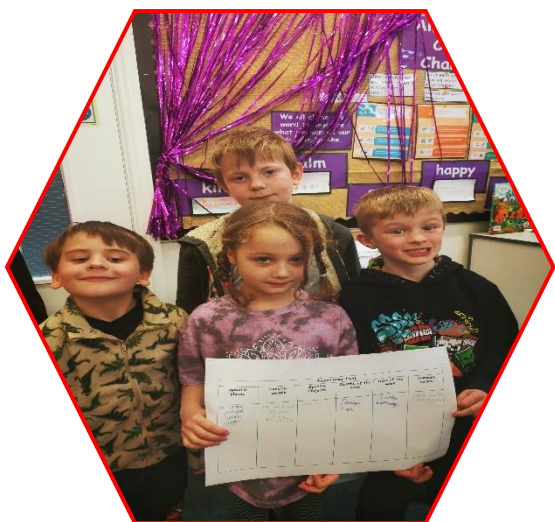
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Amethyst Class have had a very busy month. We really enjoyed our Money Sense session with Sam from NatWest Bank. We learnt all about how people get money and the choices that we can make about what we do with our money. Then we worked in small groups to plan our own business. We had to come up with a business plan and budget what we needed to get our business started. It was a great way to learn.

In English we have been recapping our knowledge on nouns and adjectives. We have been revisiting what a common noun is and what a proper noun is. We even went on a proper noun hunt in groups to find as many proper nouns as we could. We have just revealed our new book for this unit of English. We are reading Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

In Maths, we are learning about money. We have been converting pounds into pence, and pence into pounds. We have also started adding money, recalling our knowledge about addition and subtraction and using this to help us to add up different values of money.



# Obsidian Class Monthly News

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Obsidian Class have had a fun filled month of learning!

In English, we have learned all about persuasive writing, designing persuasive letters and adverts. We have looked at persuasive devices including modal verbs and emotive language. We are now working towards writing a persuasive advert to advertise palm-oil free shampoo as palm oil is farmed intensively and consequently destroying the homes of endangered orang-utans.

In maths, we have been learning all about algebra! We started by looking at missing number questions and then built up our knowledge to look at solving simple 1-step and 2-step equations.

In Science, we studied the topic of forces and motion. We learnt about how different forces affect the motion of an object. For air resistance, we looked at different shaped parachutes and the effect this would have on a falling object. We also looked at gravity and discovered that no matter the size of an object, it will fall at the same time. Did you know – on the moon, a hammer and feather would fall at the same time!

Finally, a big congratulations to Year 6 who competed at the National UK Dodgeball Championships. They were fantastic and showed great perseverance and resilience despite facing some tough competition. They all showed great sportsmanship and were absolute CHAMPS!



# Pupil Leadership Team News



## Digital Leaders

The digital leaders have worked hard since their last meeting. They have put on an Online Safety assembly for the children, and they are now working on a timetable of laptop organisation.



## Sports Leaders

The sports leaders have been very busy building their knowledge up of what makes a good sport leader. We listened to other children's views about playtimes about Game of the Week and how it can be improved.



## Wellbeing Leaders

The Wellbeing Leaders first job was to elect a Chair (Lillie-Mae - STC) and a Vice Chair (Jack B - GH). We then looked at what Wellbeing is and the 5 ways we can help ourselves to have good Wellbeing.



## Rights Respecting Team

We have been very busy with our Road Safety campaign. We have held a poster competition. We invited Lauren Doherty into school to talk us about road safety. We have also written to our local councillor and local MP to tell them about our concerns - watch this space for more news!

# Safeguarding

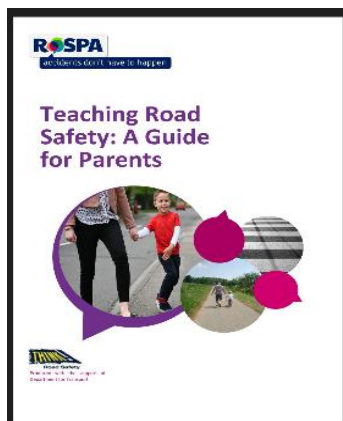
## Road Safety

As you know, we are promoting Road Safety in school at the moment.

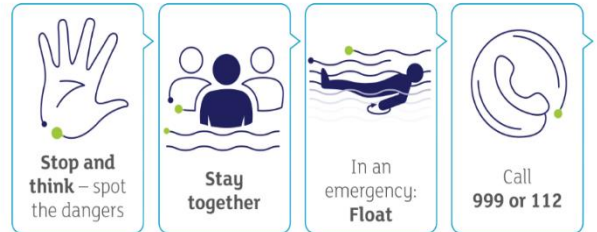
Keeping our children safe on the roads is a joint effort between school and home.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents is available from the ROSPA website and other resources can be downloaded from the link below:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



## Water Safety Code



During the school holidays, and in particular in warmer weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average between 40 and 50 children drown per year in the UK. As you venture out more as the weather becomes warmer, please be aware of the dangers of being close to canals, rivers, lakes and reservoirs. The water safety code Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water. See the full code here <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>

## Extra-curricular clubs

### Monday

Warhammer Club – 3:30-5pm with Mr Thompson

Harrogate Town Sports Club – 3:30-4:30pm with Mr Overton

Running Club – 3:30-4:30pm with Miss Thornber (alternate weeks)

Roller Booting Club – 3:30-4:30pm with Mrs Wilkinson (alternate weeks)

### Tuesday

Warhammer Club – 3:30-5pm with Mr Thompson

Baking Club – 3:30-4:30pm with Mrs Leyland

### Wednesday

Commando Joes – 8:15-8:45am (KS1) and 3:30-4:30pm (KS2)

### Thursday

Kanga Sports – 3:30-4:30pm with Mr Hird

### Friday

Cricket Club – 3:30-4:30pm with Mr Caswell & Mr Critchley



# Community Give Back

We are delighted to share that our application for a grant from The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has been successful. This money means that we can make a real difference to our families who qualify for Pupil Premium funding. For a year, each child in our Federation who receives this funding will be getting a £15 voucher per week of the school holidays. The voucher is redeemable at Dales Market Corner for food and drinks (excluding alcohol and fizzy drinks) and we hope that this will provide much needed financial support. If you think your family may qualify for free school meals, and therefore Pupil Premium funding then please get in touch with Mrs Lumley [bm@uppernidderdalefed.school](mailto:bm@uppernidderdalefed.school)

I'm sure you have heard all about our Guinea Pigs. Thank you to Mrs Newton (Miss Newton's mum) for all the time that she has spent supporting school to settle them into our Federation and for her donation towards their home!

Finally, thank you to everyone that helped in any way with our first Working Bee Day! There was such a lovely atmosphere within school with everyone rolling up their sleeves to make the environment even better for our children. We also enjoyed reading your comments on Facebook, telling us how much you and your children had enjoyed the day. A massive thank you to Duncan Waller (Cookridge Estates) for his generous donation towards materials!







SUMMER TERM (8 April – 22 July)	
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF TERM – 7 weeks (8 April – 24 May)</b>	
8 April	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
9 April	School starts – all children
9 – 11 April	Scholastic Book Fair
12 April	Federation Friday
13 April (Saturday)	10am-4pm Community 'Working Bees' Day
17 April	8:15am Parent's Breakfast
26 April	Royal Hall Concert
6 May	May Day – School closed to children
7 May	9am Class / Leavers Photos
8 May	9am Bag2School Collection
13 - 17 May	SATS week
23 May	9-9:30am Learn With Me Session (PSHE - money & my future)
23 May	AM Sports Day
24 May	School closes for half-term (normal time)
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM – 7 weeks (3 June – 22 July)</b>	
3 June	School starts – all children
4 June	Reception 2024 New Starters Information Evening
11 June	KS2 Countryside Day Trip
12 June	8:15am Parent's Breakfast
14 June	Federation Friday
17 – 21 June	Assessment Week
18 June	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2024 Transition Morning
20 June	4pm and 6pm East Barnby Parent's Meeting at Glasshouses
21 June	10am-2pm Jade Class visit to Studfold Farm
25 June	Parent's SEN Meetings
26 June	PM – Yr6s attending Police 'Crucial Crew' session
27 June	9-9:30am Learn With Me Session (DT)
2 July	1pm-6pm Parents Information Sessions / Reports to parents
3 July	Year 6 Transition Day at Nidd High
5 July	PTFA Summer Disco (at St Cuthbert's)
8 - 10 July	Year 5 & 6 – East Barnby residential
12 July	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2024 Transition Morning
15 July	2:45-3:30pm Volunteer's Afternoon Tea
16 July	2pm Year 6's Leavers' Assembly
19 July	2:30pm School closes for Summer
22 July	Staff Training Day – School closed to children

# 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.



## Parent Toddler Groups

### Glasshouses School

Every Friday from 9:30 - 11am

Term time only

### St Cuthbert's School

Every Friday from 1.30 - 3.30pm

Term time only

**Everybody welcome** 😊

**No need to book**

(No charge, but a contribution towards refreshments would be appreciated)



Nidderdale Plus Library

## STORYTIME!

For under fives

Every term time Tuesday.

11.00- 11.40am

**FREE!**

**Starts from  
7th May**



## Coffee and Games Afternoon



Please join us at Glasshouses CP School every Tuesday from 14.00 - 14.45 for coffee, cake and games with our fantastic KS2 children.

Starting from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and running every Tuesday in term time.

#nidderdalecommunitygiveback

