



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Mr Smith

Last week, our magnificent team of Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers attended the annual local schools swimming gala at Norton swimming pool. Last year, Slingsby came back as the 'small school' victors (schools with fewer than 100 pupils); but this year they went one better and won the overall event: beating schools with MANY more pupils. This is a FANTASTIC result and we are so very proud of them all! Miss Secker has given more details of the event below.

This week, we have been taking time to focus on Children's Mental Health Week. In Class Curie, we looked at responsibly using social media to support healthy mental wellbeing and discussed the importance of being kind online in everything we write or comment on. In Class Gold, the children designed posters around belonging, where the children thought about places where they feel safe or people/groups they feel they belong with. Class Bolt did their morning warm-up routine to wake up their body and mind, setting a positive tone for the day ahead. They also made mosaics to show what belonging means to them. The children in Class Hamza made masks to show what makes them comfortable and confident.



Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all took part in a Yoga lesson on Wednesday with Miss Leeming from Flow for All Yoga Studio where they learnt to stretch, take a moment of calm and different breathing exercises.

On Wednesday, my assembly focussed on being comfortable with who you are, but also showing respect and tolerance for people who choose to be different from the 'norm.' The main thing is, we should all be happy with being who we are, and not feel under pressure to be who people expect us to be in order to fit in.

To conclude the week, tomorrow is a non-uniform '*Come As Yourself Day.*' Children can wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong — whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique! Please help us raise funds for Place2Be Children's Mental Health Charity and our Eco Schools award cost by donating a suggested 50p - £1 in cash on the door.

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Yesterday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 1 & 2 pupils for their Malton Community Sports Centre KS1 Dodgeball tournament on Wednesday. They played 6 non-competitive games against other local schools and got very sweaty! It was lovely to see them all having such a great time and their behaviour was absolutely first class!

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon: 196, Griffin: 234, Pegasus: 214 & Phoenix: 240. Well done to Phoenix house!

Finally, please take a moment to download the new Eduspot (Teacher2Parent) App as per the email sent out this week. More information is below.

Wishing you a really wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 23rd February, when we will be celebrating Scouts' Founders Day and Guides World Thinking Day. All our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school that day.

Mr Smith



School News

- Last Friday Isla, Serenity, Florence, Jasmine, Daisy, Ben, Ethan, Lars and Oliver from Class Curie attended the Primary Schools Swimming Gala, competing against six other schools. From the moment we arrived, Slingsby showed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour to each other as well as towards other teams and they worked incredibly well together to win and become the **SCHOOL CHAMPIONS!** I was so impressed with their determination, their team work and their encouragement of others and they made all of us at Slingsby very proud. A huge well done to the boys for their two relay wins, and Lars and Ethan for their gold and silver medal wins respectively. Another huge well done to the girls for their relay team win, and Isla and Florence for their gold and silver medal wins respectively. *Miss Secker*.
- Bolt Class had their first swimming lesson at St. Alban's Sports Centre on Monday and thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting this trip, it is greatly appreciated. Lessons will continue after half term, with the last lesson on 23rd March.
- Mr Slingsby from Ampleforth College and two of our own former students led a problem-solving workshop with Year 4 & 5 children on Monday afternoon where they had to use marshmallows and spaghetti and work in teams to build the best tower they could. A lot of fun was had and it was great to welcome back Annabelle and Freddie!
- World Book Day Vouchers will be coming home with the children today and tomorrow. Don't forget to take a photo of the children holding the book bought with the voucher for our World Book Day display! More details below.
- Don't forget that tomorrow is a non-uniform day in aid of the Place2Be Children's Mental Health Charity and our Eco Schools award, as this topic forms a big part of our Eco School's Healthy Living project. Cash donations can be given on the door in the morning.
- Also tomorrow, FOSS are having a pop-up refreshments stall on The Green at the end of the day which will be cash only.
- On Monday 23rd February our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers can wear their uniforms to school for Scouts' Founders Day and Guides World Thinking Day.

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- We have a new Spring/Summer menu starting after half term, copy attached for your information.



NEW Eduspot (Teachers2Parents) App- please download

Further to our email send out on Monday, as part of a recent move to the upgraded version of Teachers2Parents, Slingsby School now has access to the NEW Eduspot Mobile App. The purpose of the app is to keep you informed and involved in school life. It's a free, easy-to-use messaging service engagement app that lets us send important updates and notifications directly to your phone. Eduspot is available on the App Store (for Apple iPhone or iPad) or on Google Play (for Android smartphones or tablets). For help with installing the app and logging in, please see the poster attached, or visit [Getting Started | Eduspot Parent Support](#) Once downloaded, please remove the old T2P App which will become obsolete. Any problems, please contact the school office.



Eco School Update

Thanks to everyone who bought in their old batteries after Christmas. We had a huge amount that have now been taken to the battery recycling area at Malton Household waste site recycling centre. As we have highlighted before, it is essential that batteries are NOT put in your normal waste bins as this is a fire risk for both the collection vehicles and at the main waste centre. Please either bring them to school OR take them directly to the household recycling centre in Malton.

This week school has been celebrating Children's Mental Health week with a range of activities including, yoga, mindfulness sessions an Art project and singing. This forms part of our Healthy Living topic for our Eco Schools award this year, enabling children to start to understand how they can take charge of their mental health and wellbeing. Thanks to all that have supported our work this week.



World Book Day – Tuesday 10th March- "If You're Into It, Read Into it"

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 10th March (we are unable to do it on the national day of 5th March because this is a Thursday and we have our PE lessons with Malton Community Sports Centre!). On Tuesday 10th March, we are inviting children and staff to come to school **dressed as a favourite character, author or illustrator, bringing the book that inspired them**. We will be giving the children their WBD book tokens next week and we would love it if the children could send a photograph into school of them buying their chosen book with their token to help us celebrate the books we all love.



FOSS Update

Tuck Shop & Hot Chocolate stall

This Friday Poppy and Grania will be hosting a stall on the green at 3.30pm selling surplus stock for a donation of 50p including crisps and drinks, plus hot chocolates with the trimmings! Please support FOSS and bring along some change as it will be cash only.

Getting Involved

Thank you to those who joined us for our first catchup of the year last week, we have a jam-packed calendar for the rest of the school year, including two of our biggest fundraisers, the Scarecrow Trail & village May Day celebrations, and the Duck Race Family Fun Day.

We really need YOUR help to make these events a success! There will be volunteer rota's up at school over parents evening and at the school entrances as we get closer to the events, please put your name

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down for a volunteer slot and/or to donate baking. Every offer of help makes a massive difference to our small team and without volunteers on our stalls these events cannot run.

If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of FOSS at school or email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Bake Sale In School

On Friday 27th February we will be hosting a bake sale in Class Hamza after school, please come in to enjoy some cake and meet the FOSS team!

Easyfundraising

The easiest way to support FOSS is to sign up to Easyfundraising and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, if you register to support FOSS via their app, we'll get a free £2 donation for every person that registers with the Easyfundraising app, plus when 10+ people register we'll unlock more bonus funding!



Vacancy – Midday Supervisory Assistant & Club Leader

We are currently advertising for a Midday Supervisory Assistant and After School Clubs assistant. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please see the attached link [Midday Supervisory Assistant](#)



Transpennine Trail - Kids Half Term activity pack

We're excited to share our brand-new **Kids' February Half Term Activity Pack**, filled with fun nature-themed activities, crafts, recipes and puzzles for families to enjoy during the holiday. It's a great way to inspire children to get creative, explore the outdoors, and learn more about the outdoors and the Trans Pennine Trail.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover winter wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone – whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. Download it from our Children's page at: [TPT Activity Packs | Trans Pennine Trail](#)

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SPRING TERM KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please note that these dates are subject to change and more dates will be added. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter.

13th February – Come as Yourself Day (non uniform) - cash donation for charity

13th February – FOSS Pop-Up refreshment stall 3.30pm on The Green - cash only

13th February – Last day of half term, usual finish times

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23rd February - Celebration of Scout's Founders Day and Guides World Thinking Day (official date is 22nd February which is a Sunday) All members invited to wear their uniforms to school.

23rd February – Class Bolt second swimming lesson

25th February – Maypole Dancing Club 3.30pm

27th February – Closing date for MSA applications

27th February – Bake sale & meet FOSS event in Class Hamza 3.30pm

2nd March – Class Bolt third swimming lesson

4th March – Maypole Dancing Club 3.30pm

9th March – Class Bolt fourth swimming lesson

10th March – World Book Day Celebrations – see information above

11th March – KS2 Football Norton College

11th March - Maypole Dancing Club 3.30pm

13th March – Red Nose Day

13th March - FOSS Mother's Day Stall after school

16th March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

16th March - Class Bolt fifth swimming lesson

17th March – Parents' Evening Class Hamza & Bolt

18th March – Class Curie Basketball, Handball and Netball tournament

18th March – Maypole Dancing Club 3.30pm

18th March – Parents' Evening Class Hamza & Bolt

20th March – World Water Day

23rd March – Class Bolt last swimming lesson

24th March – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening

25th March – Maypole Dancing Club 3.30pm

25th March – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening

27th March – Last day of term for Easter Holidays. Easter Service in All Saints Church 1.15pm and early finish for those who wish to leave after Church. School open as usual until 4.30pm.

Child Welfare and Safeguarding - who to speak to

Details of our safeguarding contacts can be found on our website at [Safeguarding & Child Protection - Slingsby Community Primary School](#). If you have concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding members:

- ❖ Mr. L. Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead): headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk
- ❖ Mrs. C. Jordan (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- ❖ Mrs. R. Welch (Safeguarding Governor)

Further advice can also be obtained from:

- ❖ The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on: 01609 533080
- ❖ The Local Authority Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) on: 0300 131 2131
- ❖ North Yorkshire Police on: 101



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