



Cowling Community
Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 27th April



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the Maths Mastery session at school on Tuesday. The children did a wonderful job of showing how they tackle maths problems using different strategies. I know many adults did not enjoy maths when they were at school and wish, like me, that they had been taught using today's techniques. The focus is now very much on using equipment and checking pupils understanding before they tackle pages of sums. If you would like to know more about how best to support your child please speak to your child's teacher.

It is great to see the school so busy after school with clubs running Monday to Thursday. We are currently offering Sportscool on a Monday, Y4,5,6 fencing on a Tuesday, Ks2 running on Wednesday and KS1 athletics on Thursday. You can see film clips of the children taking part in some of the clubs on our facebook page.

This week we welcomed Michael Green back to school and he spoke to the children about the determination, resilience and leadership skills demonstrated by some of the world's great explorers. In assembly he spoke about Ernest Shackleton and yesterday to Year 5 and 6 pupils about the adventures of Scott, Mawson and Charcot. He showed amazing photographs and brought items from Scott's ship, the Terra Nova for the children to see. Tales of the expeditions included terrible weather, the effort needed to climb glaciers three miles high, disastrous accidents where men and the whole camp's food supply were lost in a deep crevasse, and how, having endured the return journey from the magnetic pole, Shipley-born Douglas Mawson, returned to camp only to see his boat sailing away without him! Certainly these explorers were all full of resilience.

Congratulations to Sebastian Barnett who competed in the 2018 Ballroom and Latin national finals in Blackpool and was placed joint 19th in the country in his age group. Fantastic news!

Thank you to parents who have emailed photos of their children out and about walking in the local area. We were all inspired by Alfie and Amber's Mum, Emma, who ran the Spine Challenger, along the Pennines. If you have photos please email to admin@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk as we would like to create a display.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)

Did you marry at Holy Trinity Church, Cowling? If so, the church is appealing for photographs of your special day for their open weekend on May 11-13th. The church is collecting wedding photos which will be displayed in the church over the weekend which coincides with Prince Harry's wedding to Meghan Markle. If you want to send your photographs into school in a named envelope we will pass them onto Rev Collings. Thank you.



Congratulations Seb!
One of the top 20 dancers in the country!



Summer Term—School Dinners

School meals at Cowling are fantastic. They are cooked on site and the vast majority of our children enjoy a delicious hot lunch with pudding every day. During the summer term some children decide to bring a healthy packed lunch. **I am writing to ask if you would please consider encouraging your child to have a hot meal whenever possible during the summer term.** The costs of providing school meals are rising and if numbers fall the cost has to be met from the school budget. You may not be aware that the universal free school meal, currently offered by the Government to infants, is not met in full by the DfE—the shortfall is taken from school budgets. Thank you to all our families who support school lunches. I do believe the experience of all the children sitting down together for a hot meal is important and they benefit not only from the energy the meal provides but also from the social experience of eating together.



Happy Birthday to Will Cluny from all your friends at Cowling Primary School

Pupils of the week awarded for effort, handwriting, maths, athletics, descriptive writing and discussion.

Mrs Antal's Class: Zsolt and Jack Garlick

Mrs Amos and Mrs Symond's Class: Isla Swinson and Alfie Jackson.

Mrs Nelson's Class: Ashton Akrigg-Barrett and Seth Wilkinson.

Mrs Dawson's Class: Oscar Capstick and Olivia Barton.

Mrs Pease and Mr Ollerton's Class: Teagan Dugdale and Caspar Alderson.



- 24.4.18 3.00 pm Maths Mastery workshop for parents and carers.
- 1.5.18 5/6 Tennis Competition.
- 2.5.18 Y3/4 STEM Challenge
- 7.5.18 School closed for Bank Holiday
- 11.5.18 Festival of Weddings Holy Trinity Church.
- 14.5.18 Y6 SATS week
- 15.5.18 Y3/4 Tennis Tournament
- 21.5.18 Y5/6 Ullswater Residential
- 25.5.18 School closes for Half-term 3.30

- 4.6.18 School reopens
- 4.6.18 Provisional Sports Day 1
- 7.6.18 Y5/6 Forensic Science event South Craven.
- 12.6.18 Y5/6 Rounders Event
- 13.6.18 Class Photos
- 18.6.18 Provisional sports Day 2
- 20.6.18 Y1/2 mini Olympics
- 25,6,18 Provisional Sports Day 3
- 26.6.18 Y5/6 Girls Tag rugby
- 27.6.18 Y5 Day at South Craven

