

THIS WEEK:

This week brought the beginning of our outdoor program - along with the snow! Thankfully, everyone came sufficiently prepared in warm clothing and managed to remain dry.

Class 2 spent their first session at Glasshouses dam, canoeing. Not only did they learn how to control the canoes, but also how to tie knots in order to secure two canoes together. I wonder if they can still remember them? Geoffrey was commended by the Bewerley Park staff as displaying great team leader qualities and the whole group were praised for their effort. Jake happily recounted that: 'It was really fun. You might have got a bit wet, but it didn't matter because you were having so much fun.' Geoffrey had some advice for others who might take part in the activity: 'I wouldn't be nervous about doing the activity because you are in such safe hands.'

Class 1 were in the woodland. Becoming familiar with, and risk assessing, their learning environment was an important part of the session, identifying dangers and deciding on ways to keep themselves safe. Part of their afternoon required them to find a quiet spot of their choosing and then to sit and watch the boughs of the trees swaying in the wind. They also spent time around a fire, sharing ideas. Joshua thought: 'It was like Narnia.' While, Finn was particularly excited to tell me that: 'We watched them put the fire out.' Arthur added that: 'We found bugs.'

It would seem that everyone had a fantastic time and is looking forward to next week.





Confirmed Dates for the Diary

1st February—

Skipping workshop

6th February—Ash

Wednesday Collective Worship

7th February—Firefighters

Clothing Collection

9th February—Break for

Half Term

19th February—Staff Training

Day

20th February—School re-opens

22nd February—

Chinese New Year Dance Workshop

1st March—World

Book Day

22nd March—Parents

Evening

26th March—Year 6

Residential at Bewerley Park

29th March—Easter Service at Ripley

29th March—Year 6 Residential returns

29th March—Break for Easter holidays

16th April—School re-opens

Attendance & Punctuality

Infants attendance this week: 100%

Juniors attendance this week: 96.30%

Ofsted above average

target:

95.3%

Class Two: This beautiful winter week has been very productive for the children. In maths, we have continued with our fraction topic. The children in Years 3 and 4 have been busily exploring what an equivalent fraction is and how they can prove this. Tom and Geoffrey have been revising how to add and subtract fractions. They have also been looking at how to extend their explanations for their answers.

In English, we have been looking at the key question: How can we turn an image into words? The children have been looking at various poetic devices, such as personification, metaphors and similes in order to produce a descriptive poem. We are looking forward to sharing them with you.

Consultation Proposal Dates

09.01.18—Consultation Opens

15.01.18—Public meeting at School

27.02.18—Consultation closes

13.03.18—CC Executive considers responses

22.03.18 to

19.04.18 —Statutory Notices

22.05.18—Final decision by CC Executive

31.08.18—Proposed school closure

Your views about the proposed closure of our school are welcomed. Please complete a response sheet, these are available on the school website or hard copies from the school office.

You can also submit an online response by following this link:

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=151332878443>