



*Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.*

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It has been a busy start to the term with lots of exciting opportunities for all the children - from poets to residential visits and forests schools to Bikeability. Assemblies have covered topics about our values and vision, black history month and staying safe. We hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities and welcome any ideas or feedback you have.

## Dates for your diary

Fri 19 Nov	Children in Need
Wed 24 Nov	Flu immunisation Rec to Y6
Thu 2 Dec	FOSS Christmas Fair
20 Dec - 2 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tue 4 Jan	Pupils return to school

*We'll keep you informed of all the activities planned in the lead up to Christmas.*

## Admission to school

A reminder that applications for a school place are online only:

If your child is starting primary school (Reception) in September 2022, you must apply online between 1 September 2021 and **15 January 2022** (applies for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018).

## Meet our new Reception children!

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to all of the children and their families who started with us - our new Reception children have settled in really well and become a welcome addition to our school.

The children have all been very busy learning lots of new things and making new friends.



## Ed Clancy

Earlier in the term, we had the opportunity to meet Olympic cyclist Ed Clancy. He delivered an assembly around the importance of perseverance, determination and goal setting, all of which played a key role in his achievements. The children (and staff) were very excited to see all his gold medals! After the assembly, Class 3 children took part in practical lessons, and the children had a great morning.

Isabella said  
*"He showed us his bike and*

*different wheels and told us about his hospital injury where he had a lot of help from friends and family and he believed in himself to get better."*  
Caitlin *"liked the obstacle courses, going over ramps, and learning new skills".*



## Scotfit



A professional instructor from Scootability, a nationwide scooter training program, visited school recently. He brought all the scooters, helmets, ramps etc and helped pupils develop their skills and confidence towards safer scootering habits.

All the classes enjoyed training sessions during the day.

Rory thought *"it was fun, you went up ramps so you went high, when you landed you thought you were going to fall over, but I landed safely and it was exciting!"*. Sophie *"learned how to be safe on scooters, how to balance so you don't fall over – it was really fun!"*

## A visit from 'That Poetry Bloke', Craig Bradley

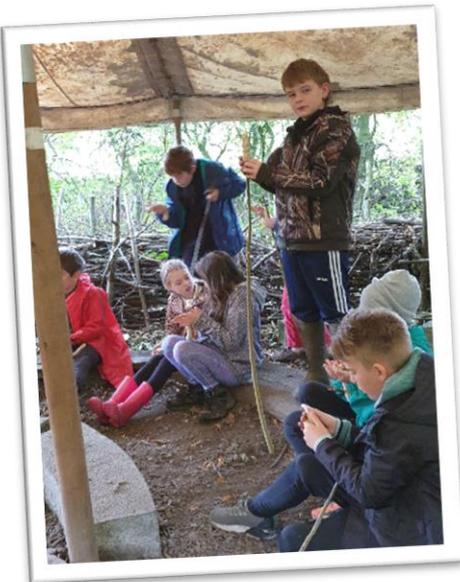
We celebrated National Poetry day on Thursday 7 October with a visit from a local poet. During assemblies he shared poems with all the children in school and worked with each class creating group poems.

The children had lots of fun joining in with poems and rhymes and we hope that the day inspired the children to read and perform lots more poems in school and at home.

Pixie *"enjoyed it, he was a bit bonkers and he talked in a funny voice!"* and Leo said that *"he told us some funny jokes – he was silly so it was fun!"* and Star learned that *"poetry is not underpants" ?!?!*



## Cliffe House



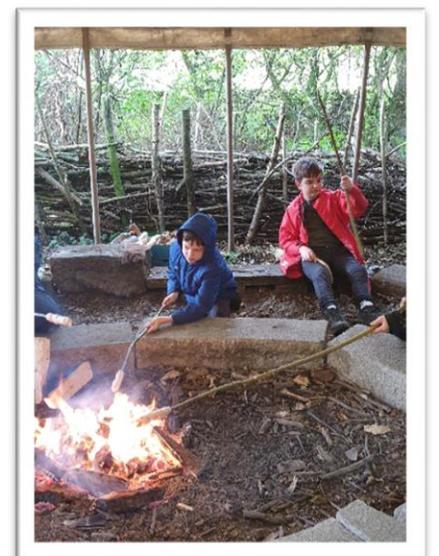
Year 6 children enjoyed an excellent residential at Cliffe House. They took advantage of the variety of activities from rock climbing to pond studies; and appeared to have a wonderful time making memories. Cliffe House did a great job looking after us all, the staff were all excellent and the cooks made us some great meals.

We hope all the children came home buzzing about their experiences.

Eric really enjoyed the visit and *"liked the rock climbing best, and the bread making outside on a fire, and sleeping in the same room as everyone"*.

Luka said *"It was good, lots of activities outdoors, using teamwork. My favourites were cooking outside and rock climbing. We got to know more people from Linthwaite Clough."*

Austin thought that *"it was really fun, running around doing activities. We learned how to build a wooden car in the team and tested it afterwards."*



## Term time/holiday dates

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Tue 7 Sep	25 Oct to 29 Oct	Fri 17 Dec	Tue 4 Jan	21 Feb to 25 Feb	Fri 8 Apr	Mon 25 Apr	30 May to 3 Jun	Mon 25 Jul

School will also be closed on:

Friday 22 October, Monday 6 December\*, Monday 28 February, Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day), Friday 27 May

\*Monday 6 December has been chosen as our extra day in lieu of the bank holiday granted for the Queen's platinum jubilee.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Mon 5 Sep	24 Oct to 28 Oct	Fri 16 Dec	Tue 3 Jan	13 Feb to 17 Feb	Fri 31 Mar	Mon 17 Apr	29 May to 2 Jun	Tue 25 Jul

School will also be closed on Monday 1 May 2023 (May Day) plus 5 days to be decided.

### A few reminders:

- You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm.**
- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you have changed your mobile number please update ParentPay so that you can continue to receive texts from school for reminders, emergencies, school closures etc.
- We would like to take this opportunity to again remind parents that dinner money (now £2.35 a day/£11.75 a week) **should be paid in advance**, and if your child wishes to change from school meals to packed lunches, or vice versa, we need **two weeks notice**. Thank you.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence - many thanks.

### Job vacancy

We are currently advertising for a Business Support Officer for Scapegoat Hill J&I School for 14.5 hours, worked over three days a week. The advert is on the Kirklees jobs website, with a closing date of 19 November.

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