



# Greystoke Newsletter

## Our time at Stanley Head

Last week a group of year 6 children enjoyed a busy week at Stanley Head. Here are reports from Jay, George and Madeleine.

'On the bus to Stanley Head everyone was hyper, singing and shouting giving the bus driver a head ache but everyone was enjoying themselves. As we arrived at Stanley Head you couldn't see somebody who wasn't smiling we were all really excited as we started to get our suitcases. We tried out different activities including: crate stacking, high ropes (like an obstacle course in the air), a whole day of caving etc. After a whole day of activities every night we would get stuck in to a delectable Bourneville hot chocolate that everyone enjoyed with a nice biscuit. Everyone enjoyed the food there, running especially just to get in earlier. My personal favourite was the southern fried chicken! On the way back everyone was so sad to leave. One of our instructors, Mr Wilson, was standing outside waving as we drifted away on the bus.'

'At Stanley head we had a great time doing our activities but we couldn't do one activity because there was algae that could make us sick in the lake. One activity that I enjoyed was bouldering we climbed so high that we were in the clouds! We also had to go through lots of tight gaps. It was a fun and challenging activity to do. We also did high ropes which was also one of my favourite activities because it was fun, scary and challenging.

On the last full day of the trip we had a camp fire where we sang songs. The fire was very big and when the fire collapsed it scared nearly everyone. One of the other activities we did was called bush craft and we made our own bread with melted chocolate inside and we cooked on our fire, it tasted a bit like cookies! One day we did caving and we saw crystals and quarts! Over 50 years ago there were miners that came to the cave we were in and we could see evidence of the miners as we could see rusty barrels, pipes, stalagmites and stalactites!'



## !! We are a GOOD school !!

I hope you will join us in celebrating a GOOD report from Ofsted. Following a visit earlier this month their official report makes very pleasing reading and reflects all the hard work of staff, pupils, governors and parents. A copy of the report and a letter are enclosed with the newsletter.

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'Last week year 6 enjoyed a week of luxury as well as laughing their heads off at Stanley Head. They did a range of activities which included high ropes, bouldering, crate stacking and a shed load of fun. The staff were great, acting like kids and not adults. It was like they had been there all along! The FOOD was delicious apparently as they chomped away too loudly than they should have. At night everybody huddled into the classroom in their pyjamas sipping warm hot chocolate as well as arguing about whose hot chocolate was best – Mr Wilsons or Mr Davies? The week sped by and everyone, including the teachers, waved goodbye as Stanley Head disappeared out of view.'



### With this newsletter:

- Ofsted report and letter
- Parents evening letter
- Snibston letter - year 1
- Football and fitness leaflet

**Working together to provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment so that all our children reach their full potential**

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## **Achievement Certificates**

Certificates were awarded on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September to the following children:

- Molly Olalobo and Charlie Ismay from Aquamarine for being really caring and supportive in class.
- William Bateman from Emerald for enthusiastic writing and story sharing.
- Harry Allcock from Turquoise for good observations in history.
- Excellent work with circuits from Erin Kynoch and Jessica Veasey in Magenta.
- In Purple Grace Beaumont for an excellent start to year 2.
- Lily Gibbons from Yellow class for thoughtful work in RE.
- Great number work from Erin Whiston in Orange.
- Oliver Vesty in Green for super skeleton science work.
- Super work in literacy and maths from Ellie Smith in Red.
- Maiya Mehai from Blue used her phonics independently in the outdoor area.

Achievement assemblies are open to all parents and carers to attend and you would be most welcome to stay as often as you wish.

Certificates awarded on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September will be listed in the next newsletter.

## **School Uniform**

We would like all children to look smart and feel part of our school by wearing full school uniform. Our school uniform is blue and grey and not blue and black. Uniform is stocked in school.

Uniform comprises of:

- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- White shirt or light blue /white school polo shirt
- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan or plain blue jumper or cardigan
- Royal blue fleece or reversible jacket with school logo
- Black, grey or white tights or socks
- Black or brown shoes
- Blue and white checked summer dresses may be worn.

Please ensure your PE kit is always in school:

- School sports t-shirt (house colour)
- Shorts
- Black or white plimsolls (for indoor)
- Trainers (for outdoors)
- Drawstring bag

## **Dinner Menu Change**

The menu will be swapped on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd October. Thursday will be chips with chicken goujons or fish fingers and Friday roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

## **Flu Vaccine**

Please remember to return your flu consent forms by Friday 26th September.

## **Come and join the PTA!**

We have our AGM on **Monday 29th September at 8pm**

### **The Plough, Littlethorpe.**

We'd love to welcome some new members so please do come along and meet us, find out a bit more about what we do and share any ideas you may have.

See you there!

## **Newsletter**

We hope you find the newsletter useful and full of information. Over the next few months we are planning to phase out the paper version and email a copy to your inbox. We are still waiting for many of you to provide an email address to ensure the smooth transition to an online version.

For the next few weeks you will continue to receive a paper copy while we implement a new method for the distribution of the newsletter and other letters and information.

## **Greystoke Primary School Newsletter**

I would like to receive the newsletter to this email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_