



Ravensthorpe Feel Good Friday Newsletter

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01 Mrs Bowyer's Blog

Dear parents, carers and children,



Welcome to our new look, refreshed Feelgood Friday newsletter! We started these newsletters during the Covid-19 pandemic as a way of keeping in touch with families and we loved seeing what everyone was up to when we couldn't be together (who can forget the pet's assembly!)

We have an amazing school community and this term, we want to focus on getting to know each other better and on building on the great relationships we have with families and our wider community. To do this we need your help! We've loved setting up our Celebration Cafes, but we are keen to discover other ways that we can work together.

We've put together a short questionnaire for parents and carers to learn more about what you would like school to offer. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions and, while we can't promise to act on each one, we really do want to know the best ways for us to work together. For example, would you like to see a return to in-person parents' evenings, or do you prefer them online? Would you like an school app, where you can find out information, read the latest news and see what your child is learning? Would it help if we ran a uniform swap shop?

We want to hear from as many parents and carers as possible, so the class with the most responses will win prize! Look out for the survey in your emails next week.

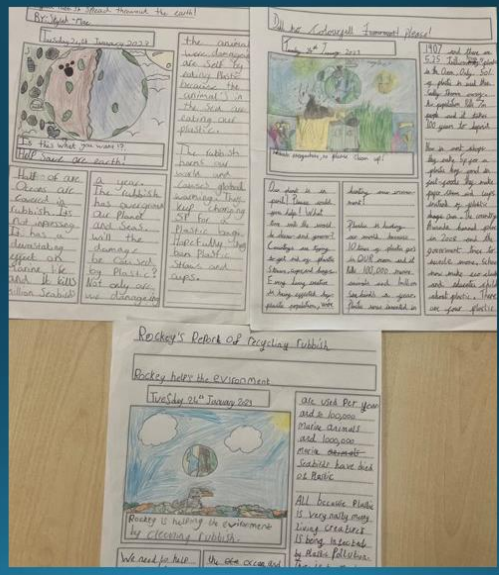
Best wishes, Mrs Bowyer



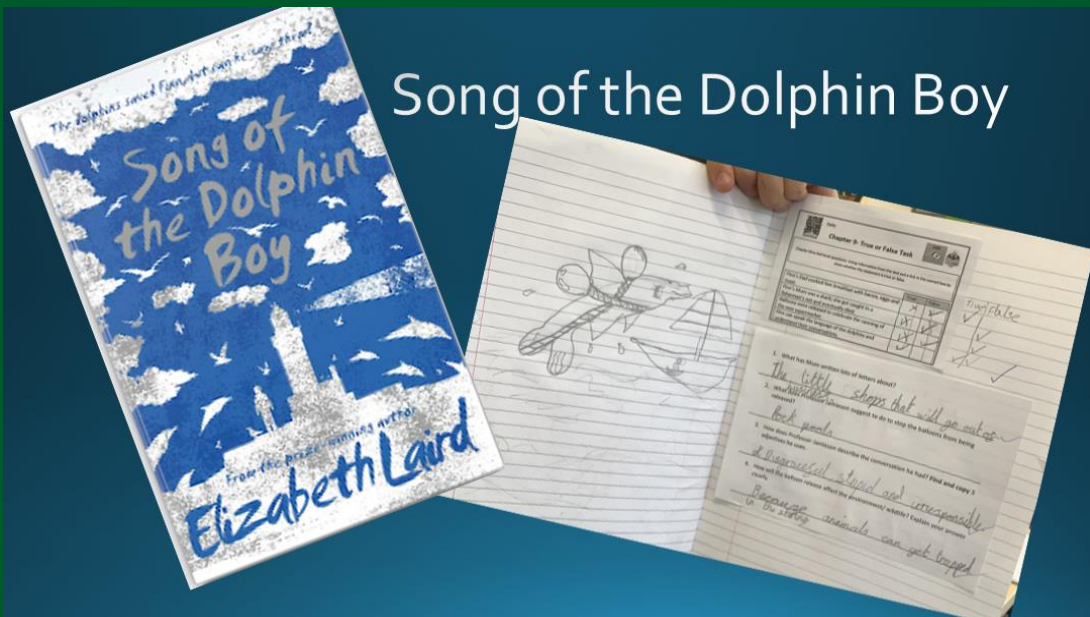
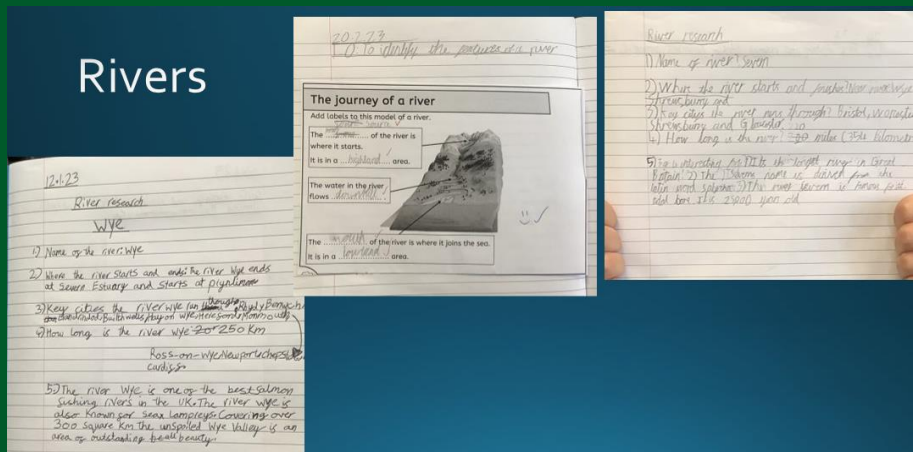
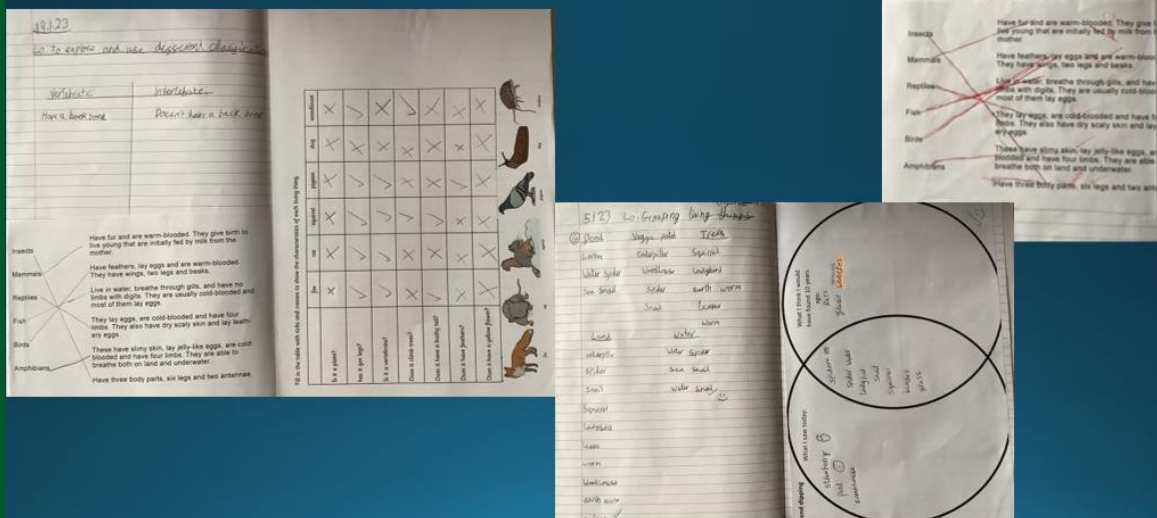
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This week at Ravensthorpe...

Newspaper reports

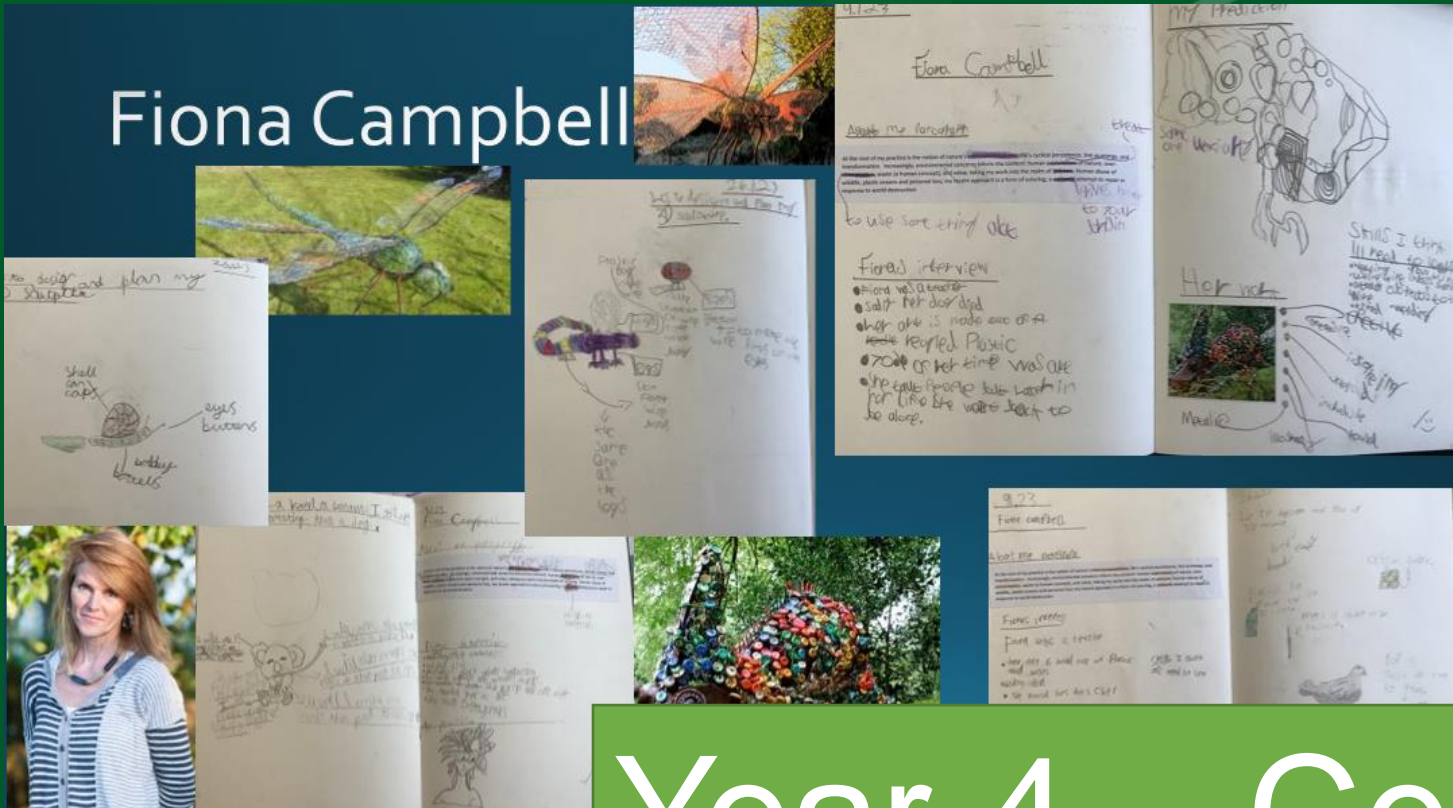


Science



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Research about dolphins



Thank you to Year 4 and
the Year 4 Team for their
Celebration Café this
morning – it was
amazing!

LEARNING

Year 4 – Celebration Cafe

02 School Calendar



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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	20-Feb		21-Feb		22-Feb		23-Feb		24-Feb
								Year 4 Celebration Café	
	27-Feb		28-Feb		01-Mar		02-Mar		03-Mar
				NEU Strike Day - some classes may be closed, please check your emails		World Book Day - Dress as you favourite comic book character!		Year 6 Celebration Café	
	06-Mar		07-Mar		08-Mar		09-Mar		10-Mar
								Year 5 Celebration Café	
	13-Mar		14-Mar		15-Mar		16-Mar		17-Mar
				National NEU Strikes - some classes may be closed, please check your emails		National NEU Strikes - some classes may be closed, please check your emails		EYFS Celebration Café	
	20-Mar		21-Mar		22-Mar		23-Mar		24-Mar
		Parents' Evening							
	27-Mar		28-Mar		29-Mar		30-Mar		31-Mar
		Parents' Evening						End of Term - school closes at 1:30	

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

Join us on Thursday 2nd March for our 'Comic Book themed World Book Day. We invite you to dress up as your favourite character from any comic book or a graphic novel.

There will be many book themed activities to complete throughout the day as well as a competition that is to be judged by our Head Students and School Council members – keep your eyes peeled for our World Book Day celebrations on next week's Feel Good Friday Newsletter!



World Book Day Aims 2023

- 1 Being read to regularly
- 2 Having books at home and school
- 3 Finding time to read
- 4 Having trusted help to find a book
- 5 Giving children a choice in what to read
- 6 Making reading FUN



All children in school will be provided with a book voucher worth £1. This can be used in bookshops and most supermarkets to claim a free book! There are some great choices available this year and plenty for children of all age ranges to choose from. Please note that 'Boot It' and 'Being an Ally' are for children of secondary school age and are not appropriate for primary aged children.

03 Meet the Headteacher



Hello, I'm Mrs Bowyer and I was appointed as Headteacher in October 2023. Many of you will know me as the previous Head of School and before that I was Deputy Head and before that Assistant Head!

Each class was asked to come up with a question to ask me in this week's assembly. This is what they found out...

Sea Eagles asked: as a child, what was your dream job?

When I was 10, I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I had a wonderful Year 5 teacher called Miss Wilson and she inspired me. However, when I tried it as work experience at 14, I didn't really like it! After I had my own children, I realised I really did want to teach and as soon as I started, I loved it!

Martial Eagles asked: who was your favourite teacher as a child and how did they change/impact on your life? I've already mentioned Miss Wilson who inspired me in Year 5 – I remember getting very upset because I really struggled with long division and she made me see that I had to just take it one step at a time. She helped me see that any problem could be solved if you break it down into smaller parts.



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Western Ospreys asked how many year groups have you taught in and which is your favourite year group?

I've taught in every year group apart from Early Years, which is strange because that was the year group I always wanted to teach! I don't have a favourite year group as each one is great, but in different ways – I love the joy in Year 1, the enthusiasm in Year 3 and the challenge of Year 6.

Golden Kestrels followed this with: is there a year group you've not taught and why? EYFS is the only year group that I haven't taught at all and as I've said, it was the year group I came into teaching wanting to teach. I spent most of my time teaching in Year 6 and, if you enjoy teaching year 6, you tend to stay there.



PERSONAL BEST



OPPORTUNITY



LEADERSHIP



COMMUNITY



LEARNING

Peregrine Falcons asked: how many family members do you have?
I live with my husband and our youngest son. Our daughter is currently away at University.

Year 2 (who are clearly enjoying their Big Cook Little Cook Theme) asked: Who does the cooking at your home?
My husband! I love to bake cakes and decorate them, but he is the cook.

Do you ever eat in restaurants? If so, where is your favourite restaurant?
I do and I love Italian food, so any Italian restaurant.

Sea Eagles asked: personally, what do you think of your role as Headteacher?
I love my job! It can be quite stressful and there is always so much to think about but there are also some amazing moments – like last term's Year 2 assembly (complete with solo), delivering an online assembly to families and their pets during Lockdown or just seeing children enjoy their learning.

Red Kites asked: how is a Headteacher different from a teacher?
What a really good question! As a class teacher, I was responsible for the 30 children in my class – what they learnt, how they learnt it, how they were supported and what they achieved. As Headteacher, I'm still responsible for those things, but now for 360+ children! I also have to look after and lead all our staff, manage the school budget, understand health and safety, oversee all the school policies, work with the Trust and outside agencies and look after Rocky of course! I couldn't do any of those things without the amazing team of staff we have in school.

Golden Kestrels asked: if you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
I've really had to think about this one. My favourite animal is the capybara (it's like a giant guinea pig), but I wouldn't want to be one! I like to travel, so something that travels a long distance, like a dolphin.

Merlin Falcons asked: what inspired you to become a Headteacher?
I have been very lucky to work with some amazing headteachers during my career. They always put the children at the heart of everything they did and were determined to make their schools amazing places to be for their whole community. When I arrived at Ravensthorpe, I loved the idea of helping everyone to Explore, Succeed and Soar – the staff as well as the children and that is my hope in taking on this role.

Soar
Succeed
Explore

Red Kites: Veronika

Yellowbill Kites: Harper

Goshawks: Nate

Sparrowhawks: Willow

Spotted Kestrels:

Golden Kestrels: Oliver

Eastern Ospreys: Joshua

Western Ospreys: Skylah-mae

Merlin Falcons: Hunter

Peregrine Falcons: Guste

Sea Eagles: Parya

Martial Eagles: Danny

Our HPL focus for the next two weeks is 'creating'. Sometimes, we think of being creative as being something we only do in art or perhaps writing, but that is just the start! When we are learning, we are creating all the time: we need to be flexible in our thinking as sometimes we might make a mistake and need to go back a step. We need to be playful – to take risks and think originally in order to solve problems. Creating can also be about 'thinking outside the box' and looking at problems in different ways – we call this evolutionary and revolutionary thinking.

Year 6 have been studying Charles Darwin this term and he is an excellent example of someone who helped change the way we think about the world through his research. At the time, his ideas were revolutionary – no one else had thought about evolution as he did.



05 In our community...



Sophie has been so inspired by our learning about polar bears and climate crisis that she has sponsored a polar bear! She has proven one person can do something small to save our animals!

A big well done to:
Eisa Y2
Oliver J Y2
Elijah A Y3
Martyna Y3
Joshua B Y4
Dylan Y5
Stephen Y5
for working hard on their reading using the Nessy programme.

Reminder

Don't forget to email your child's personal bests into the office so we can celebrate them with you
office@rps.pkat.co.uk



PERSONAL BEST

Birthdays



Akshan
11

Mrs
Baverstock

Bailey
8



Jack
11

Dorateja
10

Dave
5



Bianca
8

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ravensthorpe!

Free Sports Youth Clubs



Join us for free fun sports activities in Westwood for young people aged 7 – 11.

The clubs are run by qualified coaches from Youth Dreams Project, and fully risk assessed. Numbers are limited and spaces must be booked in advance.



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LIVING SPORT

WestRaven Community
Café,
Hampton Court,
Westwood

Mondays
5pm - 6pm



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