



# Newsletter

'In St Bede's we welcome everyone, grow and learn together as God's family, and use our gifts to serve with love'

## Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of another week of school closure we do hope you and your family are safe and well. Yet again the teaching staff are blown away by the learning that is going on at home, we are really proud of you all.

School continues to be open every day for children whose parents are key workers and no other childcare can be found. We thank you for following government guidance and using school as a last resort.

Teachers will continue to make their weekly phone calls to check you and your children are safe and well.

There has been lots to celebrate this week with the Queen's Birthday, St George's Day and Earth Day, it has been lovely to see how you have celebrated these on Google Classroom.

Take care everyone and keep your family safe.

With best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Haslam and Mrs Bennett

**STAY AT HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**



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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DEREK

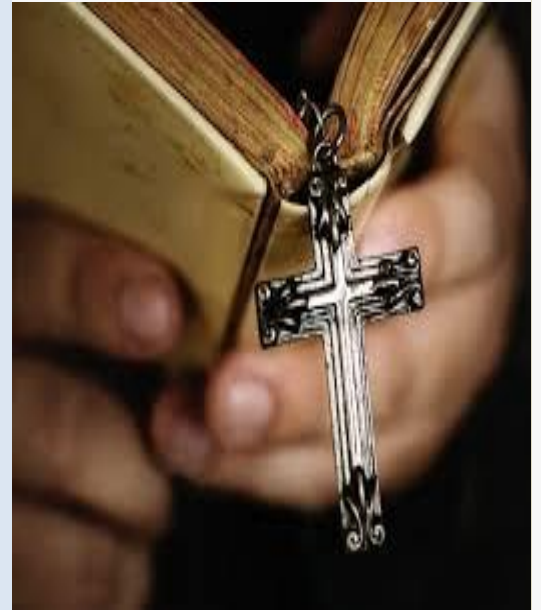
Dear Children and Families

For everyone in your family, our schools and our parish this Easter was the strangest we have ever known but we have done our best to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter morning. It looks as though we are going to have to continue with the challenges of the lockdown for a good while longer so I offer you the following prayer that you might like to say every day. It is called 'The Serenity Prayer':

God,  
grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Amen

(The Serenity Prayer was written many years ago by the theologian Dr Rheinhold Niebuhr for Alcoholics Anonymous and it provides simple wisdom for people facing complicated situations)

You can share in the celebration of Mass on Sunday and every day of the week via Facebook page: 'Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar and Cleveland' and if you would like a copy of the parish Newsheet which we send out by email every week please send a request by email to: [derektturnham@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:derektturnham@rcdmidd.org.uk)



## CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



We wanted to share with you a picture created by one of our Year 3 pupils, Zoe.

Zoe created this beautiful picture earlier in the year at school. The local Motor Neurone Disease Care Centre have asked Zoe's family permission to use it on their leaflets, website and as a mural in a patient and visitor garden at James Cook University Hospital. We are extremely proud of Zoe and what a wonderful tribute this is.

# CLASS NEWS



## NURSERY

Hello everyone,

Welcome back and we hope you enjoyed the Easter break. We have had another busy week on Google Classroom, you are all on the go with so many activities! We have enjoyed seeing you all develop your motor skills when throwing and catching, enjoyed seeing everyone practice their names in various ways, enjoyed lots of videos of your work and we have enjoyed seeing your maths and number formation. We hope you have been enjoying the outdoor activities too!

Our worker of the week is Charlie! Well done Charlie, we loved seeing you practice your letter formation, pen control and lots of creative activities too! Keep up the great work.

Love Mrs Gribbon, Mrs Robinson & Miss Jowsey



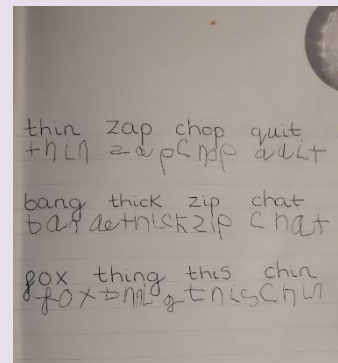
## RECEPTION

Hello Reception!

I'm so happy to hear you all had a lovely Easter break and I'm pleased to be back working with you again. I love seeing all the activities you are doing through google classroom.

My worker of the week goes to Annabell. She has been working so hard this week practising her phonic sounds, tricky words, handwriting and number formation too! You have had such a busy week Annabell, Keep working hard!

From Miss Brown





# YEAR 3

Year 3 have been fraction super heroes this week and have shared some amazing learning about equivalent fractions. We have continued with our learning about the history of our local area. Children have written some amazing reports about Frank Wild, sometimes referred to as the Forgotten Hero. Wild, born in Skelton, accompanied Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica but has never received the same accolades as Shackleton. We have also been enjoying listening to and appraising some 'Disco' music this week linked to friendship. Some took their sketching pencils and pads outside for their Art challenge this week! Nathan also reminded us that it was Earth Day on Wednesday and made a super poster to celebrate.

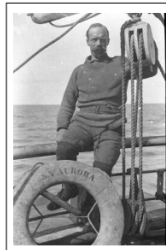
Our Year 3 Stars of the Week are Brooke and Nathan for marvellous maths and for making us all smile, and Zoe for her contribution to the local community, mentioned earlier in this newsletter.

## Report on Frank Wild

**Title:** The call of the little white voices.

### Introduction:

Frank Wild was born in Skelton in 1873. He died in South Africa in 1939. He went on expeditions to Antarctica and he was awarded 4 Polar medals with silver clasps. People remember him as second in command to Ernest Shackleton.



**The white voices:** Frank Wild kept going back to Antarctica because he felt like the white voices of the snow was calling him over and over again. Some of the names of his expeditions were Nimrod, Endurance and Discovery.

**The last biscuit:** Frank Wild was poorly and half starving and Shackleton gave him his last biscuit. This helped him recover and he thought this was very kind. In this expedition they could not get to the south pole because they could have all died.

### Fun Fact!

When he got tired and cold in -14° he called his friends "useless beggars!"

**Forgotten hero:** Shackleton is remembered but Frank Wild is not but he was still a clever explorer. After he was an explorer he was a farmer, his grave was in South Africa but the family moved it to Antarctica near Shackleton.

### Introduction

Frank Wild was an explorer who explored Antarctica and the south pole. Only a few people may have heard of him because he was second in command on the ships he sailed, 'Quest and Endurance' with Ernest Shackleton. Frank helped to keep the crew alive after they were stranded on a deserted island for more than four months.



### Early Life



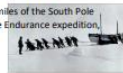
Frank Wild was born in Skelton on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1873. His mother was a relative to Captain James Cook, which may have inspired Frank to become an explorer. He had 7 brothers and 3 sisters, he was the eldest. His father was a teacher.

### Significant achievements

Frank Wild was awarded the Polar Medal five times. He is often called Ernest Shackleton's 'right hand man' or 'loyal lieutenant'. Some of Frank Wild's achievements:

- Able seaman on the Discovery 1901-04
- In charge of provisions on the Nimrod 1907-09
- Sledge-master on the Aurora 1911-14
- 2nd in command on the Endurance 1914-17
- 2nd in command on the Quest with Ernest Shackleton 1921-22

Frank was with Shackleton when they came within 97 miles of the South Pole in 1909. For more than a year during the struggle of the Endurance expedition,



28 men battled for their lives after their ship became stuck in the ice. Frank played a key role in keeping the crew alive. The crew survived on a diet of raw penguin, seals and seaweed.

### How is Frank Wild remembered today?

Frank Wild is remembered today by a statue of him in Skelton. Also, there is a documentary on BBC1 about his life and the adventures and explorations he went on, 'Remembering Frank Wild.'

Frank's achievements were, a Patron's medal in 1924, he was awarded the CBE in the New Year Honours List in 1920. In May 1923 was made a Freeman of the city of London.



He received the Royal Geographical Society's back award in 1916, these awards were for contributions to exploration and for advances towards geography.

*His Medals were Silver clasps. The Polar Medal was instituted by King Edward VII following the return of Captain Scott's Discovery expedition.*



## YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been working hard at recognising and comparing decimals. It has been great to talk to you about how you are getting on through Google Classrooms. I have enjoyed reading your research about Frank Wild. We have some talented artists and singers in our class too. It has been great to see everyone being creative and having time to do the things they enjoy such as baking, building and drawing.

This week's TT Rockstar is Una for the most improved average speed.

This week's Reading Plus worker is Harry for consistently reading on Reading Plus and his own book.

This week's worker of the week is Belle for her amazing effort throughout all of her work at home, especially in her music work where she showed confidence in singing. Everyone has worked so well this week it has been hard to choose a worker of the week because everyone is putting in so much effort and persevering with their work. Keep it up Year 4.



## YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been working hard adding and subtracting decimals. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of your work. All your effort has been great! You have thought of fantastic questions to answer in the coming weeks for our new Amazon Rainforest topic. We have some very talented artists as well! It has been great to see all your amazing invention ideas. Thank you to all grown-ups for the continued support with home learning.

This week's Worker of the Week for Year 5 is Jessica who has shown fantastic creativity in all of her work this week and designed a fantastic invention. Brilliant work Jessica. Well done!



## YEAR 6

After the week off, for Easter, the children in Year 6 have come back to school raring to go. We have all been very impressed with the work they have produced this week.

In maths, we have finished looking at ratio and proportion and have now moved on to angles. It's not easy trying to learn without access to protractors, but the children have done a great job.

For English this week, we have been looking at a short fictional documentary linked to the film Avatar. The children have written some really interesting information texts and some excellent character descriptions. I am really looking forward to reading the stories that they produce.

Year 6 have won another battle on Times Tables Rockstars – this time beating the Year 5s. We will set up another battle for next week – can Year 6 maintain their unbeaten run?

It is getting harder and harder to pick a worker of the week, because lots of the children are working really hard. This week's winner has written some excellent character descriptions, using a range of descriptive language:

Year 6 worker of the week is Vivienne!

Suggested activity for next week – although we can't get out to visit museums, galleries and visitor attractions, lots of them are providing virtual tours online. From your sofa, you can visit the Louvre, or Musee d'Orsay in Paris; the British Museum in London; the Guggenheim museum in New York; Stonehenge; the Grand Canyon or even the Icehotel in Swedish Lapland. Search online for these virtual tours to enjoy.

Stay safe and well

Miss Lyne, Mrs Roughley, Mr Townley and Miss Walker

