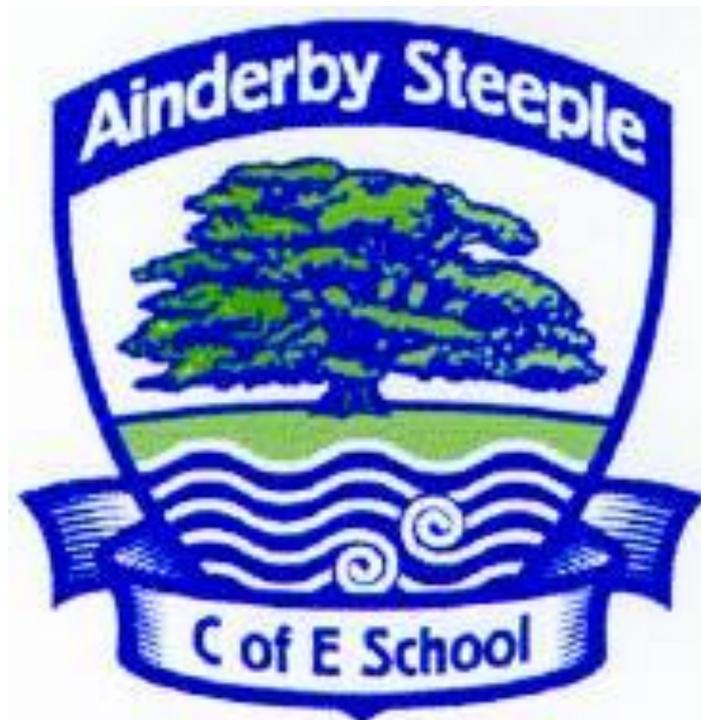


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£6260

Donation!!!

It is a staggering figure... but that is what FASS have donated to our School this year (from April 2012 – March 2013). Without this, we would not have some of the fantastic new equipment, but also we would need to ask parents to contribute so much more for transport and for other experiences that we are able to give to the children.

Among the items paid for are:

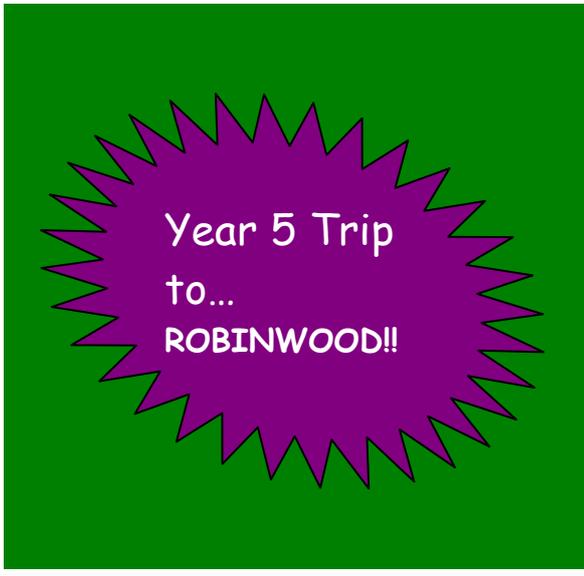
- Various Picnic Benches
- £2800
- Coach Transport - £1520

- Huff & Puff Equipment- £420
- Installation of the new stage lighting-£500
- Victorian / Greek Workshops
- £460
- Outdoor signs for Class 1-£280

It also pays for additional cameras and headphones for classes, as well as material for some after school clubs.

Fund raising is important... so if you can help, or have a business that can help, FASS would appreciate any support. And, whether buying at a Boden evening, biting a bacon butty at the Town Hall Christmas Coffee morning, or bidding in the auction at the bi-annual Summer Dance; as Tesco say... Every Little Helps!

Please support the fund raising - it helps our school and children and also means we don't need to ask for contributions as often as we would otherwise have to.



On the 21st of January the Year 5 children went to Robinwood (a residential activity centre near Manchester). They set off from the Allertonshire at 7:45am!!! After two and a half hours they finally got to their destination or at least the drop off point!!! They were immediately launched into their first activity - a walk, that took at least half an hour, in snow by a canal, then up through a



forest before arriving at Dobroyd Castle.

Each day brought new challenges and Year 5 had to learn to solve problems and 'face their fears'. On the first day they did many activities. The first was the *Giant Swing...* (That was where you had to hold on to a massive pole and then you had to chop the banana i.e. a rope).

The rest of day included *The Climbing wall* (after a few goes Lucy and Tess managed to do it blind folded!); *the Piranha Pool...* "That's where you had to do lots of challenges to get from one side of the pool to safety at the other side!" exclaimed Harry. The last activity of the day was the *Dungeon of Doom...*

After another early start, Day Two brought

more challenges. Archery was first, followed by *the Crate Challenge*... Perhaps the most thrilling (and some say terrifying) was the *Giant Trapeze* - a climb to the top of a pole where good balance was needed before leaping to swing on the trapeze. A fantastic three days - no-one wanted to come home!



Class 1 and 2 do
multi skills

In January class 1 and 2 did multi skills. They did lots of fun games including:

- catching with lots of balls.
- lots of running games
- games that involved kicking balls.

Lucie Hunt commented,

"It was fun kicking balls!"

Music 4 Life

Three men who played jazz music came into our school. They played the piano, the electric guitar and the drums. The whole school were shown the inside of the piano and told about how it all works. Mrs Link took up the challenge to play the drums and found it was not as easy as it looked! Then followed a workshop with Classes 1 and 2, who gave another performance at the end of the day to Classes 3 and 4. They were fantastic and everyone had lots of fun experimenting with music and sound.

Cross Country

Remember the Cross Country qualifiers back in October? Well some children from Classes 3 and 4 got through to the second round:

- a team of Year 6 girls (Elizabeth, Lauren, Niamh, Rachael and Rebekah)

- Individuals from Class 4 - Elliot, Archie and Charlotte Jenner
- Individuals from Class 3 - Katie, Freddie, William, Rosie and Maisie

Off they went to Hambleton Leisure Centre. Everyone tried their hardest in very cold conditions. There were representatives from 63 schools. The Year 6 team of girls came second overall - a magnificent achievement, but not quite enough to get them through to the final. Rosie and Maisie also did Ainderby Steeple proud by coming 4th and 7th respectively. They will both compete at the finals to be held 28th March at Catterick. We wish them the very best of luck and will let you know how they get on in the next newsletter.

movie making. Lots of year 5's from different schools came to join in. The day included making films, using a camera and tripod. They were split into small groups and mixed up with children from other schools. They all made lots of new friends.

Each group made their own film, Lucy quoted, "I loved making films!" The top tip was to only film short pieces at a time - no longer than 20 seconds really. To make the film, the recordings were all downloaded to a computer and each group used 'Movie Maker' software to put their film together. Tyler also said "I loved my film, it was cool!" It sounds like they all had fun!!!!!!!!!!!!

Felt Making



Class 4 visited Fountain's Abbey to learn about how felt is made. We all gathered in the 'Hayloft' to be briefed on what the day involved. After looking at some samples of felt made by other groups, we were split into small

Year 5 Making Movies



On the 7th of February 2013, year 5 spent a whole day learning about

groups to look around the Abbey and to make pencil sketches that could be used in our finished felt picture. The idea was to look for good shapes and shades of colours that would have an impact. Once our sketches were complete, each group decided which sketches to use and made a plan of their final picture.

Making the felt was really interesting but hard work too! We used sheep's wool and had to tease out small strips of white wool to make our 'fluffy' base. Then we chose coloured wool to tease it out again to make the shapes we wanted. Once we were happy, we had to wet the picture and tightly roll it inside a wooden blind. This was the start of the really hard work - first we had to roll our picture 100 times (YES - 100 TIMES!) one way, then turn it and roll another 100 times. This continued until we had rolled about 1400 times in total. But the hard work was well worth it. When we peeled away the wooden blind and dishcloths, we were left with beautiful felt pictures.

Back at school, they had to be left to dry thoroughly. The pictures will be mounted inside picture frames and will be displayed in the library area.

Take a look - they are spectacular!

East Barnby WHOOOP, WHOOOP!



On Monday...

We did Beck Scrambling. We met our leader Mike. First we did the 'slip test'. The slip test is where we had to test how waterproof our waterproofs were. It was so fun!

When we were down at the river, we had to climb through rocks and fallen trees - this also included river crossing, walking through waterfalls and putting our heads into small water rushes! We were soaking... water up to our waists!

On Tuesday...

We did two activities! The activities were shelter building and then to the beach to investigate rockpools and to go fossil hunting... We found plenty of fossils, and amazingly patterned rocks!

When we did shelter building, we had to find lots of very long sticks to support our shelter - we tried to make it big enough to eat our lunch in - and succeeded!

On Wednesday....

We spent the whole day on the river canoeing to Whitby. First we had to learn how to steer the canoe and go in a straight line - harder than it sounds!!

On Thursday.....

We went to the indoor climbing wall and did lots of climbs, some of them overhanging. In the end some of us had races. In the afternoon we headed off to the woods and made a camp fire and cooked bread and used kelly kettles to make hot chocolate.

On Friday....

In the extreme cold, we went learnt how to read maps and navigate our way around lots of mini courses in the woods. It was great fun.



Fairtrade

Take a step with Fairtrade! The whole school were

involved and even though Year 6 were away at East Barnby, they completed some activities before they went away. They looked at the way of life for some children in Ghana and compared it to their own way of life. Year 6 made chutney to be sold at the Fairtrade Market in their absence. Each class was busy making and baking in preparation. Approximately £200 was raised and we very much appreciate the support of all those parents and helpers who gave their time to make this such a successful event.



Yanomamo

On Wednesday 20th March 2013 Class 4 took part in a music festival. Lots of different schools joined in. There were lots of solos and narrations. Every school had two songs to sing on their own.

Class 4 had to be at the Hambleton Forum from 1'o clock to 8'o clock at night!!! The show started at 6:00pm and finished at 8:00pm.

All of the practices had been worth it because at the end of the night they all got a standing ovation!

STEM Day

Year 5 visited Bedale High School for exciting Science, Maths and Engineering activities. First they made fairy cakes in a real kitchen - six buns each to take home. Then they watched some film clips showing life beneath the ocean. Cora really enjoyed being able to design her ideal school that included swimming pools, games arcades and a 'no adults allowed' area! Year 5 made rockets and used air to blast them to the ceiling. They also learnt a lot about African animals and got to meet a snake, a tortoise and a hissing cockroach and did some activities about food webs.



Swimming Gala

On 27th March some children took part in a swimming gala at Hambleton Leisure Centre. Meet the team: Niamh, Rachael, Rebekah, Elizabeth, Elliot, Archie, Harry and William. They had to do butterfly, front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. Some of the heats were entered

as a team and some were entered as individuals. Ainderby won nearly all their heats apart from two and they came second in those. At the interval we were in first place and by the end we were still in first place!! The whole team got an individual medal and brought back the trophy for school.



Easter

On Thursday morning the Easter Bunny is expected to make a visit to the school to hide the eggs carefully decorated by Class 4 children. The reception and Year 1 children will then search for them. In the afternoon it is our Easter service. There will be singing, songs and a small drama activity. We hope you will join us.

Happy Easter!

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