

Kettlewell School

It is hard to believe we are half way through the school year already! So far this term I have been delighted with the progress I have seen, and am very grateful to all the pupils, staff and governors for their hard work and commitment to the school and the community in which we serve. Tracy Briggs, School Manager, and Anne Vetch, Chair of Governors deserve particular mention, as they are the driving force behind so many developments which are all centred around enhancing our provision for the children. The Revd Yorkstone has also contributed significantly to the life of the school and we wish him well in his retirement.

Our partnership with Upper Wharfedale School is developing, and we have participated in our first “cross school” indoor athletics competition, in which pupils represented newly formed “houses” rather than individual schools, therefore creating competition within each setting and forming new friendships in the process. Congratulations to the Blue team champions!

The pupils were a delight in our recent performance of “Grease” – again with Upper Wharfedale School. Their confidence was enviable, in front of a full house on both nights. DVDs will be on sale soon for those who missed it, or even those who would like to see it again! I do have editorial rights, however, and you can be sure that some parts may be missing.....

You may have noticed some work being carried out during half term. We have relocated our pond in preparation for our plans to develop a new outdoor play area. We are just in the process of submitting our planning application for the project and we will keep you posted on the progress.

We would like to congratulate both Joseph Bowdin and Ben Newey for winning the first Governors’ Awards for the Autumn Term. Ben and Joseph were selected because of their outstanding attitude to their learning all term. Well done both of you keep up the hard work!

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Oakes back to work following her double hip replacement operation and also Mrs Malley will be returning to work on a phased return week commencing 31.3.14. Mrs Newey will be teaching the class until Mrs Malley is fit to return to work.

Best Wishes,

Andrew Taylor