

Kettlewell School

It has been another busy month for the children (and staff!) at Kettlewell Primary School. Alongside our usual curriculum, we have had a brief insight into what is now possible via the newly established broadband in the area, with a visit to Nethergill Farm, courtesy of Chris and Fiona Clarke. The children both at the Farm and in the classroom thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's activities, and had their first experience of "distance learning" via video-conferencing. With the potential of more permanent cameras, we can look forward to further enhancement of the curriculum, which can be made more relevant to our beautiful surroundings.

Our out of hours provision continues to expand, with homework support for our pupils, and an after school "all things woolly" club, in preparation for the Farmers Market at the Kettlewell 'May'd In't Dale Festival of Wool and Ale' on May 5th. Please do come along to the Village Hall to see the children's work

Plans are now well under way for our new outdoor learning area which, subject to planning, will greatly enhance our Early Years provision. Our new pre-school children have settled in well, and are benefitting from our enhanced arrangements in preparation for starting school. Please see our separate advert for details of this – whilst I certainly cannot claim any credit,

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Oakes back to work following her double hip replacement operation and also Mrs Malley who returned to work on a phased return week commencing 31.03.14. Mrs Newey will be teaching the class until Mrs Malley is fit to return to work full time.

Congratulations to Mrs Storey, who raised a very impressive £198.17 in aid of Sports Relief by unicycling from school to the Village Hall last week. A tremendous achievement.

Congratulations also to our award winners this term Kelpia Tripathi and Madeleine Scott received the Governor's Award for outstanding attitude and progress, whilst Katie Falshaw won the Ann Peters Award for her superb listening skills, being always willing to rise to a challenge and her overall fantastic attitude to learning. Well done to all of you.

Finally we are sad to be saying farewell to Revd Peter Yorkstone who retires at Easter, the children presented Peter with a book about Canals in Britain and a new flat cap for him to wear on his journeys and we hope it will remind him of us. We wish him well on his retirement.

Best Wishes,
Andrew Taylor