

Botton Village School

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The Prophet by Alexander Pushkin

With fainting soul athirst for Grace,
I wandered in a desert place,
And at the crossing of the ways
I saw a sixfold Seraph blaze.
He touched mine eyes with fingers light
As sleep that cometh in the night:
And like a frightened eagle's eyes,
They opened wide with prophecies.

He touched mine ears, and they were drowned
With tumult and a roaring sound:
I heard convulsion in the sky,
And flight of angel hosts on high,
And beasts that move beneath the sea,
And the sap creeping in the tree.

And bending to my mouth he wrung
From out of it my sinful tongue,
And all its lies and idle rust,
And 'twixt my lips a-perishing
A subtle serpent's forkèd sting
With right hand wet with blood he thrust.

And with his sword my breast he cleft,
My quaking heart thereout he reft,
And in the yawning of my breast
A coal of living fire he pressed.

Then in the desert I lay dead,
And God called unto me and said:
"Arise, and let My voice be heard,
Charged with My will go forth and span
The land and sea, and let My word
Consume with fire the hearts of men."

This poem was shown in eurythmy at the Michaelmas festival

Shoebox appeal

Now is the time to start thinking about this Christmas's shoebox appeal. Our contributions are much appreciated by children in Eastern Europe. Perhaps we can send even more this year...! Could you talk about this at home and at school? Perhaps a class or group of friends could join together to fill a box. More details later! Sue Böhlen

Danby Dale Gym Club

The Club has begun again with meetings on Wednesdays, 15.45 to 16.45, for children from Botton, Castleton and Danby schools. An older group (Class 5/6) alternates weekly with a younger group (Class 3/4.) There are still spaces available, and anyone who wants to attend should contact their class teacher in the first instance. For over 7s, the Club instructor, Sharon Edens, also runs the Ryedale Phoenix Gym Club at Pickering Leisure Centre. This club meets on Fridays, 17.30 – 18.30 for beginners, 18.30 – 19.30 for intermediate and advanced. Anyone interested in the Ryedale Phoenix Club should contact Sharon on 01751 432998.

Michael

Festival on the Moor - Dates for Your Diary

Festival on the Moor presents 2 shows in the run up to the Festive Season:

Richard Grainger at The Grapes, Scaling Dam, Thursday 29th November 8pm. Contact Peter 01287 640461

Richard Grainger is an internationally renowned singer/songwriter and an excellent guitarist. He is also an enthralling storyteller and witty entertainer. He travels the world with his songs of life, work and love of real people from his beloved Teesside and N. Yorkshire and also sings traditional songs with his unique "mahogany" voice. Richard has been described as "A Folk Singer in the truest sense" and wins over audiences wherever he goes; "Richard is an incredibly great bard, storyteller, writer of songs, musician and singer and we're proud to say that he has become one of our audience's favourite performers." - Steve Brown, Hi-Desert Playhouse, Joshua Tree, California

Richard is also a Botton School parent and would love to see some friendly, local faces at The Grapes - a new local venue for live music. Support your local music scene - *Keep it Live*

*A Yorkshire Wassail at Danby Parish Church,
Sunday 23rd December 7pm (time tbc) £6/5 (inc
refreshments)
Contact Jeanette 01287 660200*

Festival on the Moor's own very special celebration is the perfect way to welcome Christmas. Music, poetry, drama and song bring to life ancient and more familiar Christmas traditions. With a wealth of musicians and singers, as well as local children from the Festival's Shoots & Roots project, this promises to be a festive extravaganza in the magical setting of Danby Parish Church. Festival on the Moor is a not-for-profit community organisation based in the Esk Valley.

Sent in by Jeannette Grainger

Michael Hall Open Evening and Classroom Day

Michael Hall School is having an open evening on Tuesday, 16 October, 19.00 +. They are also having a 'Day in the Classroom' on 2 February 2008.

Details from the school - 01342 822275
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News from www.bottonvillageschool.co.uk

Available now from the website:

School prospectus.

Several galleries of photos.

View and download the Courier.

News Blog.

View the Botton Village Cultural Diary.

Term dates, Blitz Cleans, Calendar.

Send email to the school.

Submit articles for the courier.

Many useful links to other sites.

Coming soon:

Online donation button.

Login to see Contact list and who's who.

Map of Botton Village and directions.

If you would like to see something else on the website or have any comments then you can email me from the website

Lee Noonan

Free Silvercross Pram

had 3 lovely babies in it over the years!

contact: Carolyn - 01751 433248

Lost two blue booster seats

Lost since start of term somewhere around class 1/2 Diane Hammill

Calendar

Blitz Clean Saturday, 27 October 9.30

Class 3/4 parents Julie Easley

Coordinators Meeting

New Botton Farm: Monday 29 October 9:15

Craft Group: Thursdays 8.45 New Botton Farm

Eurythmy Classes: Thursdays 8.45 School Hall

Anthroposophical group: Nov.2nd, Dec.7th, Jan.18th, Feb.15th, Feb.29th, Apr.25th, May 9th, June 6th.

Eskdale Trust Council: Tuesdays at 20.00:

16 Oct, 27 Nov, 26 Feb, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June.

Letter inserting: November 22, 23, 24, 26, 27

Parents' Meetings

Tuesdays at 20.00:

6 Nov Class 5/6 20 Nov Class 7/8

11 Mar Class 3/4 18 Mar Class 7/8

22 Apr Class 1/2 29 Apr Class 5/6

13 May Class 7/8

Events

Thur 18 Oct Harvest Meal for the children

Sun 18 Nov Village Autumn Sale

Sun 2 Dec Advent Garden

Sun 9 Dec School Advent Fayre

Thank you again to Catherine Hollis who types all the hand written articles... Please send them in good time...

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Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine