



YEAR 4

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Friday 11th April

HIGH BORRANS NEWSLETTER

Overall comment

The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time at High Borrans where lasting memories were certainly made. Both the staff and instructors were incredibly impressed by the children throughout the week. Their independence and wealth of knowledge were truly remarkable, and many of them faced their fears head-on, showing a bravery beyond their years. The instructors couldn't stop praising their impeccable behaviour—everyone was on their best form! However, the staff were even more proud of the children's enthusiasm when it came to the less glamorous tasks, particularly making their beds and putting duvet covers on. It was clear that the children took great pride in everything they did, and it was a joy to see them grow in confidence, teamwork, and responsibility. We couldn't be prouder of how they carried themselves throughout the week—no task was too big, and no duvet cover too tricky!

Orienteering

The children took the lead as they navigated their way through the woods, armed with radios and maps to guide their teachers to the ghyll. Over the crackling comms, you could hear a flurry of "over and out" as the groups



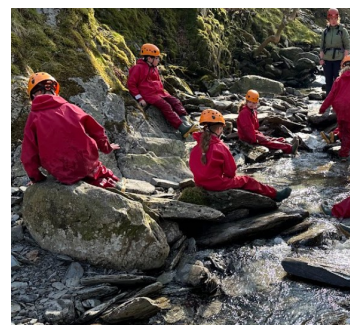
raced ahead, each team eager to reach the finish line first. The excitement was palpable as the children powered through, determined to beat the instructors driving the buses in the opposite direction. It was a thrilling race between modern transport and the old-fashioned way—on foot—and the children were absolutely winning!

Ghyll Scrambling

At Tilberthwaite Ghyll, the children had an exciting time scrambling



over rocks, carefully navigating their way across the stream. The real thrill came when they



had the chance to jump in, getting soaked to the bone as they splashed around with big smiles on their faces. The highlight of the day was the challenge of sticking their heads upside down under a mini waterfall to see who could collect

the most water in their helmets - a fun, cheeky test of bravery that left everyone laughing and thoroughly drenched!

Cathedral Quarry

The children bravely navigated their way through the dark tunnels of Cathedral Quarry, each armed with nothing but the flickering light of a small candle. As they moved deeper into the cave, they were captivated by the stunning rock formations, imagining what life might have been like for children their age over a hundred years ago, working in the similar sized tunnels mining for coal. Conquering their fears, the group showed remarkable courage as they stood in complete darkness, blowing out their candles and experiencing the pitch-black silence—an unforgettable moment of bravery and reflection.



Canoeing

Fun was definitely the name of the game as the children worked together in teams, tying their Canadian canoes into a perfectly roped formation. Their reward? A peaceful row across High Borrans Tarn, where the teachers kept a lookout for wildlife like badger sets and frog spawn. But the real excitement came when the ultimate challenge kicked in: a race to capture as many stray "ducks" (not real ones, of course!) as possible before the opposing team could swoop in and rescue them! It was a chaotic, hilarious, and competitive race that had everyone laughing and paddling their hearts out





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Fears were well and truly conquered on the high rope challenge course, as the children faced their biggest adventure yet. They had to navigate their way across high ropes that swayed from side to side, side-step over wobbly stepping stones, and hang like monkeys while traversing a single rope tied between two trees. The rope bridge proved particularly tricky, but with plenty of determination and perseverance, they tackled each challenge head-on, supporting one another and cheering each other on. By the end, every child had overcome their doubts and gained a huge sense of accomplishment!



Disco Fever

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly dancing the night away to the infectious tunes of Mac and O'Hara's discos. The children threw themselves into the fun, playing lively games like reverse bumps, animated corners, and teacups, all while giggling and letting loose on the dance floor. The energy was contagious, with everyone caught up in the rhythm and excitement. It was a non-stop whirlwind of laughter, movement, and music, and by the time the disco came to an end, the children were so worn out they slept like little lambs. It was the perfect way to cap off a week full of adventure and unforgettable memories!



Climbing Mini Peaks

The children navigated their way through the lush farmland, steadily making their way up to the dizzy heights of Orest Head. Along the way, they had to keep a sharp lookout for the Gruffalo and his friends, who were lurking in the forest, adding a touch of excitement to their journey. Their reward for the hike? A breathtaking view of Lake Windermere stretching out before them, a sight that made every step worth it. The children showed incredible resilience and determination, taking the challenging climb in their stride and proving just how capable they were as they reached the top, their faces beaming with pride.



Evening activities

Mrs. McIntosh's class had a wonderful time enjoying classic campfire games and storytelling around the fire, followed by fun in the games room and a range of exciting outdoor activities. The laughter and shared stories made it a night to remember! Mr. O'Hara's class ended their day with lively sports games as the sun set, creating a picture-perfect end to a fun-filled day.

Later that evening, all the children gathered to watch a movie together, relaxing after their adventures. Before heading home, everyone had the chance to buy a special souvenir from the famous High Borrans shop—a lasting reminder of an unforgettable trip.



Diary Dates

Last day of term— Friday 11th April

Return to School— Monday 28th April

Proud to make a positive impact.

Times Tables Practice Over the Holidays

While the holidays are a time for rest and relaxation, we kindly ask that the children continue to practise their times tables for at least 10 minutes each day. They can do this using their Rock Stars account and [times tables.co.uk](https://www.tables.co.uk).

By now, all children should be practising all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. Consistent practice will help reinforce their learning and keep their skills sharp.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a Happy Easter