

# History comes to life for children

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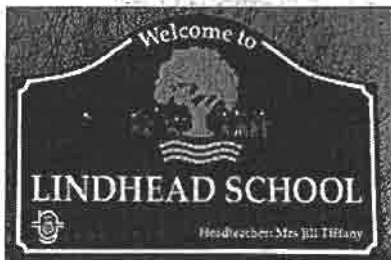
PUPILS at Lindhead School in Burniston are in for a fun-packed year after the school was awarded a grant to help pay for trips and meet the cost of these days.

The staff and 209 pupils at the school in Limestone Road have always taken an active part in learning about and caring for their rural environment. As a school it is keen to promote rural arts, crafts and industries and to educate and involve children and adults in some of these dying trades.

To develop and continue its work in this area and in the school grounds the management applied for, and has been awarded, a grant from the Countryside Agency of £14,330.

With the money the school will be providing children will take part in workshops ranging from knitting to dry stone walling.

Themed events already organised include:



- a textiles day next Wednesday when each class will be looking at a particular craft such as knitting, patchwork, spinning, weaving and felt making. The day will include specialists demonstrating their skills and the work the children have produced will be on display.
- a family and community day out to Ryedale Folk Museum in Hutton-le-Hole on Saturday February 26
- a scarecrow competition shown at Ryedale Folk Museum on March 18
- fishing week on May 16

- woodland week in June
- thatching, dry stone walling and wattle and daub lessons
- after-school clubs in the summer term using traditional cooking methods such as pickling and preserving.

The grand finale will be held on July 1 and will include a whole school drama event, exhibition of children's work, demonstration of skills by craftspeople, sheep shearing, shire horses, folk music, food and entertainment.

Lindhead School headteacher Jill Tiffany said: "This is an opportunity for all our pupils and the local community to experience and learn something of the dying rural trades and industries, bringing history to life."

Ryedale Folk Museum manager Mike Benson said: "The whole project really is exciting and we at Ryedale Folk Museum are really looking forward to playing our part in engaging the children and the community in 'their' wonderful heritage."