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Monk Fryston school children welcome Le Tour riders and media

On Thursday 28 April, children from Y1 and Y6 of Monk Fryston C of E Primary School lined part of the Tour de Yorkshire race route to welcome cyclists and the media to their village.

First to arrive was Mike Bushell from BBC Breakfast. He spent 20 minutes chatting with staff and children about the Tour de Yorkshire before filming interviews for his sports' news slot on BBC's Breakfast programme. Also in front of the camera were Geoff Davies and Sharon Mason from Monk Fryston Hall Hotel who are not only celebrating the Tour de Yorkshire with the village but also hosting a wedding on Saturday.

Riders from Wiggle High5 Pro Cycling Team were out scoping the route for Saturday's ASDA Tour de Yorkshire women's race which will be passing through the villages of Monk Fryston and Hillam at about 9.30am. They were amazed at the warm welcome to greet them on what was an unseasonably chilly day.

Dani King, gold medal winner from the London 2012 Olympic Games, was first to start chatting with the children. With Dani King were world and national junior champions, Lucy Garner and Anna Christian respectively, as well as Amy Roberts and Mayuko Hagiwara. Wiggle High5 Pro Cycling Team is one of 17 teams taking part in the ASDA Women's Tour de Yorkshire race.

Pupils spent more than 15 minutes chatting to the cyclists and posing for photos. As well as finding out about the riders and the race, the Y6 pupils told them about the Olympic torch visit to Monk Fryston in 2012 and wished the team luck for the race on Saturday. They all promised to cheer on Wiggle High5 Pro Cycling Team.

The villages of Monk Fryston and Hillam are planning a day-long festival on Saturday 30 April 2016 to celebrate the Tour de Yorkshire men's and women's races visiting. More info is available at mfhcc.com, including the schedule of events which starts with big-screen coverage at 8.15am of the start of the women's race.

Notes for editors

Wiggle High5 pro cycling team: for more info visit www.wigglehighfive.com
ASDA Tour de Yorkshire women's race: for details of the teams competing and the route,
visit letour.yorkshire.com/the-asda-womens-tour-de-yorkshire-race
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