

# The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

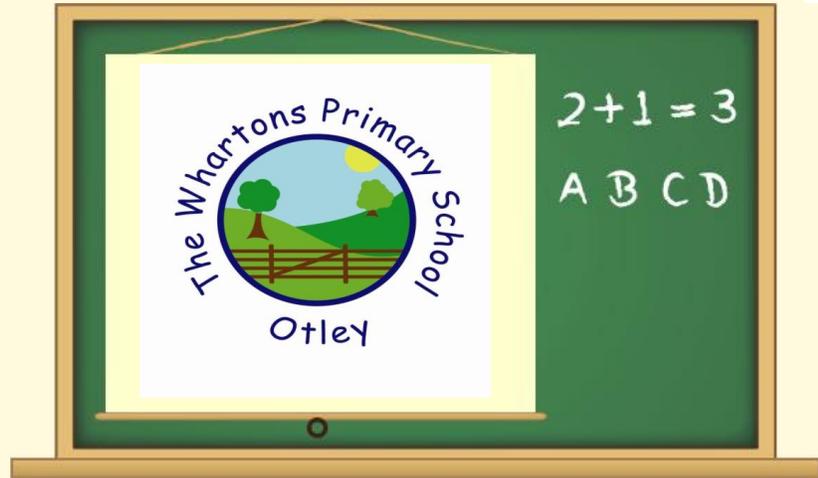
We have had a packed last couple of weeks of term and I can't quite believe we are at the end of another year. It will be sad goodbyes to our Year 6 children on Tuesday and we all wish them well on the next part of their learning journey. I know they are ready for the new adventures secondary school has to offer. It is also time for a well-earned break for children and staff alike, let's hope there is plenty of sunshine left to see us through the summer holidays whatever you are doing.

## Assembly Themes

Assemblies over last week were a chance to reflect on the events of the last year and for Year 6s of their time at primary school. We have celebrated achievements and considered the highlights and what we have learned and will remember for many years to come. The end of a term and indeed a year is a time to congratulate children on their achievements. Many children received merit badges for great work or exemplary conduct, others received certificates for attendance and play leaders. Congratulations to all the children who should be proud of their hard work and focus over this year, also congratulations to Rachel R for Play Leader of The Year and Cameron A for the Creativity Award this term.

## Year 1 Multisports Tournament Win

Year 1 finished the year on a high note when they returned triumphant from a multi-skills tournament at Prince Henrys. As a finale to their multi-sports lessons this half term, led by PHGS PE teacher Ryan Davies, Mrs Foley and Miss Stewart's class joined all the other Year 1 children from the Otley Cluster of Schools to put their newly learnt skills to the test at a tournament organized by Prince Henry's. The tournament consisted of, amongst other things, jumping over hurdles, throwing beanbags as far as they could and balancing a ball on a tennis racket. The children really enjoyed themselves and were delighted to win the tournament.



## Parent Helpers' Tea Party

We are so grateful to all our dedicated helpers who contribute their time, expertise and energy in order to support children in their learning. As a school we are fortunate to have parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends of the school who help regularly with reading, trips and sharing their knowledge with the children. Therefore, at this time of year we like to say a big thank you by inviting all those who have given up their time, for afternoon tea with a little entertainment. The year 6 children sang a couple of songs from their end of year show and our musicians performed pieces on brass, string and wind instruments. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

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### *The First Whartons Show*

I was proud to be one of the judges for the very first Whartons Show last week and although small in numbers of entries it was impressive in the standard of exhibits. The show had several classes from Summer Themed Hama Bead and Lego Creations, Most Attractive Edible Necklace, to the Best Decorated Cake and Stone. It was an incredibly tough job for Miss Donnelly, Mrs Burnett and myself to single out winners amongst the creative master pieces and I wanted to say a huge well done to all those children who entered.

The certificate winners for each class will be announced in the PA Newsletter which will be coming to you shortly but the overall best in show went to Michael B in KS1 for his Painted Pebble and Grace L-A in KS2 for her Decorated Cake/Bun. Libby R from Year 5 won with her design for the cover for the front of the programme. I hope this becomes an annual event which grows and grows in order to showcase the many talents of our children.

## ***Year 5 Class Assembly***

The final class assembly for the year was performed by Year 5 who treated the audience to their class assembly entitled, 'The 5 Show'. And what a show it was!

Taking us through every topic of their learning this year, from Ancient Greece to Space, the Year 5 team highlighted all their hard work, all their team work and all their determination to do well.

It is always lovely for children to share with parents their achievements and showcase their love of learning.

We were incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them on stage more as they move on into Year 6.



## ***Vegetables Galore***

The Gardening club this year has been busy growing and recording progress for our entry to the Great Yorkshire Show Vegetable Box competition. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Kellar have helped the children to plan and grow a range of vegetables in our competition crate whilst keeping a monthly diary of the progress. The Diary was submitted for judging at the show this year and although we didn't win, a few members of Gardening club were lucky enough to visit the show and see our entry alongside other primary school entries from across Yorkshire.



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## Diary Dates

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**-Reception Bun Stall

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**-Yr 6 Assembly-  
2pm

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**-School Closes for  
Summer Break

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**-School  
Reopens

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**-Individual  
Photographs



## *Year 2 Class Assembly*

Year 2 did an amazing assembly about their learning themes for this half-term: Health week and Seas and Oceans. There were lots of different subjects covered in the assembly: maths, writing, PSHCE, geography, homework, reading, art, science, learning and questioning skills. The children got to show off some of their fantastic work which they are deservedly proud of. The parents, grandparents and all the rest of the school seemed to be really impressed with the children's speaking, drama skills and tremendous teamwork.

## Year 6 Production

The year 6 children pulled out all the stops to stage their own version of The Jungle Book as their end of year production this week. It was lovely and quite poignant for parents to see all the children on stage together for the last time here at The Whartons. Their performances showed confidence, maturity and humour; there are definitely some stars in the making!

The children worked together so well and really enjoyed being part of this whole class production. It will be something they will remember with fondness for a long time, a real team spirit surrounded the event. The Whartons' loss is Prince Henry's gain as these talented children move onto secondary school; best of luck.



## Summer Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us at the summer fair last week end. The weather was incredibly kind and there were a steady stream of children and parents through the door. It was lovely to welcome some of our new children and parents who will be joining us in September and also to catch up with some of the children who left us last year to move up the PHGS and gave up their time to come back and help out on stalls. The barbeque was packed out all afternoon with Mrs Burnett, Mr Marshall and Mr Reynard producing delicious burgers and hot dogs for the masses. The bouncy castle, as always, was a great hit and between the tombola, bottle stall and toy tables it was great to see so many children and parents leave laden with goodies. The amount raised is still being calculated but the PA will confirm this in their Newsletter due shortly. The Fair was a great way to spend a sunny afternoon with our community having a chat over a coffee and a cake. Many thanks for all the committee and volunteers who made the afternoon such a success.

## *A final Note:*

I wish you all a super summer break and I look forward to seeing most of you back in September. Good luck to all our Year 6s, you will be brilliant at Prince Henry's and welcome to all our new reception children we can't wait to help you settle in.

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