

The Whartons' Fortnightly Newsletter

20th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome a new member of staff to the The Whartons team this half term. Miss Carly Milner, who many of you already know through her role as After School Club manager, has taken up the post of Learning Mentor at school. Miss Milner will be working with individual children, groups, families and cluster colleagues across the family of schools to support children's learning. Miss Milner works every morning at school both in and out of the classroom and has already settled in well.



Assembly Themes

In Assemblies we have been finding out about some topical/current key events such as Centenary Remembrance celebrations, Divali festival of lights celebrations and this year's Anti Bullying week focus of 'Choose Respect'

Congratulations to those children who have shared their fabulous work and attitudes and received certificates for 'Being the Best they can be' especially during our WOW day activities with different teachers and groups.

Reception – Jessie D, Jacob C-H, Arvin J-C, Finn D, Olanya N, Anya G & Elsie B

Year 1 – Nathaniel A, Kelsey B, Ellis S, Alex S, Harkiran S & Sophie T **Year 2** – Autumn B, Jessica B, Jacob W, Athene F

Year 3 – Brodie T, Noah R, Emily W-G, Finlay S,

Year 4 – Lily C, Sam C, Thomas B, Millie M, Callum B, Halle J

Year 5 – Molly B, Cara-Fai S, Gracie C, Nicholas E, Michael B & William P

Year 6 – Evan A, Theo P, Ellie H, Shanaz W, Monica G & Lea E

Behaviour Day Activities

As part of Anti Bullying week we explored the theme of 'Choosing Respect' through a whole school assembly and class activities where children analysed and discussed the Wharton's Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policies; suggesting amendments and clarifying their role in ensuring great behaviour and eliminating any bullying behaviours

Classes gathered opinions and thoughts on what 'Being Respectful' (one of our Golden Rules) would look like for their class. They produced artwork to show the school during celebration assembly on Friday.

The children also added their contribution to whole class behaviour graphs which will give staff a reflection of children's thoughts on whole school behaviour to feed in to updating the policies.

Open Day

We welcomed visitors this week for school tours as part of our second open day.

It is always a proud time to be able to show off the fabulous learning at The Whartons to visitors and guests. The children, as usual, were hard at work during the several tours of the day and their polite, mature, articulate and friendly approach to visitors and peers alike was exemplary

If you know any children approaching school age who live near you or who you see at local groups or organization please encourage them to visit us. We are happy to accommodate tours of the school if parents have missed the Open Days.



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Glow Disco

The first Parent's Association disco of the year was a great success.

The children looked fabulous in their dazzling outfits adorned with glow stick bracelets and necklaces.

The new DJ had all the children, whatever age, engaged in dancing games and dancefloor competitions. There was even disco limbo!

Mr Williamson and Mrs Dowell thoroughly enjoyed spending the evening with their new children at the KS1 disco and Mr Hampson 'set the bar extremely low' for the limbo; there are definitely some very flexible children at The Whartons.

Everyone went home happy and tired whilst raising a good amount of money for the PA. Thanks to Parent Association organisers both old and new. What a fun family event.

The school council held its first meeting this week and were joined by cooks from our kitchen and the area manager of Catering Leeds, who provide our lunches.

Earlier in the week the school councillors had canvassed their classes on school dinners; their favourite menu choices and those which pupils like less. This was the second time councillors have met with the caterers, as last year following input from the children, Catering Leeds adapted their menus for the summer term.

The children were incredibly mature and respectful in the way they worked together with dinner staff and they shared some great ideas.

Councillors had also talked to their classes and brought ideas to the meeting for areas of school to develop and possible fundraising ventures. These findings will form the foci of the council efforts moving forwards.



WOW DAY

Our first WOW day of this academic year was organized and run by the Y6 teachers Mrs Foley and Miss Stewart ably assisted by Mrs Bishop and the Y6 children.

It was an incredible day. Y6 children's assembly to the whole school and parents set the scene for this whole school themed event.

The children were then split in to 6 cross age teams to spend the rest of the day together finding out more about the centenary of Armistice day through a range of activities.

All members of staff ran workshops to explore aspects of this important historic event through a range of artistic medium. There were workshops where the children learnt World War 1 songs and their importance in keeping spirits high, other workshops used drama

to explore key events and finally all the children decorated a pebble as a poppy and added a thought and their name. These will be transformed in to an art installation in school as assign of remembrance. In the end of day assembly children shared their songs. Such an inspirational day of learning. Thank you Y6



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Diary Dates

Wednes 21st Nov-Roman Visitor for Yr4
Mon 26th-Thurs 29th Nov-Scholastic Book Fair
Tues 27th Nov-Yr6 Trip To Eden Camp
Wednes 28th Nov-Yr6 Bikeability Level 1&2
Mon 3rd Dec-Yr6 Bikeability Level 1&2
Tues 4th Dec-Yr4 Bun Sale
Wednes 5th Dec – Yr4 Skipping
Sat 8th Dec- Christmas Fayre-2-4pm
Wednes 12th & Thurs 13th Dec-Secret Santa Stalls
Thurs 13th Dec-Pop Choir at Xmas Tree Festival-Parish Church 2pm
Fri 14th Dec - Wear A Xmas Jumper Day
Fri 14th Dec-Flu Vaccinations
Fri 14th Dec-Xmas Dinner Day

Collaboration

As we do not have a nursery at The Whartons it is important that transition for children from their settings to primary school is as smooth as we can make them. Over the last few years the EYFS team have hosted several end of summer visits including lunchtime and this has helped the children familiarize themselves with their new school.

This year Mrs Matthews as EYFS leader will be focusing on strengthening links with our local nurseries at Chapter One and Little Green Frogs.

Mrs Matthews and myself visited Little Green Frogs last week and the nursery manager came to visit us at The Whartons. As a result a team from Little Green Frogs will be setting up a construction play room at the Christmas Fair where children can try out a construction toy created and used by the team down at the nursery.

Over the year Mrs Matthews and the EYFS staff will be carrying out joint training and best practice visits with Little Green Frogs and hopefully Chapter One in order to strengthen staff expertise and continuity of teaching and learning strategies.



Year 6 Assembly

The Year 6 assembly was powerful and poignant last week.

They shared with the school, their parents and families learning from over the last half term. The children study Life during the World Wars. Due to this year's centenary celebrations of Armistice day and the end of World War I the focus of the children's learning has been the Great War of 1916-1918.

The children took the end of theme assembly as a guiding purpose which shaped their studies and direction. They used posters, drama, music, analogies and character studies to distil a vast amount of information to the children in an accessible and sensitive way.

Year 6 showed shared the key points they had explored with incredible maturity, sensitivity and in places humour. We all learnt a great deal about not only the possible causes of the conflict but how individuals may have felt and the impact of the Christmas Day truce in 1918. Thanks you Y6.



A final Note:

Please can I remind parents there is no parking, dropping off or picking up from the carpark unless by prior arrangement or for Breakfast and After School Club.

Julia Dickson