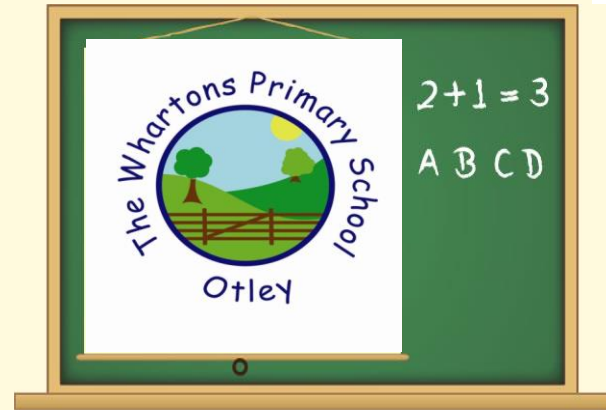


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

25th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has rushed by and the spring holiday seems to have crept up on us all very quickly. They say time flies when you are having fun and that is certainly true in the summer term which is always a busy time in school, and out in the community, with lots of exciting events from sporting fixtures to the Otley show which engage children, parents and staff.



Assembly Themes

We have been considering how we have worked on improving our resilience over the last half term and the children have shared their ideas around different strategies which have helped them to persevere with tricky situations. We have focused on the Invictus games and the great resilience the athletes have developed in order to overcome their challenges.

The following children received certificates for their hard work and perseverance. Well done to :

Rec: Brodie T & Oliver H Year 1: Ruby C-H & Sam C Year 2: Eve H & Austin D Year 3: Caitlin R & Joshua D

Year 4: Harry S & Caleb D Year 5: Isabel M & Seth K Year 6: All Year 6

Litter Picking After Otley Show

Mrs Gomes, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Dolphin led a small but dedicated team of Whartons' volunteers and their parents in a litter pick at the showground on Sunday morning.

The litter pick has become an annual activity and provides the children with the opportunity to contribute to what is a fantastic community event; and highlight of the Otley calendar.

The weather was kind and the children and parents worked hard to support the organizers in what is a mammoth clear up. Well done to all who 'mucked' in!

Otley Family of Schools Lunchbox Debate

Last week, Jack C and Lola M D from Y5 were invited to Westgate, along with Mrs Gomes, to take part in a 'Pupil Voice' session with KS2 children and staff representatives from all the other cluster schools to discuss school dinners and in particular children's lunchboxes. Throughout the afternoon, children and staff looked at what made a healthy lunchbox and discussed the importance of having a healthy diet. From these discussions, it was agreed that whilst most aspects of our lunchboxes were positive, our choices of different food types could be improved and that more guidance could be given to help in making better, more healthy choices across the week. Further to these conversations had with the children, the cluster of schools would now like to gauge the opinion of parents. We would be grateful if you could return the survey related to this to the school office.



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School to School Best Practice Visits

As part of our ongoing partnership with Bramhope Primary it has been great to welcome Bramhope teachers to The Whartons over the last couple of weeks.

The visits have been a follow up to the Whartons teacher visits to Bramhope where they observed best practice in partner year groups. The Whartons teachers have been working on embedding some of the strategies they observed into their own classroom practice and Bramhope teacher visits were to observe changes in action and work with our teachers as coaches.

This collaboration with a teaching school is a great opportunity for all teachers to plan and work together as part of teacher's continual professional development .

We look forward to continuing the partnership over the next half term.

Year 5 Taste Treat at Jamies

On Friday 20th May, Year 5 enjoyed a very exciting and informative morning at Jamie Oliver's in Harrogate. The children were invited there to take part in 'Food Revolution' to learn about how to make informed food choices particularly with regards to breakfasts. Working in teams, they discussed and debated the sugar contents of many well known breakfast cereals. There were some surprising outcomes especially when the children saw the sugar content poured out in front of them.

Using a variety of low sugar ingredients they created their own granola, helped to make pasta and tasted some of Sous-Chef Tom's delicious omelettes. We had a fantastic, hands-on morning.

Please check the Year 5 web page soon for lots more pictures.



Otley Show Art Entries

Creativity was the theme last week in Years 1, 2 and 5, as they engaged in a flurry of artistic activity designing their entries for the Otley Show.

In Y2 Mrs Kettleborough worked with the children to generate artistic abstract patterns and pictures in pasta for the 'Pasta Picture' class. Y5 produced drawings of their favourite sports, some of the pictures carefully captured fine detail and others conveyed the movements of the sport for the 'Pencil Drawing of my Favourite Sport' class. Finally in Y1 the children fashioned beautiful and some quirky wooden spoon figures for the 'Decorated Wooden Spoon Scarecrow' class.

Having an opportunity to exhibit pieces of artwork is exciting and rewarding for the children. I hope you managed to view a few at the show on Saturday.

Otley Carnival Appeal For Volunteers

"Otley Carnival are asking for help. Otley Carnival is short of people able to give the Carnival approximately an hour and a half of their time on Carnival Day. We need volunteers to help at the Main Gate from 1pm until the Parade has finished (approx. 2.15pm). The volunteers will be asked to help guide pedestrians to the Carnival Field, keeping them safely away from the Parade vehicles who also use the Main Gate."

For further details please contact Rhona Smith (Entertainment and Field Co-ordinator) by email: rhonavsmith@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 01943 851247 Mobile: 07507237303

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- Friday 27th May-School Close for Half Term
- Monday 6th June-School Reopens
- Monday 6th June-Year 1 Trip to Farnley Woods
- Wednesday 8th June-Class Photos
- Wednesday 8th June-Yr 5 Trip to Tropical World
- Friday 10th June-School Disco
- Wednesday 15th June-Reception Trip to Tropical World
- Wednesday 22nd June- Year 6 Mini Olympics @ PHGS
- Thursday 23rd June-Yr 5 High School Experience
- Thursday 23rd June-Year 2 Trip to Leeds City Museum
- Friday 24th June-Roller Racing
- Wednesday 29th June-Yr5 Assembly
- Thursday 30th June-Yr6 Residential Presentation -6pm
- Saturday 2nd July-Summer Fayre-12noon-2pm
- Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July-Yr6 Induction Day @PHGS
- Monday 11th July-Yr4 Trip to Nell Bank
- Monday 18th July-Sports Day
- Wednesday 20th July-Yr6 Leaver's Production-6.30pm
- Friday 22nd July-Yr6 Leaver's Assembly

Domestic Violence Notification Project

A joint initiative between Leeds Children's Services and West Yorkshire Police is now in place to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. It is designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk

Year 3 Visit Herd Farm

On Friday 29th April Year 3 set off in blizzard conditions for a trip to Herd Farm. They went to experience a day living in The Stone Age and Iron Age. Despite the weather, everyone had a fantastic day. They looked inside a real Stone Age house to see how people lived thousands of years ago and learnt how to build fencing out of willow and hazelnut branches, which were used to build enclosures for the animals.

After lunch the children had their faces painted and tried on typical Iron Age clothing and then learnt how to hunt for food by throwing spears. Finally they had a go at making some Iron Age jewellery. It was an amazing day and everyone in Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed it.



A final Note:

Please could you complete the packed lunch questionnaire and return to school by Friday so that responses from across the cluster of school can be analysed and used to inform any cluster initiatives, many thanks.

Have a great break. Julia Dickson (Headteacher)