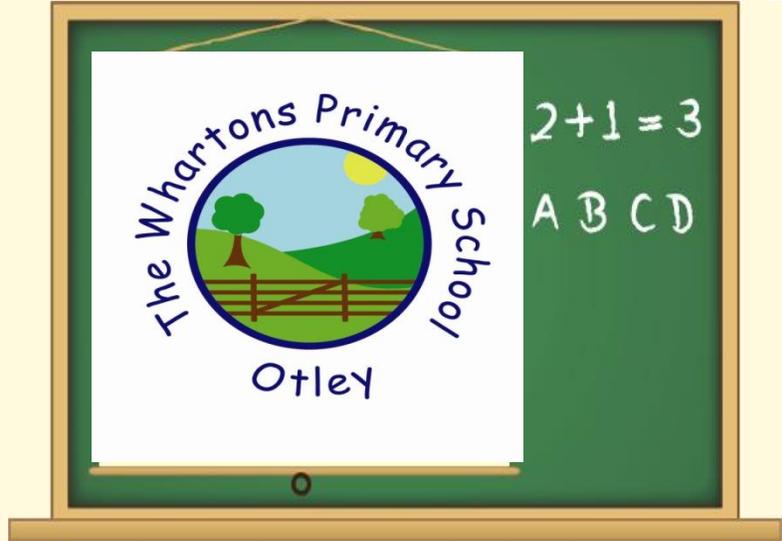


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

30th September 2015

Where has September gone? Although with the lovely sunshine we have had this month we could have been forgiven for thinking it was still summer. We have made the most of the September sunshine and taken learning outside whenever possible. It has been a treat to see the reception children building, digging and cycling in their outdoor area. However, as the Autumn and ultimately Winter draw in we will need to make sure that all the children are dressed for inclement weather; as they say there is no such thing as the wrong weather just the wrong clothing so with this in mind could I ask that you ensure children have suitable winter coats and shoes for school. Also any offer of waterproofs for reception will be greatly received.



Assembly Themes

In our assemblies over the last couple of weeks we have considering what elements we would include in an exciting new world if we had the choice, and what we would like to leave out. The children were encouraged to consider traits and characteristics as well as things linked to this theme. In the entrance hall, there is a tree where children can add leaves depicting elements we want for our school and scattered leaves on the ground to represent those things we would not wish to include. From the children's ideas we will be writing a Whartons' Charter that all stakeholders will sign up to. If you would like to contribute ideas to the Charter please send them into school with your child.

Well done this week to the following children who received certificates for great work or attitudes:

Reception: Skye L & Lucas B **Year 1:** Kayce-Jayne C & Okezie N **Year 2:** Seren J-G & Evelyn A

Year 3: Cory H & Keiran F **Year 4:** Millie H & Caleb D **Year 5:** Georgia F & Rory C-Y **Year 6:** Archie S & Thomas B

Visiting Students

Last week we hosted two student teachers from Prince Henrys. The trainee teachers are studying to teach at secondary school, however as part of their training the students need to spend time in a primary school to observe and understand the similarities and differences in the way children are taught and learn in the different sectors.

Student Teachers Miss Darwin and Miss Carodine worked with Year 6 and Year 2 children and were incredibly impressed at how independent they were as learners and also their key roles and responsibilities in school.



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School Council

The new school council held their first meeting last week where the new councilors met and discussed a plan of action for the year. Well done to the new class councilors: Reception –Ella T & Oliver H, Year 1 –Teddy N-C & Freddy E-W , Year 2 – Martha D & Aidan P, Year 3 – Lea E & James S, Year 4 – Marli T & Caleb D, Year 5 – Maddie H & Arthur B and Year 6 – Oliver H-S & Jessica L-W who were elected by their peers.

The council identified three main objectives:

1. To identify an aspect of school culture they would like to change or encourage.
2. To identify an area of the school environment they want to improve.
3. To identify fund raising ideas in order to fund any improvements.

The council will be gathering pupils' ideas and will report back on developments over the year.



Year 1's Talking Boxes

Talking Boxes

In Literacy this week, the children in Year One have been asked to bring a 'Talking Box' into school with them. They have filled their box with special items which they can talk to their class mates about. We have really enjoyed hearing about the children's interests and have had items such as favourite toys, photographs of special moments and even a baby blanket. This activity has given the children chance to practise their spoken language skills which include speaking clearly and listening and responding appropriately to other children's questions. It has been a lovely way to share our interests and to find out all about each other!



Brownlee Brothers Triathlon Event

On Wednesday 23rd, year 6 went on an amazing school trip to a triathlon event at John Smeaton Academy; we were so lucky to also have been able to meet the Brownlee Brothers!!! We started the trip by going on a rather long coach journey, when we arrived; two of the helpers showed us where to go. We had our lunch and were guided into the sports hall. Our first event was swimming; it was quite hard but super fun! After a speedy change we ran around the playing court and into the cycling field. Then we did two laps of the field on our bikes. By then we couldn't feel our legs and most of us were out of breath! But we kept going and finished it with a last little run to the finish line where we got medals and Alistair Brownlee signed our tops and medals! We took a lot of photos and managed to get a picture with Alistair! Everyone did amazingly well! We all had a great time! By Ruby & Lily



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- Friday 2nd October**-Year 6 Trip to Eden Camp
- Friday 2nd October**-Year 5 Bun Sale
- Tuesday 6th October** –Parent Forum-Behaviour-6.30pm
- Wednesday 7th October**-KS1 Phonics Evening 6.30pm
- Thursday 8th October**-PA Meeting-7.15pm
- Friday 9th October**-Harvest Festival-1.30pm
- Tuesday 13th October**-Parents Eve-3.30-5.30pm
- Thursday 15th October**-Parents Eve-3.30-7pm
- Friday 16th October**-Bags to School collection
- Friday 16th October**-School Disco
- Monday 19th October**- EYFS Training Day
- Thursday 22nd October**-School Open Day
- Friday 23rd October**-School Closes for Half Term

Head Girl and Head Boy

As a new initiative this year Mr Hampson and Mrs Gomes have introduced the posts of Head Boy and Head Girl assisted by a Deputy Head Boy and Girl. These new positions will be held for a term thus giving the opportunity for more children to hold these posts of responsibility over the year. The role of the Heads and Deputies is to set a great example to the rest of the school and also to lead on the organization and running of some key events in school. One of their first duties was to organize the individual photographs by ensuring classes arrived for their photos in a timely manner and that any siblings were collected.

Mrs Burnett was incredibly impressed with the children's organizational skills and the sensible way they approached the task; well done to them!

The positions are chosen by school staff who have built a picture of the children over their time at The Whartons and know which children have displayed characteristics such as leadership, empathy and commitment to whole school initiatives.

Congratulations to Jared I and Megan B Head Boy and Girl for the Autumn term and their deputies Nathan H and Rebecca J



Play Leaders

Mrs Kellar and Miss Wilkinson will be trialing a new approach to lunchtime play in the Key Stage one playground this term. Mrs Kellar and Miss Wilkinson's Year 6 play leaders will be teaching the Key Stage one children a range of traditional playground games and new skills. Each week the leaders will focus on one new skill such as skipping or a large group game. Next week they will be doing hopscotch. If you would like to practise the skill at home, or encourage your children, Mrs Kellar and Miss Wilkinson will post the weekly game in the notice board located in the Reception outdoor area. The art of playing group games can support children's ability to socialize and turn take as well as being great fun! Playing along with your children at home might just bring back fond childhood memories whilst keeping active together.



A final Note:

Please remember the Parent Forum and Phonics Evenings next week, I hope to welcome many of you and share new approaches and improvements in school, so that we may continue to work together on our continued journey.

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)