

The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

27th April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you all managed to enjoy some relaxing time together. We have a busy half term ahead especially for Y6 children who are preparing for their SATs in a couple of weeks then their residential trip to the Lake District.

Now that the better weather is here, we have a spare allotment bed available if anyone is interested in doing some "Grow Your Own".



Assembly Themes

Our assemblies over the next half term will focus on developing resilience in order to reach our goals. We will be taking inspiration from role models who did not give up on their road to success such as JK Rowling and ??? Teachers will be following up in class by building skills and encouraging children to reflect on their own resilience in their learning to learn journals.

The following children received certificates so far for their resilient approaches and 'stickability' they have shown over the last couple of weeks. Well done to :

Reception: Oria N & Skye L Year 1: James M & Darcy C Year 2: Alfie H & Phoebe S Year 3: Willow H & Oluchi N
Year 4: Beth S & Emily B Year 5: Arthur B & Seth K Year 6: Alfie R & Grace L-A

Assembly Visitor

Rail Safety Talk

Last Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 welcomed a visitor from Leeds United Football Club Foundation who had come to talk to them about the important topic of 'Rail Safety'. Such discussions are crucial and the children showed great interest in this topic, having some very mature responses and questions to contribute.

New Year 6 Responsibilities

As we enter the last term in school for our Year 6 children it has been a pleasure to pass on the roles of Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy to our final set of Year 6 children. The Heads and Deputies have the responsibility of setting a good example and being role models to children across school. They will also represent school when we have visitors or at events. In position this term are:

Head Girl- Rachel R and **Deputy Head Girl** – Lily J

Head Boy – Oliver HS and **Deputy Head Boy** – Evan T

Well done to you all and I am sure you will carry out your responsibilities with real commitment.

I would also like to take the opportunity to mention all the other Year 6 children who have taken their roles and responsibilities over the year very seriously and made such a difference to the expectations and outstanding behaviours across school.

A huge thank you to all the Office Angels, Class Captains, Hall Monitors, Laptop Monitors, Photographers and Reception Buddies.



- Carnival
- Netball Tournament
- Yr 2 Multi Sports Competition

Netball Tournament

The Whartons took 2 teams to compete in the Hi 5 Netball Tournament at PHGS on Tuesday 26th April.

Both teams were an absolute credit to the school; they represented The Whartons with enthusiasm, sportsmanship & resilience.

With skill, pace and dogged determination both teams played their very best netball; it was a joy to watch, especially for their proud parents and coaches.

The A team narrowly missed winning their pool, (by a goal scored in the last seconds in a close 1-0 defeat), in a thrilling, fast paced game. The B team played consistently well throughout all games with high energy and gave a storming performance in the last game to come top of their pool. They will go forward to the next round.

Mrs Dolphin & Mrs Wilyman would like to say a special thank you to those players who stepped up & joined the teams to enable us to take both to the tournament and a huge thanks to all the regular players who have trained every week with great attitude and enthusiasm.



As part of Golden Time activities this half term I have established a new carnival committee who will be working together, and with some parents, to create our carnival walking tableaux for this year's entry.

The committee met for the first time last Friday and spent the session debating a range of ideas and sketching out possible scenarios.

The committee finally decided on the theme of 'The Wharton's Street Party'. The theme was to incorporate the Queen's 90th birthday this year but also the children wanted to incorporate the theme of food and the vibrancy of communities coming together in celebration.

We will be tracking our progress through a working display in the KS1 corridor so if you are passing please check out how we are getting on. Of course any offers of help in organization and/or costume creation would be gratefully received; please contact the office or Mrs Bowman who has kindly offered to rally parent troupes.

Year 2 Multi-sports Competition

On Monday a very excited Year 2 class walked down to PHGS to take part in a Multi-sports tournament at PHGS. The children spent a brilliant afternoon engaged in a carousel of activities which included beam balancing, racket skills, relays and jumping events to name but a few.

The tournament was the culmination of last half term's PE lesson with Mr Davies, our partner teacher from PHGS who worked alongside Mr Fisk. Mr Davies who is a qualified sports and PE teacher works with each year group for half a term once a week. This develops children's skills and support teacher's expertise in teaching PE.

Year 2 children across our cluster of primary schools have been developing their skills in running, throwing, catching, balancing and hitting. The tournament is a fantastic way of entering into a friendly completion with peers from across Otley. Of course the children's behaviour was exemplary and they had great fun, well done year 2!



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Diary Dates

Saturday 30th April- Tour De Yorkshire

Monday 2nd May-May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May-Yr 3 Assembly

W/C Monday 9th May- KS2 SATS

Week

W/C Monday 16th May-Year 6

Residential Week

W/C Monday May 23rd- KS1 SATS

Week

Wednesday 25th May-Yr 5 Assembly

Friday 27th May-School Closes For

Half Term

Monday 6th June-School Reopens

Monday 6th June-Yr1 Trip To Farnley

Woods

Wednesday 8th June-Class Photos

Wednesday 8th June-Yr 5 Trip to

Tropical World

Friday 10th June-School Disco

Tour de Yorkshire

As we all know the Tour de Yorkshire will be starting Stage 2 of its journey in Otley, and this year we have been invited to join other Otley primary schools and representatives from the Otley Cycle Club in leading the men's division of the race through the town.

A group of 12 children from across all age ranges in school, including some of our youngest and oldest children will be taking part. The children will start their ride from the civic centre and ride to the opposite end of town, leaving the race riders at Beech Hill car park, to continue their journey.

On Monday after school Mr Peacock very kindly came up to run a short training session where he checked all the volunteers and their bikes for road worthiness and gave the children and adults some practice in riding together as a team. I hope many of you will be able to join us in watching the race which starts at 2pm from the civic centre.



Reception Assembly

Our Reception children used their creative skills to put on a brilliant show for their parents and the rest of the school this morning. They made music, acted in "The 3 Pigs Play" and performed a wonderful scarf dance. It was a great way to start the day. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.



A final Note:

Can I please ask again that parents and carers do not park against the fence in the staff car park when dropping off children at breakfast club in the mornings. The staff are struggling to find spaces to park when arriving at work and I am also concerned for children's safety when teachers are driving and reversing looking for spaces. If there is no room along the hedge please park outside the school gates.

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