

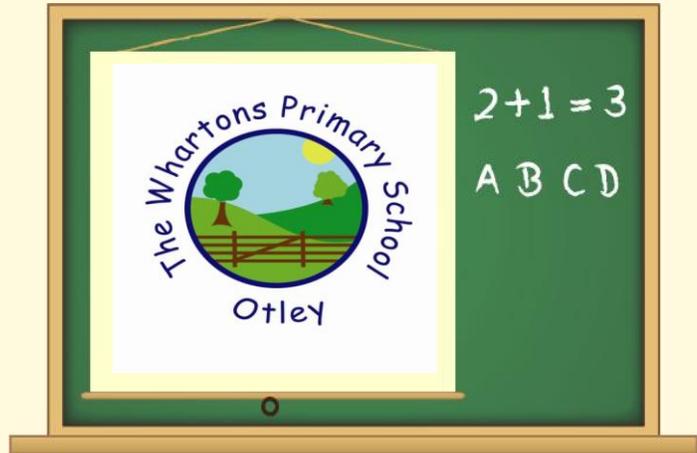
The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

April 2015

Happy Easter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to the term, the excitement of The Whartons' annual egg rolling competition. As this edition of the newsletter goes to print we have no idea of the results, however all I am saying is my nail varnish is extra toughened!



Assembly Themes

Our assemblies have focused on how we deal with our worries and what we can do to make them more manageable, as well as celebrating differences between individuals. The following children have received certificates for their positive approaches to supporting others:

**Rec – Millie M & Eli K Year 1 – Solomon B & Millie F Year 2 – Elle-May H & Edward J Year 3 – Marli T & Freya R
Year 4 – George C, Maddison G & Isabel M Year 5 – Scarlett J & Grace L-A Year 6 – Julia G, Olivia D & Robbie B**

Donated Sports Kit

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Clayton who has managed to secure a sponsored sports kit for our football and other sports teams. Mrs Clayton and her manager Mr Nicolas Hindle from the Otley branch of Santander Bank visited school on Tuesday to present Mr Hampson with the sports strip. Olivia and Joshua F modelled the kit



Chick, Chick, Chick, Chick, Chicken

Every morning brought the excitement of a new life last week as our eggs hatched into chickens one by one. KS1 children have watched over the eggs as they have been kept warm in the incubator, they witnessed the struggles as chicks broke through their shells, and then cared for the little chicks in their nursery. The stimulus for writing and art work is second to none and the children have also considered how to care for their temporary charges.

Year 1 Trip to Harlow Carr

Year 1 had a fantastic day last Friday when they visited Harlow Carr. They spent the morning searching for different animal homes around the gardens which included an insect hotel and a bee hive. After lunch they became animal detectives and searched for evidence to discover who had been stealing vegetables from the beds there! A session pond dipping unearthed some strange (and very fierce!) creatures living under the water and the children discovered a variety of mini-beats living under the leaf litter in the woodland. A super day was had by all and a big thank you to the three parent helpers who came along too



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Multi-Sports Fixture

On Wednesday 25th March, year 3 ventured down to Prince Henrys Grammar School for a multi-skills tournament against other schools in our cluster. We had a fantastic afternoon competing in throwing, jumping, running and balancing. We had a fantastic day and finished in, an impressive, third place.



Roving Reporters

Solar Eclipse

Reports: Charlotte & Rebekah Y6 and Ella Y5

On Friday 20th March 2015 a solar eclipse passed over England. Everyone's eyes were glued to the TV screen as the first total eclipse since 1999 was created at the Faroe Islands, Greenland. Sadly the full eclipse lasted for under a minute although it was truly spectacular whilst it lasted. The next total eclipse is predicted to be on August 12th 2026 so it was very special.



Nocturnal Visitors



Last Friday Year 2 had a very exciting visitor! We met Mags who brought with her lots of nocturnal animals for us to see and touch. She showed us Monty her python, Ping Pong the hedgehog, some cockroaches, a glow-in-the-dark scorpion, a tarantula and two rats. We learnt all about the animals and why they are nocturnal, how their bodies work, what an exoskeleton is, what they eat and how they hunt. We all touched the animals and some children even got to have a hands on experience with them; James had a close encounter of the rat kind when two were put up his jumper and crawled down his sleeves, Oluchi met Monty first and felt him slither over her arms and in her lap, Theo met Ping Pong and fed him some grubs, Amber felt a whole handful of cockroaches and Evie, Cory and Keiran even held a tarantula! It was a great experience and the children learnt a lot.

Year 3 and 4 hit Leeds

On Friday 27th March year 3 and 4 visited Leeds City Museum. We had a fantastic time exploring the museum and enjoyed a romans workshop delivered by the museum which really brought the children's learning alive.



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st April- Break Up
for Easter Hols

Thursday 2nd April –Training Day

Monday 20th April – School
Reopens

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank
Holiday

W/C Monday 11th May – SATS
week

Friday 22nd May – School Closes
for Half Term

Decorating an Egg Competition

There were some really inventive and creative entries for our 'Decorate An Egg' competition this year. The children have let their imaginations run wild with a Solar Eggclipse, A Very Eggy Day and Eggstreme Sports. It was hard to judge the best so all the children who entered received an egg for their efforts but after some in depth discussions the final winners in each class were: KS1 : Evie M with Sam Brown as runner up. Y3/4: Poppy P with Noah D as runner up. Y5/6: Grace with Ben A as runner up. Thanks to our new teacher, Mr Dominic Fisk who took on the challenge of judging.



Lazy Sunday Film Afternoon

The Parents Association couldn't have picked a better weekend to screen their very first family film afternoon at school. The weather last weekend had reverted back to a more wintry feel and a trip to the big screen to settle down with pop corn and friends and watch Paddington was just the ticket.

Nearly 95 children and many parents bought tickets for the screening which was a lovely relaxed community affair. Children came in comfy clothes with soft toys and spent a super couple of hours munching on popcorn and laughing at the mischievous bear. Not only was great fun had by all but the event a good amount towards Parent's Association funds. Thank you to all who gave up their time to make the event such a success.

A final Note:

We wish a fond farewell to Miss Ind who begins her new job after the holidays. I would like to thank her on behalf of the school for all her hard work and wish her all the best for her wedding in the summer. We will try very hard to keep the library tidy! I also want to welcome Mr Fisk to the team who will be taking over as Y2 teacher, KS1 leader and English leader after the break. Mr Fisk has been in school this week working with Miss Ind and will be joining us for our training day on Thursday so he can hit the ground running when we come back to school.

It is just left for me to wish everyone a Happy Easter; I hope you all have a good break and perhaps the odd egg or two!

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)

