

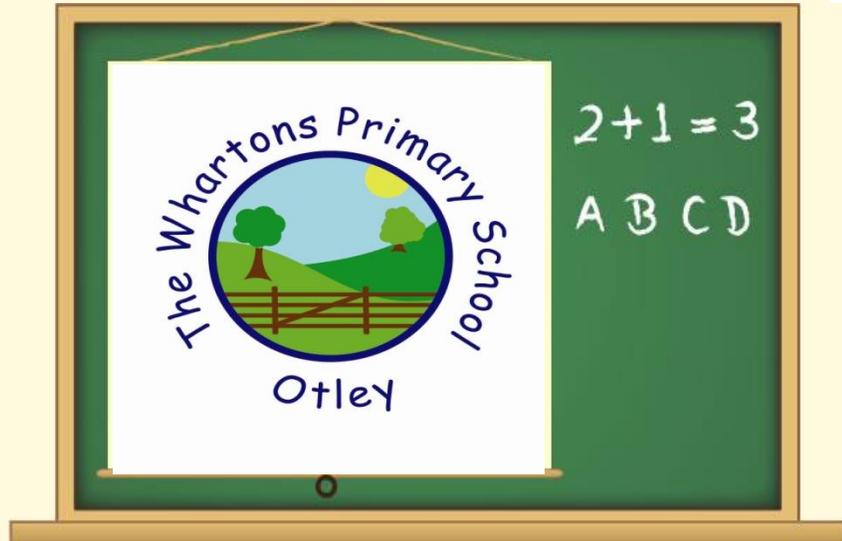
The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

Welcome

18th March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term so far at school and the last couple of weeks of term are fairly booked up too. There have been sporting fixtures and musical events as well as class trips and fundraising. Many classes have planned visits in March and there are traditional Easter events booked into the diary.



Assembly Themes

Over the last two weeks in assemblies we have been continuing with our 'Good to be Me' theme and considering our feelings; how we can recognize and control them. We have also been considering how to be assertive in a situation, tell others how we feel and what we would like to happen without falling out or letting others make all the decisions. The following children have received certificates for their positive approaches to dealing with conflict and problem solving:

Rec – Joshua L & Lenny G

Year 1 – Millie F & Max F

Year 2 – Joshua D & Caitlin R

Year 3 – Isabella R, Katie W & James W

Year 4 – Tia J & Rory C-Y

Year 5 – Amie B & Harry J

Year 6 – Jessica R & Maizie G

World Book Day

The children and staff had great fun celebrating World Book Day on 6th March. The day was filled with reading related activities such as Book Surveys and Designing Book Tokens. Everyone dressed as their favourite book characters and shared their amazing outfits at the end of the day in a celebration assembly. There was a real range of creations mirroring the diverse range of tastes in reading. It highlighted to the children that there really is a book for everyone. We try to nurture a love of reading at school and any activity which promotes excitement around reading for pleasure is a great thing.



Parent Questionnaire

We are trying a new format for our biannual parent questionnaire this year and going digital. In order to have a clear idea of how parents feel about school, their child's education and well being; the more parents who fill in the questionnaire the better. The governors and school staff would like to gauge parent's views on what school does well and areas we need to develop, in order to continually improve how our school community supports the learning and development of all our children. Please visit

<http://tinyurl.com/whartons-survey2015> to access the parent questionnaire or call into the office for a paper copy.

- Cross Country Competition
- Roving reporters slot

Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday 10th March, Mr Hampson, Mr Young and Mrs Hughes, along with parent volunteers, escorted children from years 4, 5, & 6 to the North West Leeds Cross Country Championships hosted by PHGS. The older children (Y5/6) tackled a course that covered a muddy 1500m and the Y4 athletes had to compete over a gruelling 900m. Although we didn't win the event, an excellent time was had by all in gloriously sunny weather. Stand out performers were Olivia (Y6), Jessica (Y5) and Louie (Y4).



Roving Reporters

Carnival Queen and Attendants

Reports: Charlotte & Rebekah Y6 and Ella Y5

On Friday 6th March the new Carnival Queen was chosen by committee at Otley Old People's Centre. The entrants faced stiff competition but in the end Whartons pupils did well with Olivia Driver securing Carnival Queen role, Charlotte Mitchell appointed as Deputy and Aimee Stott as attendant. Olivia says 'When I was first chosen I didn't believe it until people started nodding at me.' Charlotte added 'I am looking forwards to everything but I am particularly excited about the Christmas lights switch on.'

More Whartons winners were Aimee Stott in the age 9 and under and Jessica Lyon-Wilson in the age 10 categories of the Carnival poster competition. Well done



Comic relief

Reporters: Ethan and Oscar Y3

On Friday 13th March, Whartons' pupils and staff made their faces funny for money. Lots of people wore a range of red noses and there were some great character faces, for example Freya in year 3 had the most fantastic hippo face.

Even the staff tried hard with spotty faces and fabulously awful hair dos!

School raised £100 to donate to Red Nose Day. Every little helps so thanks for bringing your pound coins.



- Play Equipment
- Pop Choir
- Dates for the Diary
- Egg Events

Diary Dates

Friday 20th March- Year 4
Bun Sale.

W/C 23rd March- Parents
Consultation week

Weds 25th & Thurs 26th
March - Parents Evening .

Friday 27th March- Yr3 &
Yr4 Trip to Leeds
Museum.

Friday 27th March – Year
1 – Trip to Harlow Carr

Sunday 29th March – Film
Afternoon – 2-4pm

Weds 1st April – Break up
for Easter

Thurs 2nd April- Training
Day

Pop Choir

Mr Williamson, Miss Donnelly, myself and proud parents spent a wonderful evening last Thursday at Prince Henry's attending the Otley cluster music event. Five of our cluster primary schools treated their audience to a range of choral performances. Our children sang beautifully and as always were brilliant ambassadors for The Whartons. It is a great experience for the children to take part in such an event where they can perform alongside other children and make new friends in the process. The chance to perform on a large stage to a packed audience is also an experience they won't forget. Many thanks to Claire Foxwell from All Saints School for planning and coordinating the event.

Play Equipment

Many thanks to the Parent's Association who have dug deep into their shed and found a whole range of playground equipment which they have donated to lunchtime play leaders.

Mrs Kellar, who organizes the play leader volunteers from year 5&6, was thrilled with the extra equipment. In order that there are a range of activities available during lunchtime which encourage physical activity and team skills; we are always thrilled to add new items to the play sheds and boxes for both playgrounds. As Sainsburys are again running their sports for schools voucher scheme could I encourage everyone to collect vouchers and bring into school if they do shop at Sainsburys in order to further develop resources.



A Trip to York

On Monday, Year 5 ventured to the historic city of York to visit the Jorvic Centre and took part in an archeological dig. The day was fantastic, full of information, activities and of course...time in the gift shop! As always, the children showed exemplary behaviour. Staff at both the Jorvic Centre and 'Dig' commented on what a fantastic school group we were and complimented the children on both their behaviour and level of knowledge. Well done Year 5!



A final Note:

To carry on a long held Whartons tradition we will be holding our annual egg decorating completion, entries need to be in school by Friday 27th March when we will be asking some of our volunteers to help us with the judging. Eggs will be judged in age categories and children are encouraged to use their imagination and creative flair. Eggs can stand alone or be part of a larger creation, no bigger than a shoe box though please. We will be displaying the creations in the entrance hall from next week. There will also be the annual egg rolling completion on the last day, hard boiled eggs please! Egg shells can be painted in house colours. Good luck everyone!

