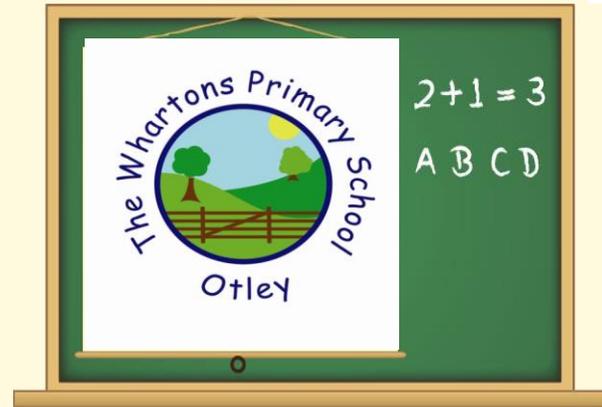


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

15th June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term is always action packed and what a busy couple of weeks back we have had in school. Many classes have been enjoying trips out to exciting places and preparations for the Carnival, Summer Fayre and Sports Day are in full swing.



Assembly Themes

This half term we will start a new theme linked to our PSHCE scheme of work which will focus on 'Being Myself In My World'. Over the last two weeks we have been considering how we can support others in our community, focusing on kind acts and the difference between being selfish and selfless.

The following children received certificates for positive attitudes. Well done to :

Rec: Jacob P & Ella T

Year 1: Will J

Year 2: (none given-there will be double this Friday)

Year 3: Caitlin R & Ellie H

Year 4: Jake A & Taylor-Jai S

Year 5: Jack C & George C

Year6: Nathan H & Oliver HS

Ambassador Project

As part of the transition process with Prince Henry's Grammar School a few lucky children in Y6 from each feeder primary school get the opportunity to visit for a couple of hour sessions running up to the whole class transition days.

They quiz staff and students about daily life at PHGS and any concerns which have been raised by their class mates. The children report back to the rest of the Y6 children and gather any questions they may have.

Teaching Assistants visit Bramhope

As part of our ongoing partnership and collaboration with Noctua Teaching School Alliance it was the turn of The Whartons team of support staff to engage in the first round of best practice visits to Bramhope Primary.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 teaching assistants visited colleagues at Bramhope last week where they observed staff leading interventions and supporting children's learning in the classroom.

Both schools' teaching assistants engaged in professional discussions and shared strategies and approaches between the teams. The whole process was valuable opportunity for professional development and Whartons staff are enthusiastic to trial some of the strategies, interventions and approaches they saw at Bramhope.

- Year 5 Visit Tropical World
- Year 1 Search For Dragons
- Carnival Preparations

Preparing for Carnival

As the carnival parade deadline looms work has gathered real momentum over the last two weeks.

Carnival Committee Golden Time Club has been designing and creating proto type costumes for elements of the street party parade. It has been a real test of their design technology skills, their creativity and imagination.

However in the final weeks of preparation Mrs Dowell has supported the children in organizing efficient production lines which have produced model food for the trestle tables, bunting for the canopy and drink can costumes.

Thank you too to all the parents who have worked tirelessly to create a whole range of street party costumes. Please come and cheer us on this Saturday.

Year 5 Visit Tropical World

On Wednesday 8th June, Year 5 were very fortunate to have the opportunity to go on an educational visit to Tropical World in Roundhay.

We eagerly made our way to the education centre where we were greeted by Rob and his assistant, who took us into the woods to improve our maths skills. We calculated the height and age of trees using a range of measuring devices (including our fingers!)

Following on from our topic work about the rainforest, we studied the habitats of mini-beasts in the woods at Roundhay. Some of us found millipedes, earthworms and even ground beetles – Mr Gath was certain he saw a bear! Our scientific knowledge helped us in our discussion with Rob about how each creature had adapted to live in its environment. He was very impressed.

After lunch, we went inside Tropical World – perhaps the most humid place in the country – and this gave us a real insight into what it would be like to live in a rainforest. The animals we saw were amazingly beautiful; we came up close and personal with some ginormous grey fish, and skin-shedding anacondas! The meerkats stood to attention as we walked by, which we thought was very nice of them.

A quick trip to the gift shop was followed by some much needed fresh air before we came back to school, happy but exhausted.

We would like to thank all the wonderful staff at Tropical World and school staff, who made our trip so successful.



Y1 Dragon Search

On Monday 6th June, Year 1 started the day with a visit from two people from the Magical Creatures Conservation Society. They were investigating sightings of a Wood Dragon in Farnley Woods and needed the children's help! The children set out and became dragon detectives for the day. They proved very good at their job as they discovered lots of evidence including a glittery dragon footprint; a feeding station; a nest containing a shiny dragon's egg and even a treasure hoard! They then met Dr. D, who owns the woods, and he helped them to create their own dragons and name them in a special ceremony. It was a fantastic day and has provided an excellent stimulus for the children's work this half term on dragons and other magical creatures. Thank you so much to the parent helpers who came with us.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st June-KS2 Wake UP Shake Up Competition at Benton Park
Wednesday 22nd June-Yr 6 Mini Olympics at PHGS
Thursday 23rd June-Yr5 High School Experience at PHGS
Thursday 23rd June-Yr2 Trip to Leeds Museum
Friday 24th June-Roller Racing
Tuesday 28th June-Den Building
Wednesday 29th June-Yr5 Assembly
Thursday 30th June-Yr6 Residential Presentation -6pm
Saturday 2nd July-School Fayre-12noon-2pm
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July-Yr6 Induction Day at PHGS
Friday 8th July-Yr 6 Parents Evening at PHGS
Thursday 7th July-Transition Day
Monday 11th July-Yr 4 Trip to Nell Bank
Tuesday 12th July-Parent Helpers Tea Party (Invites to follow)
Monday 18th July-Sports Day
Wednesday 20th July-Leavers Production 6.30pm
Friday 22nd July-Leavers Assembly- 2pm
Friday 22nd July-School Closes for Summer Hols

School Uniform

Please could we remind parents that children should only be wearing items of clothing that make up part of our uniform. We are seeing bright coloured trainers and other items creeping in.

We believe a uniform should be smart and reflect our positive attitude to learning and a feeling of belonging to The Whartons. Uniform is a great leveler, removing competition regardless of fashion.

Full details of our uniform can be found under the Parents Section of the Website.



Road Safety Quiz

Stop, Look and Listen was the order of the day at the 15th Annual Road Safety Quiz at Otley Methodist Church last Thursday.

Pupils from 9 local schools pitted their wits and knowledge of road safety against each other and a group of children from The Whartons, Leah H, Evan T, Aimee S, Emma L & Natalie B were excited to take part.

They were tested on their understanding of Tales of the Road, the children's version of the Highway Code and were excited to win their heat to progress to the final.

After some heated quizzing we were delighted to emerge the final winners and on top of that Evan got the highest overall score of the whole competition to become the Audrey Cartwright winner.

They all received a trophy and £25 Book Token each and the school won a Shield to display for a year. Well done to them all.



A final Note:

I enjoyed seeing lots of you at the disco on Friday all dressed up and ready to party. Please remember the Otley Carnival on Saturday, come and cheer us on. I can't wait to be part of the parade again, let's hope the weather is kind.

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)