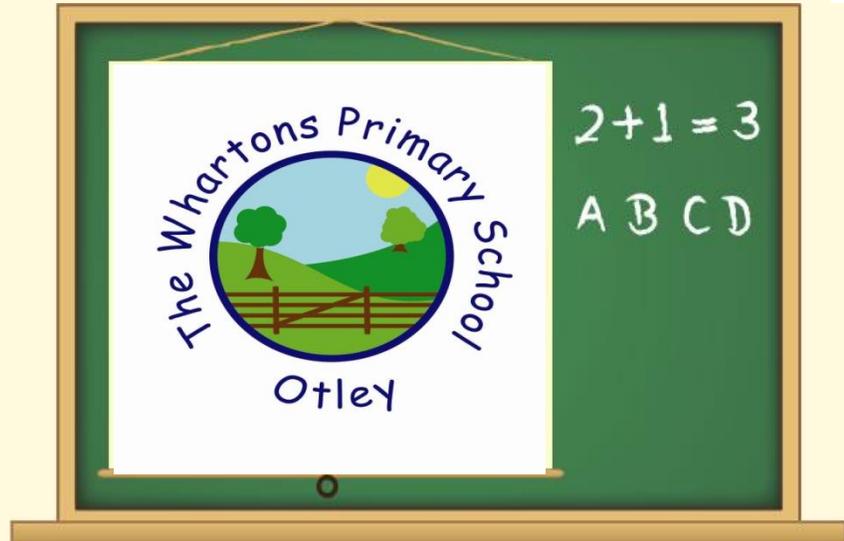


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a good half term break. Well March definitely 'came in like a lion' so let's hope that the saying is true and it will 'go out like a lamb' so we can look forward to some good weather later on in the term.



Assembly Themes

This term's assembly theme is Good to be Me and our assemblies will encourage children to think about what makes them special, to discover their strengths and be proud of who they are. We will also consider our feelings and worries and how we can deal with these. The following children have received certificates for their 'have a go' attitude when faced with new challenges:

Rec – Archie W & Kacey Jayne C

Year 1 – Phoebe S & Eve H

Year 2 – Emma L & Harry A

Year 3 – Theo S & Freya R

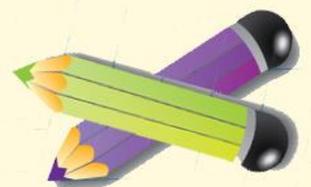
Year 4 – Olive P & Hannah P

Year 5 – Scarlett J & Aimee S

Year 6 – Ben B & Olivia D

Learning Skills

Last term, as you know, assemblies introduced skills to develop which support effective learning; 'Learning to Learn' skills and focused on a different skills each week. Over the rest of the year teachers will refer back to these skills and encourage children to develop their skills by honing in on particular skills during their learning. Key Stage 2 children will be receiving learning journals where they can reflect on their learning skills and gauge their learning against Bronze, Silver and Gold criteria, enabling them to track their developing skills.



New Website

Great news! It is long overdue, but we are in the process of changing our school website to something more exciting and functional which will support home/school communications and present key information in a clearly accessible format. I have held initial fact finding meetings with a few primary school specialist web site companies, so watch this space for more information on how we are progressing.

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After School Clubs Pick Up Arrangements

It has been brought to my attention that during pick up times following after school clubs there have been some near miss incidents between cars and children/parents. As there are several after school clubs running on any one day the number of children and their parents walking across the back playground and car park as they walk home can be large. Some parents are still using the back car park to pick their children up and others are using the front staff car park to turn around in. Both practices are potentially dangerous and in the interests of safety I have decided to ask Mr Reynard to shut the gates to both car parks during these busy times so the school grounds become a pedestrian only area. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and hope you understand the need to safeguard children as they leave their activities.

Roving Reporters

Due to the fact that this is a very short half term, there will not be enough time for a complete new edition of The Wharton's Warbler before Easter. As a result I have taken Golden Time reporters' club under my wing for the next half term and have tasked the children with visiting other Golden Time Activities to gather information, interviews and photos. The budding reporters will be sharing their short reports within my fortnightly newsletter over the next few weeks:

Pop Band-

Charlotte & Rebekah Y6 and Ella Y5

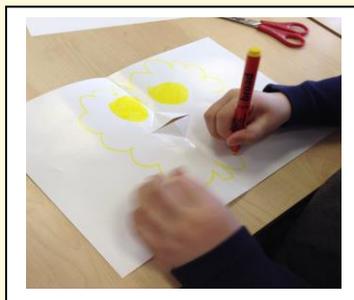
Mr Williamson runs Band project where the child form a band. They start with creating a name for their band. Then the band works together, choosing their instruments and composing a piece of music by the end of the project.



Arts and Crafts-

Oscar (Yr3) and Ethan Y6

Miss Stewart runs the arts and crafts club. The children were making pop up cards this week which were extremely good. Each week they practice a different skill and make a range of different designs.



Cookery-

Charlotte & Rebekah Y6 and Ella Y5

Cookery club is so popular there are two groups during Golden time. Miss Ind, Mrs Reynard and Mrs Bishop run cookery club. Each week they make a different food from fruit smoothies to fruit kebabs and crispie cakes.



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Pop Choir

Pop choir has restarted this half term as Mr Williamson, Mrs Dowell and the children prepare for their next live, public performance. The choir will be participating in a cluster school choir event at PHGS later in the term. Choirs from all the Otley family of schools cluster will be joining forces to delight their audience with an evening of musical entertainment. Dates and tickets will be circulated in the next week.

Diary Dates

Friday 6th March-World Book Day-Dress as a character

Tuesday 10th March- Bags 2 school collected

Thursday 12 March – Pop Choir at PHGS

Friday 13th March – Comic Relief-Make Your Face Funny

Thurs 12th & Fri 13th March Mother's Day Stall

Monday 16th March – Year 5 trip to Jorvik

Friday 20th March – Year 4 Bun Sale

Parent Forum

We held our very first Parent Forum just before the half term break and I would like to thank all those parents who came to the forum and shared their thoughts, ideas and questions. As it was our first forum we decided to set the agenda; sharing with parents new special educational needs legislation and explaining how we support children with special needs or disabilities at The Whartons; both in the classroom with adjustments and resourcing and outside the classroom with additional intervention. Parents really engaged with the discussion and made helpful suggestions as to how we could support school home links even further and how we need to simplify the acronyms and educational jargon used in order to make messages more accessible; thank you to all of you. The power point presentation which Miss Donnelly shared at the meeting is saved on the website under the Useful Information tab.

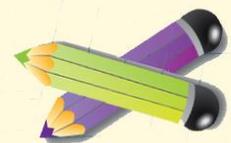
For our Parent Forum in the summer term I would like to set the focus on an area parents identify as important and as such am asking that any ideas for the focus of our next forum could be popped in to an envelope and handed it in at the office or send in with your child.

From the Office

We are sending out a letter today asking you to consider receiving correspondence from us by email in future if you don't already do so. As a school we are trying to cut down the amount of paper we use and so would be grateful if you could return this form as soon as possible.

A final Note:

Please remember dressing up as favourite book characters for World Book Day on Friday and 'making my face funny for money' later in the month; where children wear normal school uniform but can adorn their heads/faces for a donation to comic relief. The Parents association are organising a film afternoon towards the end of the term which sounds like a super way to while away a lazy Sunday afternoon.



Thank You!