

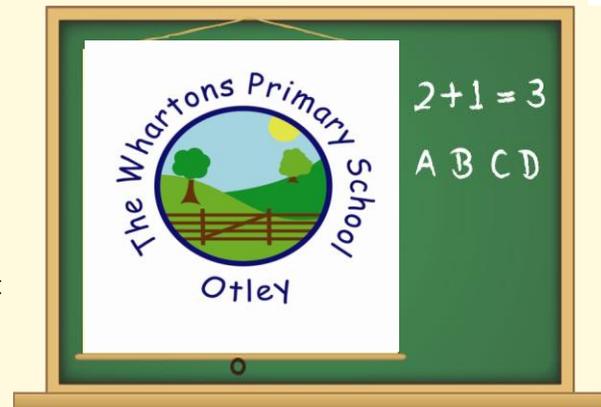
# The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome our new parents to school last Thursday evening and we are looking forward to meeting our new youngest pupils for September over the next few weeks. They will be visiting their classroom and joining the rest of the children with their parents for lunch in the dining hall. I can't quite believe it is a year since we were introduced to our current reception children, how they have grown up in that time.

It has also been lovely to welcome Mr Young back to school after his illness, we all missed him.



## Assembly Themes

We had an exciting and interactive visit from Phil Temple, Assistant Head Teacher at PHGS, in assembly this week. The children had great fun as he told them all about the upcoming 'Be Active, Be Healthy' Fair taking place at PHGS next Wednesday Evening. The family friendly fair will be full of activities and is part of our cluster focus on promoting healthy choices, we hope many of you can join us there.

The following children received certificates for their hard work and great attitudes. Well done to :

Rec: Lily-Mai T, Una J-C, Noah R & Charlotte M

Yr 1: Sebi J-G, Thomas H, Teddy N-C, Issac F & Okezie N

Yr 2: Katie C, Molly B, Cara-Fai S, Seren J-G , Lily T, Lucas M & Aiden P

Yr 3: Cory H, Ethan s, Willow H & Amber P

Yr 4: Ameila K, Oscar C, Ewan F & Ben E

Yr 5: Mackenzie H, Hannah P, Isabel M & George C

Yr 6: Libby R & Ella C

## Roller Racing

The Parent Association Roller Racing fundraising event was as exciting as ever this year with children, and some adults, pitting themselves against each other to peddle the farthest or fastest (whilst standing still!). Others enjoyed a more sedate peddle, but everyone had fun. Thank you to Claire Peacock for organizing and to the many helpers who supported the children.

## Teaching and Learning Review

A team from Leeds visited us last week for a teaching and learning review. The aim of the visit was to assess how far we have travelled since our last HMI visit in February.

The team was made up of our school improvement advisor, the senior officer for Leeds school improvement team and Peter Marsh (a consultant Ofsted inspector.)

During the day our visitors spent time talking to children and parents (thank you to those of you who took the time to share your views with our visitors), observing lessons, scrutinising children's progress in books, analysing progress data and judging the effectiveness of the school development action plan.

It was great to share with the team the many changes we have implemented and the impact they have had, and continue to have, on quality of teaching and learning. The team were very positive about progress and impact, I will share with you more of the findings from the report when we have it.

I thanked the children for their outstanding behaviour, one of the team said that the children were fabulous, articulate, interesting and interested! I also want to thank you for your support and all staff and governors for their hard work and dedication.

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## *Mini Beast Hunting*

Whilst Mr Young has been away Y3 has been busy learning all about their immediate environment and the many different creatures who call The Whartons Primary School grounds home.

The children were out on one of the many sunny days last week with Mrs Thompson searching for, collecting and identifying mini beasts from around the grounds. They were amazed at the variety of creatures they found not only in our wildlife area and pond but also in the quiet corners of the field and playground.

Year 3 have been learning about habitats in science and using their mathematical skills to categorise the creatures that live in them.

## *Mini Olympics at PHGS*

As part of the transition process to Secondary School, our Y6 pupils were invited to take part in an action packed afternoon last Wednesday down at Prince Henry's.

The children were mixed with pupils from the other Otley primary schools before competing in a series of sporting events, such as mini football, running and cricket.

The weather was kind to us and it was a great afternoon out in the sunshine on the school field. We are very proud of the attitude and maturity all our children showed. Well done to everyone!

## Otley Carnival

What a fabulous time we had at the Otley Carnival two weeks ago. Our walking tableaux entry looked stunning and received second prize in our class!

The Wharton's Street Party theme was a triumph of colour and energy. The children were dressed as the royal party (and very regal they looked too); party balloons; street party guests; sandwiches; cup cakes; tea cups and cans of pop. Running down the centre of the parade were two trestle tables all laden with food and drink, there was even a giant Whartons Tea pot fashioned on another famous Yorkshire brand. To frame the whole procession adults carried a canopy of bunting and of course no Wharton's entry would be complete without the traditional Whartons banner created by Mrs Paylor and a group of artistic pupils.

It was fun working with the carnival committee during Golden Time to design the costumes but it was a fantastically dedicated team of parents who worked tirelessly to bring our designs to life. Thank you to Mrs Johnson and family, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Lister, Mrs Smith & Mrs Etherton you did an amazing job. Thank you to Mrs Dowell who really enjoyed being part of the process and her first carnival parade, all the parent helpers and the children for looking brilliant.



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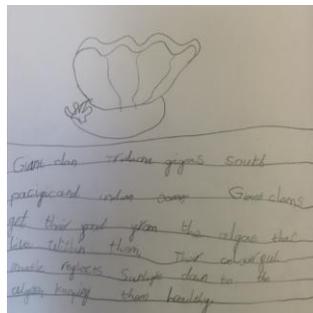
Well what a wonderful (and wet!) day Tuesday was at The Whartons. Taking part in a whole school 'Den Building Day', all children, from Reception to Year 6, showed outstanding behaviour and excelled in their skills of team work and resilience. It was a delight to see our whole pupil community helping one another and enjoying their learning together in the great outdoors. Our visitor Chris commented on how impressed he was with our children and what a pleasure it was to come back and work with such a well behaved and enthusiastic learners. A big well done to everyone!



## Year 2 Trip to Leeds Museum

On Thursday we went to Leeds City Museum because we are writing an information book about animals and their habitats. We found out and saw lots of different types of animals like tigers, giant clams and dodos.

We made some collages and completed lots of different challenges. We had a really fun day seeing all the different animals, especially the dodo. Evelyn & Lucas - Yr 2.



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## **Diary Dates**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June-Yr 6 Residential Presentation Evening-6pm  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July-Summer Fayre – 12 noon -2pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July-Yr 6 Induction Days at PHGS  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Parents Eve at PHGS.  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July-Parent Helpers Tea Party-2pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July-Reception Pirates Picnic 2pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July –Sports Day  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July –Leavers Production -6pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July-School Closes For Summer

## Wake Up Shake Up Competition

As I'm sure you have seen, and heard, the Wake-Up Shake-Up initiative is now in full swing every morning on the back school playground.

Two teams of Y5 and 6 children took their routines to the Leeds Schools Wake-Up Shake-Up Competition last Tuesday evening. They both did exceptionally well, finishing 3rd and 4th out of the 20 schools who took part. Well done to everyone.

Look at for more new routines through the remainder of the term, and please feel free to join in, you are always welcome!



## **Year 5 Transition Day to PHGS**

Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in a very exciting 'taster day' at Prince Henry's last Thursday.

We were greeted by friendly staff, and student leaders who told us all about the amazing clubs, trips and visits offered by PHGS. There were many, including swimming, sports, music, technology, singing, foreign visits... the list goes on!

Following our induction, our learning began with a geography lesson in which the children became estate agents and had the task of 'selling the Earth'. Some brilliant advertising campaigns were created and our children left with a real understanding of what makes our planet special. In English, they discussed film genres and went on to plan their own films

We had an amazing lunch, everybody's needs were catered for and our children readily complimented the chef, who commented on how great the example The Whartons' children were setting for everybody else was.

After lunch our children were privileged to hear some brilliant music performed by the extremely talented Key Stage 3 bands, and choirs – year 5 really appreciated this and told us how amazed they were by what they had heard.

Our last lesson of the day was a science lesson. We experimented with temperature and timings to ascertain how to make the perfect cup of tea – a real life skill.

After saying thank you and goodbye, we made our way back to The Whartons, mentally exhausted and excited for the future. We had a great day and our children got a really valuable insight into the workings of Prince Henry's Grammar School. Despite some early nerves, the children left feeling very positive about high school and the future.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at PHGS who made us feel so welcome and to all the children for showing themselves in such a fantastic light! Well done!

## **A final Note:**

It is summer fair time again and I hope lots of you will come and join us for an afternoon of fun. There will be a range of outdoor games run by Y6, stalls galore, a barbeque and maybe even a chance to soak the odd member of staff. See you there!

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)