

# The Whartons' Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued the run of amazing and informative class assemblies over the last couple of weeks. There have also been and some great class trips as well, including the Y6 residential trip to the Lake District.

As we gallop towards the end of term there are still many exciting things to look forward to and many new changes and adventures to anticipate and prepare for.

Transition days are planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July and the children will meet their teachers for next year. **All class teachers are staying in their current year groups. A reminder of which teachers lead which classes will be sent with this newsletter.**

All the classes have started planning their Youth Social Action Projects this half term. They are discussing some amazing ways to help their community; be that local, national or global.



## Assemblies and Productions

Our assembly for this half term have focused on Changes and linked to our Jigsaw PSHE lessons.

The children thought about the changes that we can prepare for and those that come upon us quite unexpectedly. We have discussed how we can change in order to shape the future and positively impact others and how there are changes all children go through as they grow, and they are inevitable.

Well done to the certificate winners over the last half term who have worked particularly hard both inside and outside school.

## New Reception Parents' Evening

The whole school are starting to think about the end of year and about moving on to new classes next year.

However, there are some children who will not just be moving classes but actually starting their next chapter in a new school.

Year 6 children are already engaged in some transition events and are excited about their move.

We also have a whole new class of children who will be starting at The Whartons in September as our new reception class.

It was lovely to welcome a new set of parents to the first of our transition events, a parents information evening. There will be more stay and play events to come over the next few weeks. We are excited to meet the children and help them to feel at home.

## Reception and Y2 Trip to Hesketh Farm

Today the Reception and Year 2 children have shared a coach and a trip to Hesketh Farm.

The weather was glorious, children and adults alike had an amazing time.

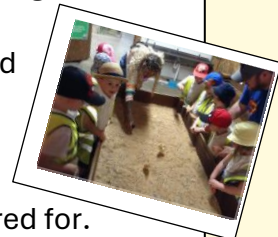
Year 2 have been learning all about animals and plants in their science lessons. They have thought about animal life cycles, what they eat and where they live.

Reception children have also been finding out about different animals and also learning about the environment.

During their farm trip they encountered a range of animals. They helped feed the lambs and petted the guinea pigs.

They also saw animals were

how cared for.



- **Fathers and carers stalls**
- **Year 2 Assembly**
- **Trip to Elland Road**
- **Y6 Bowling**

### Fathers' and Carers' Day Stalls

A huge thank you once again to the Parent's Association for the great Fathers' or Carers' Day stalls.

The children loved picking their own presents for family which were secret until the day. Parents Association always seem to source great cost-effective gifts which give the children a range of options and some valuable budgeting practice. Thanks to parents for sourcing presents and teachers for running the stalls in class.

As always, the Year 2 assembly was fabulous.

The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their many talents to visiting parents and the rest of the school community. The class's 'One Show' style approach was great, with groups of children taking the role of specialist reporters explaining the vast range of skills and knowledge the class had covered over the year.

It is so lovely to see all the children involved. They explained how songs and rhymes can help cement knowledge in their memories and showed their audience fantastic art work, amazing maths and fascinating science investigations.

All this was rounded off with a perfectly in time, whole class ocarina performance.



### Y6 Bowling Trip

Otley Bowling Club invited the Year 6 children to visit their club house and green last week.

The children were shown how to play crown green bowls. The rules and the techniques of this skillful and careful game of tactics.

The weather was perfect for a game of bowls and everyone had an amazing time. The volunteers from the club were so welcoming, patient and kind to their Y6 visitors and really made the visit special. The children were put into teams and played games against each other. Then were quite taken by the sport and surprised by just how much fun they had. A huge thank you to the of Otley Bowling Club who made the trip such a fabulous event.



### YEAR 4 TRIP TO LEEDS UNITED

As part of The Whartons' partnership this year with Leeds United Community Project; Year 4 were thrilled to be invited to Elland Road football ground this week.

The children have been working with the team on mental and physical wellbeing. The trip to Leeds United's grounds was a finale to what they had been learning.

The children had a guided tour around the grounds, which were huge and amazing. They visited the changing rooms where some of their heroes get ready for



home matches, and they also got to see how the technology works in the commentator's area.

The children were able to make healthy wraps in the kitchen area at the grounds.

What an exciting afternoon! All children were incredibly well-behaved real ambassadors for the Whartons

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## Diary Dates

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

High School Experience Day  
for Y5 at PHGS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Band Day and  
Ambassadors visit @PHGS

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Y5 Yorvik Trip

Y1 Assembly

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

PHGS students musical  
performance visit

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Y5/4 Online Safety event  
@PHGS

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Whartons Fest

Wed-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Transition Days

Whole School transition 10<sup>th</sup>

Tues- Fri 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July

Y3 Swimming

# Year 6 Residential

What a fantastic end to the year for Y6 and a great release after all the hard work running up to SATs.

The children travelled to Great Tower, scout camp on the edge of Lake Windermere for their outdoor learning residential.

The week was full of new adventures, new experiences, new skills learned and new challenges conquered.

Although the weather was at time a little inclement the children were not daunted and put their all into every experience. From archery to axe throwing, climbing to canoeing and orienteering to raft building the children were amazing. They supported and encouraged each other through every moment. They learnt to be independent, to prepare for every eventuality and to engage in tasks and chores to support the smooth running of each day.

One of the great things about Great Tower is that the trained instructors come from many countries from around the world. They share their experiences, cultures and languages with the children. Each instructor is part of the scouting movement and passionate about supporting young people to build experiences and confidence.



## Otley Carnival

Well, what an event and what a day we all had at the Otley Carnival on Saturday last week.

It is always a challenge to prepare for the carnival, from scoping out an idea which has relevance to the children, to designing easy to make costumes and props the children can help with.

The Carnival team of parents worked tirelessly to pull the theme together and organize pupils, staff and parents.

Earlier in the year a representative of the RNLI came to talk to the children about the vital work the RNLI do, it captured the children's imagination. Therefore celebrating 200 years of the RNLI seemed the perfect theme this year. The children raised £2?? for the charity by having a dress down day last week. The walking float was a riot of colour and fabulous costumes. So many able lifeguards, small boats, light houses and sea creatures. We were jollied along through the torrential rain with the Baywatch theme tune! The RNLI enormous lifeboat was incredible. It was so exciting to win first place for the schools' walking floats and also overall carnival float winner.

Thanks to the Carnival Committee and all the parents and staff who turned out to help in their best fancy dress!!



## A Final Note:

I hope everyone has dried out following the carnival weekend. Many Thanks Julia Dickson