

The Whartons' Newsletter

28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a short term this has been, it seems no time at all since we were in the middle of winter. It has been lovely to feel the spring arriving. The children have worked hard this term and have enjoyed some great trips as well as welcoming visitors into school to bring some of their themed units of work to life.
We have said goodbye to long serving staff members and welcomed new recruits so an exciting time of change fitting with the season. Thank you to all the parents who returned and supported our planned Panto theatre trip in December. We know it is a considered cost but such a valuable experience and a different theatre venue too. Because of your positive replies we have booked the whole school trip and transport - Save the date 20th December.



Assemblies and Productions

Our assembly for the last couple of weeks have focused on religious traditions and events at this time of year. The observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, the meaning behind this period and how it can help focus minds has led to some great discussions and reflections. Comparing the practices with the period of Lent in the Christian calendar has given rise to an appreciation of why sacrifice and restraint is observed by different religious groups. Giving time to consider those less fortunate than ourselves.

Well done to the certificate winners over the last two weeks who have worked particularly hard:

Names Rec River, and Mabel, Albie Y1, Arthur Y1, Wren Y2, Rory Y Y2, Leyla Y3, Marika Y3, Bella Y4, Evelyn Y4, Anya Y5, Niamh Y5, Minnie Y6, Kelsey Y6.

Family Bingo

What an amazing turn out for the Parent's Association's Friday Night Family Bingo Event.

Over 100 people came to join in the fun. Thanks so much to Martin Bacon and the Team for organizing the popular event. I know everyone had a great time.

Reading Evening

We all had a lovely evening on Wednesday this week when the teachers and children returned to school in their lounge wear, well the children anyway, to share bedtime stories together.

Mr Fisk had organized the evening and the teachers brought along some of their favourite stories to share. It was a little bit like a carousel of imaginary worlds as the children, in groups, visited several different classrooms and teachers over the evening. Stories ranged from 'Francis', by Dave Eggers to Class 2 at the Zoo. The classrooms were cosy and quiet. Children relaxed and snuggled down to listen. Halfway through the evening everyone joined together for hot chocolate and a biscuit before immersing themselves once again in another adventure and setting. Thanks, teachers, for making such a lovely evening.



- Where in the World
- Being responsible in the community
- RNLI Assembly
- Y1 Trip

Where in the World Assembly

Last week our weekly geography assembly 'What is Happening in the World This Week' really fascinated the children.

We travelled to India where the Indian government were preparing to send four astronauts into space for the first time in their history.

The children shared their knowledge about space and space travel (thank you Y5), reflecting on the potential importance and benefits of exploring space.

Over the Easter break there is a space trail around Leeds City Centre with lots of free activities for children it is called the LEODIS Space trail. So if you have a free day it may be worth a visit.

Last week a volunteer Mrs McCormick from for the RNLI visited school to talk to the children about the amazing work the RNLI do, coming to the rescue of those who find themselves in danger out at sea. She shared with the children some key facts about the RNLI who are all volunteers who drop everything when a distress call comes in. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 they have saved over 140,000 lives and carry out on average 22 rescues every day.

The children learnt about the importance of following the beach flags and beach lifeguards to keep themselves safe.

Mrs McCormick also shared the key rules that the RNLI wants everyone remember if they get into difficulties in water: Stop and think; Stay together; Float; Call 999 or 112 and ask for the coast guard or fire brigade



Responsible Citizens

The Year 5 and Year 6 children are maturing into responsible young people and are beginning to become more independent as they move towards secondary school.

It can sometimes be challenging to make independent decisions when venturing out without adult guidance.

Miss Milner invited our local PCSO and area PC into school to talk to the children about positive and appropriate behaviours out in the community and what actions to take if they are concerned. Thank you to PCSO Wild and PC Wilkin for helping the children on their growing up journey

Y1 VISIT ILKLEY TOY MUSEUM

Year 1 children have been learning all about the similarities and differences between toys they use today and the ones from the when their parents and grandparents were young.

Learning about the 'fairly recent' past in history can be supported when the children can look at and handle actual artifacts from the past.

It is not surprising that some of our favourite toys are still dolls, action figures and teddy bears.



YEAR 2 MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

Year 2 had a lovely and fairly sunny afternoon alongside Ashfield Primary, down at Prince Henrys.

The children worked alongside the PE team and students from PH in a number of games and activities that used all the skills that they had learnt in the last few weeks of PE lessons back at school. They did amazingly well and made me very proud.



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Whole School Music Day

Year 3 Class Assembly

Diary Dates

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[Thursday 28th March](#)

School closes 3.15pm for Easter

[Monday 15th April](#)

School Reopens 8.50am

[Tuesday 16th April](#)

Class Photos

[Thursday 18th April](#)

Ongoing

Leeds United Foundation
Healthy Lifestyles working
with Y4 and Y1 in school

Music Day

Mr Williamson, as our Music subject leader, is working towards increasing the children's exposure to live music. When experiencing music performed in person there is a real enhancement to the atmosphere and feeling of the music, this encourages audience participation. This was certainly the case last week as the children sang and stomped along with the band!

We had a fantastic and music filled day.

They learnt about the instruments and some of the history of folk music.

Every child in school had the opportunity to spend an hour watching, listening and taking part in an interactive session with the four piece folk band Jambalaya.

They delivered a variety of activities. Including

- dancing with coloured scarves with reception; forming bands with year 2 and composing folk songs with year 6. The day was very entertaining and full of live music and all the children did brilliantly. A very successful music day for all.

Thank you to parents for their contributions to the cost.



Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 delighted parents, staff and children alike with their class assembly last week.

The children got into groups and chose an area of the curriculum to share their learning from across the year. They organized a script and examples to help 'teach' their audience.

There were important messages from the computing group about 'never' sharing personal information. The science group performed a rock song to help convey their learning about rocks and soils. The geography presenters decided to share their learning in an interactive approach with a final quiz!! Whilst the children in the history group presented their learning from Wakey, Wakey Otley, reporting on prehistoric artifacts. Maths and English groups explained the finer details of bar charts and writing persuasive texts. It was conversational French from the MFL group and there was some beautiful art work depicted expert shading. Finally, all the children performed a whole class recorder ensemble. Wow that is a lot of learning Y3. Excellent!

A Final Note:

Have a restful break and Happy Easter to all Many Thanks

Julia Dickson