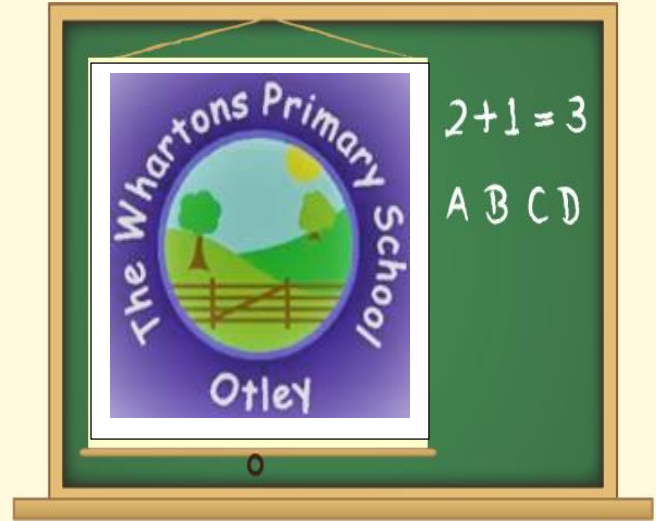


10th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been a super busy and exciting couple of weeks in school as we move steadily into autumn.
As the nights draw in, we have been focusing on children's safety, especially when travelling to school and back.
We secured cycling training for the older children and scooter training for some of the younger children in KS2.
We are looking at reviewing our homework policy this term and would appreciate parent and carer input via a questionnaire which has been emailed to everyone



Assemblies and Productions

Our assembly theme for this half term is Being Me in My World.

As part of exploring how we fit in to the world around us and can impact on it and others we have worked on unpicking our behaviours in school and how these positively support great behaviours across the school.

Well done to the certificate winners over the last two weeks who have worked particularly hard: Yr 1 – Grace & Albi, Yr 2 – AJ & Zac, Yr 3 – Elijah & Iris, Yr 4 – Bella & Fateh, Yr 5 – Astra & Grace, Yr 6 – Noah & Alex W

Play Leaders

I have written before about coaching and how we use some of the government PE funding to finance an ACES sports coach to work with children across school. This increases physical activity in their lessons and the coach also run clubs after school for each year group over the period of a year. This year we have asked Paul, our ACES coach, if he could establish, train and supervise a small team of play leaders in the KS1 playground. Paul will train playleaders in a new game or approach each week and they will organise the activity for the days in the week between Paul's visits. The volunteers are doing an amazing job and keeping the young children in the playground engaged and active, Fab job!



Dyslexia Awareness

This week is National Dyslexia Week and our SENDCo Mrs Manderville led an assembly to explain how sometimes brains work differently.

She talked to the children about dyslexia and some of the affects this can have on people with dyslexia, such as jumbled words and letters.

Mrs Manderville shared with the children that there are some very famous people who have or had dyslexia and were very successful such as Richard Branson, Walt Disney, Jamie Oliver and Bluey + Bingo.



Mrs Manderville explained that dyslexia should not stop you doing what you want to do.

- **Behaviour Week (RRRR)**
- **Scopey**
- **Coffee Morning**
- **Christmas Cards**

Scopey

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with the new paperless system we have introduced into the school office. It is hoped that as well as doing our bit for the environment by reducing our paper waste, the system will also make transactions easier and more efficient for you at home. Mrs. Mitchell and her team are getting to grips with the new processes and ironing out any gremlins as they go. Well done everyone.

All classes have been engaged in a whole school, weeklong focus on the importance of Rules, Rights, Routines and Responsibility of all the school community. They have worked together to explore how these have a huge impact on the overall ethos and outstanding behaviour in school. The children have also identified areas for improvement and approaches to tackle these will be included in a rewrite of our behaviour policy.

It was lovely to hear children discussing what Being Kind would look like 'in the dining hall', 'in the playground' or 'when meeting new members of the school community'.

They produced mind maps and plotted their ideas on graphs to identify their own thoughts and experiences. The Year 3 children shared their discussions and outcomes with the rest of the school in an assembly. I will be analysing the children's input and feeding this into our behaviour policy.



Christmas Card Designs

I am sorry for mentioning the 'C' word already, so early in the autumn term but preparations have started.

The children have been creating Christmas cards to be sent off and turned into a demonstration design for you to consider and order later in the term if you would like.

This is a fun activity which the children enjoy. The resultant cards can add a lovely touch to the festive preparations, especially if sending to family far away.

However, there is absolutely no obligation to buy



COFFEE MORNING

What an amazing Coffee Morning last week in support of Macmillan Nurses Charity. Miss Milner and her team's organization was flawless, and the event was great fun. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of you again on a more social basis and was amazed at just how many parents and wider family made the time to cook or donate cakes and to attend the morning or help with the smooth running.

It was so great to see the community come together and enjoy each other's company. You raised an amazing £360.45

Miss Milner will be organizing more coffee mornings in the future so we can come together to share our time and support. A huge thank you to Miss Milner, her band of supporters and all the community who attended, and/or donated

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[Weds 25th Oct-Harvest Festival at Bridge Church – 1-2pm](#)

[Thurs 26th Oct-Parents Evening-Times TBC](#)

[Fri 27th Oct-School Closes for Half Term](#)

[Mon 6th Nov-School Reopens](#)

[Fri 17th Nov-EYFS only Training Day](#)

Bikeability

Preparing our Year 6 children for the next stage in their education and all the changes that moving up to secondary school will bring is a long and gradual process. Earlier this half term we made a start on this journey by securing cycling training and road safety experience for the children.

The amazing Bikeability team spent three intensive days with the children at school.

The team taught the children to recognise when their bike was in safe working order and explained how to keep their bikes in road worthy order. They went through theory and rules of the road first. Then the children practiced their new riding skills on the school grounds, until the instructors felt the children were competent and safe enough to tackle riding on the roads.

In small groups with the expert support of the instructors, children tackled a route around the school area. They experienced roads they may well encounter if they were to ride to secondary school next year. The opportunity to hone skills and build confidence with experienced adults should support the children in riding their bikes safely in the future

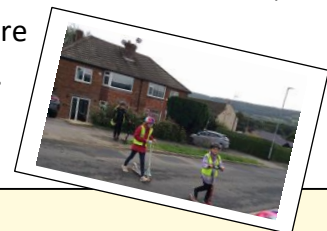


Scooter Training

We always want to encourage children to walk, cycle or scooter to school if this is a possibility. The exercise is great for the children, it is fun to meet and scooter with friends and of course it is good for the environment.

To encourage and support the children to scooter safely on their journeys we booked the Leeds City Council travel team instructors for a day of fun scooting which is designed to build confidence whilst teaching safety and awareness skills.

Year 3 children practiced road skills in the safe environment of the school playground whilst the Year 5 children, in small groups tackled the streets around school under the guidance of instructors. They were taught about how to crossroads and to have the right equipment to keep themselves safe. Oh and they had great fun too, including Mr Fisk and Mrs Boyle.



A Final Note:

Please look out for the invitation to book a parents evening slot at the end of October. This settling in parents evening will be virtual and then the spring parents evening will be face to face.

Julia Dickson