

31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end another half term it has been lovely to feel that spring has arrived finally. The lighter evenings have been a welcome change, Whartons After School Club children are thoroughly enjoying spending much more time playing outside after school. We have had the opportunity for lots of active learning across school during the term. Y5 completed a blindfold darkness trail around the wildlife area, having to trust their classmates and follow other senses. There has also been a sponsored fancy dress walk, multisport tournament and fitness sessions curated and led by our Y6 children.



Assembly Themes

Our assemblies for this half term are focused on Healthy Me, in line with the children's studies in Jigsaw (our personal and social education scheme).

Towards the end of term, we have been considering how to keep our minds healthy as well as our bodies. We have talked about how and why we experience a whole range of feelings and focused on the importance of taking a break at times out of hectic days, to just relax and be still.

The children have enjoyed sharing their triumphs both in school and at out of school activities through our Friday Celebration assemblies. Well done to all those children who have received celebration certificates and conquered new challenges.

Inclusion Competition

As part of our continual focus on inclusive practices and celebrating differences, Miss Green has run another Easter Competition this year, designed to promote inclusion.

Miss Green asked the children to design glass windows which showed how we can celebrate, welcome and accept diversity, specifically focused this year around Autism Acceptance Week.

The entries are beautiful and clever, it will be a tough job to choose just one winner from each year group to receive an Easter egg.



Y6 Fitness Videos

This week Year 6 have taken on the role of Joe Wicks and have delivered some incredible exercise sessions to different year group across school.

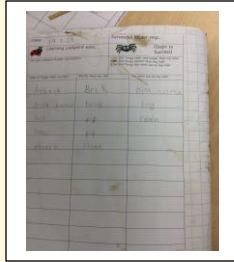
They have been working on their routines in groups within their PE sessions this term and each group had to work as a team to create a fun and engaging warm up, main exercise and cool down, incorporating cardiovascular, balance and strength exercises to target all parts of our body and to get the whole school both physically and mentally healthy. Well done to all children who participated and to all of our Year 6 children who showed great confidence and skill in delivering their sessions.

- **Outdoor Maths**
- **Inter-schools' sports**
- **Y5 Sleepover**

Year 1 Outdoor Maths

The Year 1 children donned their wellies, grabbed their clipboards and measuring equipment earlier this week, to take their maths measuring lesson up to the wildlife area.

Setting the learning in a real and practical context supported the children's understanding of concepts whilst challenging them to problem solve and work collaboratively. Obviously, all great fun too.



Handball Tournament

Year 2 children have been learning how to play handball with Ms Jones from PHGS, and Mr Williamson, in their PE lessons over the last half term.

Last week the class walked down to PHGS to take part in an interschool Handball competition.

The event as always was so well organized by the staff and Y10 students at Prince Henry's. Our year 2 children played several games against other family of schools Y2 teams. In between each game they rotated around skills activities on the tennis courts. It was very exciting for the children, a real experience. We are so pleased that PHGS provide this opportunity for collaboration and we feel it is a great use of the sports funding grant.



Stargazing Sleepover

Last Friday the Year 5 children spent an exciting evening in school. Mr Fisk had planned a whole range of interactive activities linked to their science topics on light and electricity.

Firstly we all joined together in a darkened hall making human electric circuits to activate light and sound devices. It was fascinating for the children to discover that electricity can travel through our bodies, conducting the electricity from person to person, fingertip to fingertip.

When it became dark, we went out onto the playground to play a torch tig game, hiding behind obstacles to avoid being seen by the touch bearers beams of light. Then, when the clouds finally parted, we stood in the middle of the field; used maps of the constellations to identify the stars.

Mr Fisk and Mr Hampson had constructed a rope trail around the wildlife area where children wore blindfolds and had to rely on each other and their senses to navigate the obstacles.

Towards the end of the evening Mr Fisk lite a bonfire and the children toasted marshmallows. Then it was time to retire back inside, change into cosy nightwear and watch short films whilst munching on popcorn. The whole event was fantastic, the children were brilliantly behaved and really enjoyed each other's company in their dorm rooms.



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Diary Dates

[Mon 20th Feb](#)-School Reopens.

[Thursday 20th April](#)- Year 3 Class Assembly.

[Wednesday 26th April](#)- Reception Class Assembly.

[Wednesday 26th April](#)- Class group photographs taken today.

[Wednesday 26th April](#)- Year 3 & Year 4 Pedestrian and scooting safety.

[Monday 1st May](#)- School Closed for Bank Holiday.

[Monday 8th May](#)- School Closed for the additional Bank Holiday.

Trek for Tech

The weather was kind on Wednesday afternoon this week for our fancy dress walk around the school ground.

The children (and staff) looked great in the wide array of costumes, with older children supervising and encouraging the younger children around the many laps. There was a really whole school community atmosphere and such a pleasure to combine some brisk exercise in the fresh air with a chance to chat together and have a giggle at some of the more over the top creations; Mr Hampson, Miss Dalzell and Mrs Gomes' wigs for one! I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for their supports with costumes and sponsorships!

A special mention to those kind businesses in our community who together made donations of over £1000 to our ICT Suite Appeal: **Mrs Thompson from Limitless Play, Aspire Civil Engineering, Yorkshire Fence Hire, K Mead Haulage and Mr Singh and Mrs Kaur from Wrenbreck News.** Thank you so much for your kind donations and to Mrs Thompson for being so persuasive!



Poetry Slam

A Big Thank You to Mrs Carpenter, the headteacher at Westgate primary school for organizing this fantastic event for our Family of Schools and to PHGS for hosting.

Last week, groups of children across Key Stage 2 were invited to take part in a poetry event alongside other children from our cluster of schools. The event was run by poet Andy Craven-Griffiths and was a great opportunity to instill a love of poetry whilst having some fun with creative writing!

The children shared their ideas and created some wonderful poems. We were so pleased to see and were confident enough to showcase these original poems; performing them in front of a large audience of children and parents.

We were blown away by their confidence to perform and their ability to put together such engaging poetry in such a limited amount of time!

Well done to all involved!



A final Note:

Have a restful and enjoyable Easter everyone.

Julia Dickson