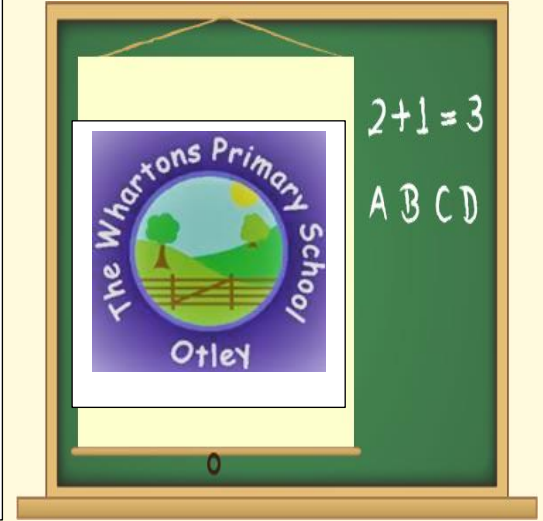


The Whartons' Newsletter

8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Spring seems to be on the way and we have had many more dry bright days over the beginning of this half term, which has been lovely for the children outside. There is a feeling of new beginnings all around School is experiencing a period of transition too with new staff being inducted into the office and wishing farewell to colleagues who have been part of the school for many years.

Mrs Mitchell is settling in well to her new finance role at the council and stays in touch, whilst Mrs Mellor is working towards her retirement at the end of the term. Mrs Mellor is and will be a wonderful support and mentor for our new members of staff, Mrs Ingram, Mrs Bray and Mrs Wilmot who will all join us gradually over the next couple of weeks. We appreciate your patience as some routines may take a little longer.



Assemblies and Productions

Our assembly for the last couple of weeks have focused on our new Jigsaw theme Healthy Me. I have been chatting the children about what we need to do to stay healthy. As always the children were full of ideas to share from ensuring a good night's sleep to keeping fit and considering how to keep minds healthy too.

Well done to the certificate winners over the last two weeks who have worked particularly hard: Jack L, Harriet, Betsey, Noah and Bobby- Reception; Emma, Evelyn, Millie and Grace R-C- Y1; Seb, Poppy, Freddie and Martha- Y2; Edith, Jake, Iris and Elliot- Y3; Evie and Barnaby- Y4; Daniel, Annabelle, Hope and Freddie- Y5; Freddie, Maisie, Ida and Lilly Y6.

Mother's Day Stalls

Once again a huge thank you to Mrs Tindall and the Parent's Association who have sourced some great Mother's Day gifts at pocket money price. It is exciting for the children to buy these gifts secretly in school for a special person in their lives.

I hope parents/carers or special family members love their gifts.

Choosing and budgeting are also great life skills for children to learn.



World Book Day

On the 7th of February this week it was World Book Day. We have a focus woven through our curriculum and school routines which encourages and enthuses children to develop a love of reading. Daily reading of a class novel, regular assemblies where staff share their favourite books, and dedicating time for children to share their favourite book recommendations.

So in celebration of World Book Day, we encouraged children to come to school in cozy clothes which helped the children to relax and curl up with a good book during



the day. There were lots of other reading-based activities and live feed quizzes too. The Big Booky Footy Quiz was run jointly by the FA and The National Literacy Trust.

The children also joined children from across the country for a live listen book day reading lesson.

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Safety Around School

Unfortunately, I need to ask all parents and carers to consider carefully their movements in cars around school and the surrounding streets

There are **no cars allowed on the school grounds** unless prior access arrangements has been made with school. The car park is for **staff only at all times** including for Breakfast and After School Club. Children and visitors walk through the carpark which is a very small and potentially dangerous space. Sadly, parking and speed around school streets has become a dangerous issue too. Please look out for children and scooters as they can be unpredictable. Also please remember pedestrians have right of way across the mouth of a junction as highlighted in the Highway Code

I am delighted to share with you the amazing journey The Whartons is embarking on. We have committed to the RED Award which is a chance for us to celebrate equality and diversity at the school, in our local community and the wider world.



We have completed an audit of our current practice and have developed an action plan to enhance our school provision for promoting equality and diversity. All subject leaders are currently reviewing their subjects provision maps and are looking at how they can use their subject to enhance equality and diversity.

More information regarding equality at The Whartons can be found on the school website. I will endeavor to keep you informed of our progress towards the award.

P. Hampson

Celebrations

In RE, Year 1 are learning all about celebrations. This unit allows the pupils to consider the concept of celebration. It links a number of ideas together: the ways in which we celebrate special events and how religions mark festival days. It will help develop pupils' understanding of celebrations, including religious festivals. It includes a study of Harvest festival, Eid ul Fitr and Sukkot. Pupils are enabled to respond and reflect by creating their own class celebration.



STAFF CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The continual development of staff, keeping abreast of new research and approaches which support children and learning, is important to us.

We are very proud of the dedication and hard work of our staff team and their desire to learn from and share with other professionals.

Congratulations to Mr. Hampson who has just gained his National Professional Qualification for Leadership of Teacher Development (NPQTL). He is responsible in school for mentoring student and new teachers. Subject leaders such as Mr. Young (Science), Mrs. Dowell (Art), Miss Gaywood (Geography) have all attended subject network meetings this year with The Red Kite Teaching Alliance. They have cascaded good practice and made improvements to teaching and learning in their subjects as a result.

Support staff have engaged in STARS autism training in order to improve their own knowledge and practice with Miss Green involved in levels 2&3 STARS which she will share with colleagues.

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Height and weight screening

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Class Assembly

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Ilkley Toy Museum trip

[Thursday 21st March](#) RNLI

Water Safety Assembly

[Friday 22nd March](#)

Whole School Music Day

Parents' Association Family

Bingo 6pm-8pm

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School closes 3.15pm for Easter

[Monday 15th April](#)

School Reopens 8.50am

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 hosted their class assembly just before the half term break. The class had worked together to plan, write and organize the assembly themselves.

It was lovely to hear all about what they had been studying over the year so far. I was impressed by the coverage of areas. The children had ensured that aspects of a wide range of curriculum areas were covered.

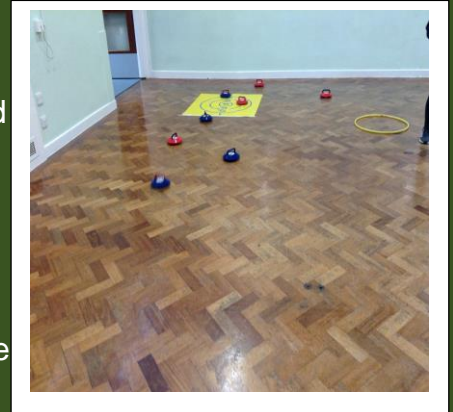
They demonstrated mathematical models, shared some thoughtful and complex writing, explained how forces worked and demonstrated their investigations of fulcrum to lift weights.

The artwork pieces which the children had created were beautiful and skillfully recreated from small sketches using a grid method to scale up the finished artwork.

Learning some school world sports with Mrs Fenton-Green was also great fun.

It is so pleasing to see the children enthusiasm for their learning and to witness such a broad range of skills and knowledge acquired over just half a year.

I hope parents enjoyed sharing the children's learning with them.



Year 6 Class Assembly

It was also the Year 6 children's opportunity to share their learning so far this year with parents/carers and family.

The children shared with us their English work, inspired by the many class novels they had already read this year, including Windrush Child, War Horse and Letters from the Lighthouse. The children had used the language features of these different books to shape their own writing and had investigated each book through their reading sessions.

The children shared the transferable skills learnt through our Real PE scheme which has supported their teamwork through activities such as 'crossing the river'. It was lovely to share the children's art work and some of the finer points of long division! The class also shared the wide range of responsibilities they have taken on in school this year and their excitement about going on residential later in the summer term.

A Final Note:

Please remember if you would like to meet or talk with your child's class teacher could you please direct your emails through the central info@whartonsprimary.co.uk email address as the teacher's personal school emails are for internal messages or liaising with external agencies. Many Thanks

Julia Dickson