

The Whartons' Newsletter

24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very hardworking half term in school, especially for our Y6 children who have been focused on their end of key stage SATs tests.

The children all did a fabulous job last week staying focused and trying their best for every single test, we are all so proud of them. Each day started with a fun whole class breakfast to set the children off on a positive note and keep them fueled through the morning. On Friday they had a fabulous, relaxed day and even picnicked on the school field. Just the residential to look forward to now and working together on their end of year production.



Assemblies and Productions

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

The children thought about different sorts of relationships and how people around them can help with their learning, health and wellbeing. We discussed what makes a good friend and the importance of respecting each other. Next half term we will be focusing on being good citizens and embarking on class social action projects to support a good cause of the children's choice.

Well done to the certificate winners over the last half term who have worked particularly hard

Otley Show

The Otley Show is celebrated as the oldest one-day agricultural show in the country. It's a wonderful event which draws our community together. Here at The Whartons, we have a long-standing tradition of entering classes into the produce and handicrafts competition. This Year, it is the turn of Years 3 and 4 who have worked hard to produce some excellent entries. If you're there on show day, please take a look at their work in the produce and handicrafts tent.

As mentioned on an email, Mrs Dowell and Mrs Dickson will be litter picking, on the showground, the morning after the event, please do join us if you can, we'll be there from 9am.



Litter Picking

On Sunday morning, in balmy temperatures and under blue skies, 28 pupils and their respective families joined staff for a litter pick around the Otley Showground. With some new litter pickers in hand, they ventured off in groups to tidy up the area. Covering all of the showground, including the lakeside areas, over 10 full bin liners of litter were collected! It was a lovely way to spend a sunny morning and we were rewarded with a sweet treat at the end from the organisers, who were grateful for our support.

Thanks so much for coming everyone
We hope to see you
all at the same
time, next year.



- **Rounders Tournament**
- **Fire Safety Talks**
- **Inclusion workshop**
- **Leeds United Foundation**

Fire Safety Talks

As part of our personal, social and health education (PSHE) programme, upper KS2 children had a very informative visit from the Fire Brigade who talked to the children about the potential dangers of fire.

Fire Fighters shared fire safety protocols with the children. They discussed how to prevent fires through careful consideration of potential fire hazards. They also demonstrated a range of different approaches and precautions that children and adults should take when dealing with fire, flammable items or electricity.

As part of the transition programme of events the Y6 children spent a morning at Prince Henry's this week. All the Y6 children from across the cluster of school met for a friendly Rounders tournament.

The class was split into 3 teams who played matches against a team from each of the other local primary schools. The teams gather points for our school with each match played.

It was a great opportunity for the children to meet lots of other Y6 children who will be moving up to PHGS in September. The atmosphere was one of collaboration, fun and mutually respectful behaviour. The staff were so proud of all the children and the way in which they supported their team members but also their opponents. I am sure they will have made some connections and they had great fun.



Inclusion Workshops

The Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an upper KS2 annual inclusion workshop this week. Nicky Wilce from our external partners Inspiration Tree, who sometimes run holiday clubs at The Whartons, led the session.

Nicky talked to the children about symbols of balance, like yin-yang, and the good wolf and the bad wolf inside you. The children then worked in groups and discussed that all human beings are different, and that diversity is everywhere and a really good thing. The children talked about what inclusion could look like and that it is important to embrace everyone's uniqueness.

The children also explored how sometimes we can say or think negative things about ourselves and others also then how to be kind and respectful.

LEEDS UNITED- Y1 AND Y4

Year 1 and Year 4 have been enjoying the company of Leeds United Foundation Coaches on Thursday mornings this term. Josh and Mick have been visiting them to delve into topics such as goal setting, mental wellbeing and emotions, multi skills and general knowledge around physical activity. Healthy Schools is a free, funded project through the Arla Food group, which supports children's Health and Wellbeing.



The aim is to help individuals become responsible and confident, whilst developing themselves by being active and healthy, over the 5-week programme. Pictured here is Jason from Leeds United with 2 pupils enjoying the smoothie making session.

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Year 3 visit

Year 3 Class Assembly

Diary Dates

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[Friday 24th May](#)

School closes 3.15pm for
Half term

[Monday 3rd June](#)

School Reopens 8.50am

[Monday 3rd- Friday 5th June](#)

Y6 Residential

[Monday 10th- Friday 14th](#)

[June](#)

Fathers' Day Stalls

[Saturday 15th June](#)

Otley Carnival

[Monday 17th June](#)

New Parents' Evening

[Friday 21st June](#)

Reception and Y2 Trip to

Hesketh Farm

[Thursday 27th June](#)

Y5 Yorvik Trip

Herd Farm Y3 Trip

Year 3 children have been studying Stone age to Iron age in history over the last term or Paleolithic to Neolithic (as the children explained). Herd Farm a couple of weeks ago.

As a culmination of all their learning and to set the learning in a real life setting they visited Herd Farm a couple of weeks ago.

The children were fascinated by the mock up round house village where the houses were made reeds, clay and dung!! The doors were very short to keep out the elements and the insides were far bigger than they appeared from the outside. The children learnt all about the hunter gather lifestyle of the people who lived then. They looked at the development of tools over the period from flint and stone to metal.

At lunchtime the children sat in mini tribes and discussed which jobs they would have liked to do.

Mr Broadly even managed to hit a wooden deer with his spear, so would have made a good hunter.



PTA Disco

A couple of weeks ago the Parents' Association organized another KS1 and KS2 fabulous 'Discos' evening.

All the children wore their best clothes and had their dancing shoes on for the event. It was a time to show their individuality through great outfits and impressive dance routines.

It is always so lovely for the children to have the opportunity to enjoy themselves with all their classmates and friends from other classes.

The face painting station was in high demand at both disco sessions. Our artistic parent volunteers did a great job with festival like designs which the children loved. Mr and Mrs Walters turned 'DJ Duo', searching for requests and making sure children could dance to their favourite songs and there was a busy team of volunteers manning the refreshments station too. Thank you so much to all the Parent Association volunteers who made this popular event possible and the parents who stayed to supervise. Thanks to Mr Hampson and family for joining the fun!

A Final Note:

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and half term break. Many Thanks

Julia Dickson