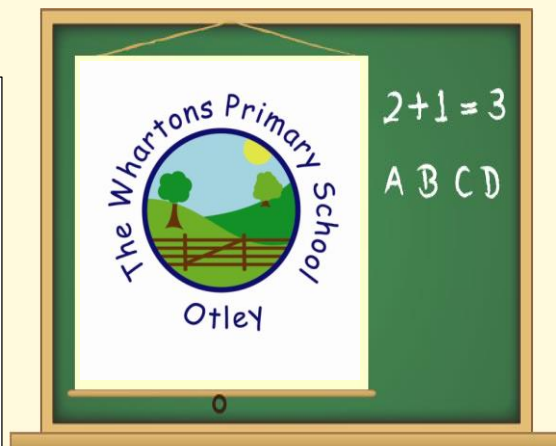


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

2nd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a quieter than usual couple of weeks due to the fact that so many of the children, and staff, have been unwell with various viruses and bugs. I hope that the cold snap will see off the bugs and we will be able to get back to normal. Thank you for your consideration in keeping children at home for 48 hours after a bout of sickness. We have also been encouraging the children to 'Catch it and bin it' with coughs and sneezes, so as to limit the spread of germs. Fingers crossed we are coming to the end of the winter virus season.



Assembly Themes

We have been thinking about our 'Fantastic, Elastic Brains' in assemblies over the last couple of weeks.

Children have been finding out about how their brains help them plan, file information, learn and feel.

Well done to all those children who received certificates for their hard work over the last two weeks.

Reception - Ida J & Jasper W

Year 1 - Tom M & Frank C

Year 2 - Emily WG

Year 3 - William L & Thomas H

Year 4 - Annie C, Joe W & Ellie W

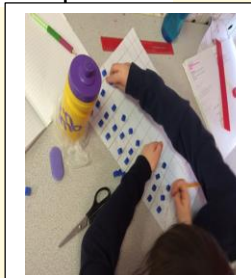
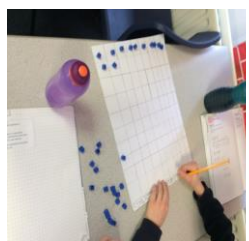
Year 5 - Charlotte C & Nadia J

Year 6 - Beth S & Josh K

Year 4, Get to Grips with Fractions

Year 4 have been working hard with their understanding of fractions this week.

Using a range of resources and models as well as discussing with their learning partners has really helped the children to visualize hundredths as part of a whole.



Year 3's Spanish Dishes

Recently Year three have completed their design and technology unit for cooking.

We tasted ingredients, designed a tapas dish, prepared ingredients and produced the finished recipes.

After a thorough tasting exercise we evaluated our final product at the end of the process.

During our unit of work, we learnt different preparation techniques like 'claw' chopping and 'bridge' chopping. We also learnt about food hygiene.



- **Playtime Snacks**
- **Glow Disco**
- **Performance Visit**

Glow Disco

Last Friday evening was the Parent's Association Spring Disco.

The theme this term was a 'Glow Disco'. The children came with fabulous outfits and face paints of vivid fluorescent colours, sparkles and brilliant whites, and were able to buy glow sticks and bracelets, which really shone out under the ultra violet lights.

There was lots of dancing and musical games. The children had great fun and it was just the antidote to the rather bleak winter weather.

Thanks very much to Mrs Lister and the team of volunteers for giving up their time to organise and run this event.

Little Shop of Horrors Trip

Year 6 had a real treat this week as they were invited to watch the dress rehearsal of Prince Henry's annual musical production.

The children joined other Year 6 children from across the cluster to watch this year's production, which was 'The Little Shop of Horrors'.

The musical performances at PHGS are always impressive and this year was no exception. Costumes, staging, lighting and of course the pupils brilliant performances 'blew our children away'.

It is always exciting to watch live performances but to actually travel to the school you will be moving too and watch children not much older than yourselves perform in such a professional production is inspiring.

The year 6's really felt part of the school and were talking enthusiastically about getting involved when they move up to Prince Henry's.



Playtime Snacks

I have noticed recently an increase in the number of high sugar and high fat content snacks being consumed at playtime. As part of our wider curriculum, we explore with the children balanced diets and encourage them to think about healthy choices, developing good habits for the future. I have looked at the NHS initiative Change4Life which advocates two snacks per day of 100 calories. I have downloaded some of their suggestions as a guide to the types of snacks, which would be acceptable in school for break time. Of course, our KS1 children receive free fruit and there is a tuck shop for KS2 where they can purchase a piece of toast or cracker for 10p. I would ask you to follow the guideline and provide children with healthy snacks, which are not overly processed.

If children bring sweets or chocolates they will be asked to take them home and be provided with a fruit alternative. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that only water is to be drunk from water bottles during the day.

Change4Life Snack Suggestions

- Malt loaf slice
- Lower-fat, lower-sugar fromage-frais (some flavours include strawberry, raspberry, banana, apricot)
- Fresh or tinned fruit salad
- Chopped vegetables and lower-fat hummus
- Plain rice cakes or crackers with lower-fat cheese
- Sugar-free jelly
- One crumpet
- One scotch pancake

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Diary Dates

Mon 8th Jan - PTA Meeting
Fri 26th Jan - Glow Disco!
Mon 5th Feb - PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Tues 6th Feb - Year 3 Bun Sale
Thurs 8th Feb - Parents Forum 6:30pm
Fri 9th Feb - Break Up Half Term
Fri 9th Feb - Dress Down Bring a Pound, for Charity
Mon 19th Feb - School Re-opens
Sun 25th Feb - Film Afternoon 1:30pm
Thurs 1st March - Mother's Day Stall
Wed 7th March - Year 3 Class Assembly
Mon 12th March - PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Tues 13th March - Year 4 Bun Sale
Wed 21st March - Year 5 Class Assembly
Sat 24th March - Parents & Staff Gardening 10am-12pm
Wed 28th March - Year 4 Assembly
Thurs 29th March - School Closes
Mon 16th April - School Re-Opens
Tues 24th April - Year 1&2 Bun Sale
Mon 14th May - PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs 17th May - Year 3 Herd Farm Trip
Mon 21st May - Year 6 Residential

African Voices Project

I can't quite believe it is two years since we were last involved in the African Voices Project in partnership with Leeds University students.

The idea behind the collaboration is to support children's learning about the cultures, traditions and everyday life of children who live in Africa from the experiences and stories of visiting PHD students from the continent.

During the day, four mature students worked with KS2 classes to explore the continent and countries in Africa. They looked at maps of the continent, found out about the climates, the types of food people eat and the infrastructures of some of the countries. The children were fascinated in comparing their own experiences of school and daily life with those that the students shared and realizing there are many similarities.

Thank you to Mr Williamson for organizing this great event and to the Leeds university students for making it so interesting for the children.



Leeds Children's Voices Event

Today four children, Millie H, Harry S, Nathan M and Lucas M represented our school at the annual Children's Voices event run by The Outer North West Community Committee. The committee is made up of 12 councilors who are elected to represent an area of the city called a ward.

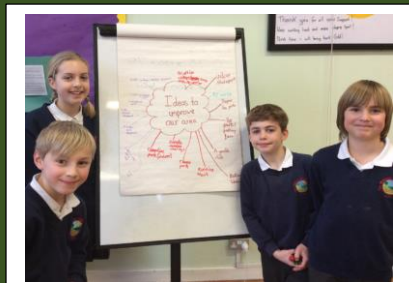
The committees organise events across the city in order to educate children about how local government runs and to gather their ideas about how the committee of each ward can best improve their towns and build opportunities for residents including children and young people.

Last year over 100 children attended the event and shared with the committee members a whole range of ideas for improvements in the area. These included more sporting opportunities, youth clubs and acting classes to name but a few. The committee invested around £43,000 in bringing some of those suggestions to our area.

The children representing the Whartons gathered ideas from the rest of the school during an assembly and put their points forward for consideration.

I am sure the children will be fascinated to hear next week about what the children learnt from their experience.

Thank you to the children for representing us so well, to Mrs Marshall and the Outer North West Committee for organizing the event and to Mrs Bishop for supporting the children throughout the day.



A final Note:

Please remember to send children with suitably warm outdoor clothing and foot wear during this cold and wet weather.

Julia Dickson