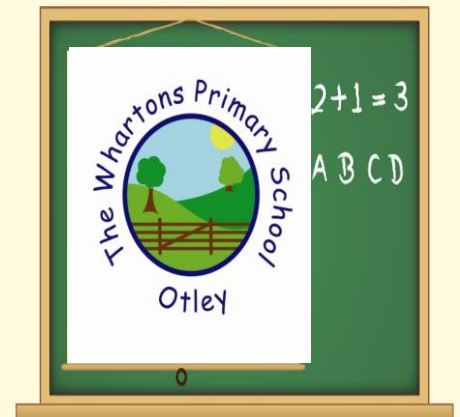


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

13th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a lovely break and enjoyed that extra hour in bed to add to the holiday. We have really seen a change in the seasons since coming back, with winter on the way please remember to send children with warm coats every day. It has been a busy fortnight in school and children have been working hard. There have been lots of new people to meet with our South American visiting trainee teachers, Leeds Beckett students and a range of prospective parents. As usual children at The Whartons made everyone feel welcome.



Assembly

We have discussed festivals and celebrations over the last couple of weeks in assemblies and it has been interesting to explore with the children why they think that many celebrations at this time of year are so colourful and associated with lights, such as Divali and later on Christmas, during the dark winter months. It is always good for children to explore different cultures and traditions to understand how and why others celebrate.

Reception - Freddie W & Alex S Year 1 - Eva M & Erin W Year 2 - Finlay S & Jacob P Year 3 - All for Swimming
Year 4 - Ellie W & Oliver M Year 5 - William T, Shanaz W & Nadia J Year 6 - Marli T & James LM

Pumpkin Disco

The children had a fabulous time at the annual pumpkin disco last Friday. Costumes were incredible, very spooky! Dancing was impressive and everyone had a fabulous time! Thank to PA volunteers and Mrs Lister for organizing.

Children had carved pumpkins for the pumpkin competition and these were displayed outside on the lawn. They made a great lit trail leading up to the school gates. There were traditional carved faces, animal silhouettes and even a ghostly cave. Choosing an overall winner was tough and thank you all for taking the time to show off your creative skills it really did add to the atmosphere of the evening. And excitement for the children as they arrived and left.



Open Days

It is hard to believe that it is time again already to be showing prospective parents around school for the new September intake in 2018. It always makes me very proud of the children when we have visitors in school. The atmosphere in every class was one of positive, hardworking collaboration and children were so polite as adults and toddlers walked around school; they opened doors for us, smiled and greeted everyone they met. If you know anyone with children starting school in September, please remind them to apply by January and let them know about our next open day on Wednesday 15th November.

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Training Day for Reception

The Reception Team attended an Early Year's cluster meeting last Monday. We looked at the importance of high quality outdoor play as a way of improving physical development and also a way of engaging all children in all areas of learning. We will be implementing some new ideas, for example, looking at developing an outdoor work bench with tools.

Reception Phonics Open Morning

On Tuesday we had a Phonics morning in Reception. The parents were invited to watch a phonics session and then they could stay to play with their children inside and out accessing a range on phonics activities in the Reception provision. We had a lovely morning. Thanks to everyone who came along.



Year 6 Visit to Eden Camp

On Friday 3rd November Year 6 had their learning brought to life on a trip to Eden Camp in North Yorkshire. The children explored all aspects of life in the museum finding out lots of information about life during World Wars 1 and 2, including a Blitzed street, the insides of a U-Boat and what it was like in an air raid shelter. The museum is split into lots of huts and the children get fully immersed in the scene they interacting with. It really helped to support the children's understanding of what life was like and what challenges faced ordinary people during this period in our history. Mr Hampson was very impressed with the groups behaviour and attitude. A great time was had by all.



- *Diary Dates*
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Diary Dates

Wed 15th November - Open Day.

Thurs 16th November - Nasal Flu Immunisation (Years Reception to Year 4).

Thurs 16th November - KS1 SATS Evening (6pm)

Fri 17th November - INSET day.

Weds 22nd November - Yr5 trip to Headingley Water Works.

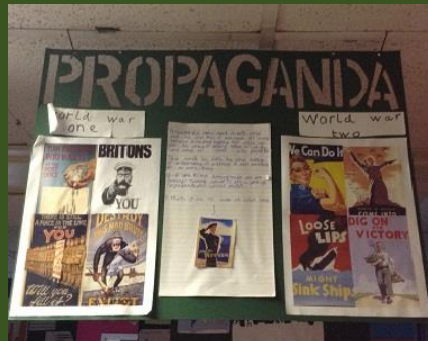
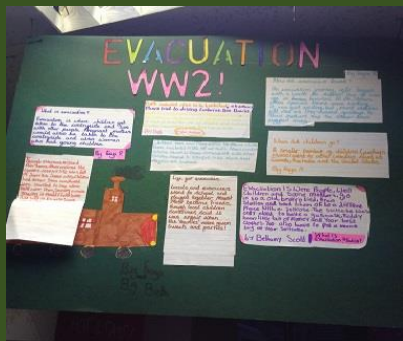
Sat 9th December - Christmas Fair
Fri 15th December - School Closes for Christmas

Tues 2nd January 2018 - School Closed (Teacher Training Day)

Weds 3rd January - Back to School 😊

Year 6 Assembly

It was so lovely to see the school hall packed with parents and children to watch the Year 6 assembly on Thursday and what an amazing assembly it was! The Year 6 pupils gave us an informative and interesting account of WW1 and WW2 and how it impacted on the lives of people throughout the world and on the home front.



Some pupils read examples of their work; this included facts, figures and diary entries and the posters, which are now displayed in the Year 6 corridor, were superbly created and demonstrated the hard work and enjoyment the pupils gained from their studies. Well done Year 6!

South American Visitors

On Wednesday 1st November, we welcome some very special visitors into The Whartons. They were three teachers from South America who had come from the University of Leeds to learn about a British primary school. They shared information about their countries (Columbia and Chile) and cultures then tested the children's listening with a short quiz. Then they joined in with lessons across the school which our teachers had planned link with South America and exercise the children's geography skills. Our visitors (and staff at The Whartons) were very impressed with the children's amazing behaviour and geographical knowledge and skills. It was a super day where visitors, children and staff all learnt a great deal.



A final Note:

Please remember there is a whole school training day next week on Friday 17th November and school will be closed.

Julia Dickson