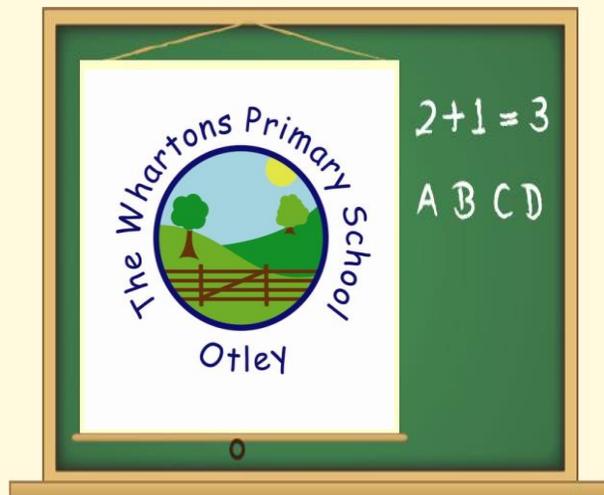


The Whartons' Fortnightly Newsletter

15th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious Bank holiday weekend we had last week, let us hope we are in for the same sort of weather at the end of the month too! I am sure many of you managed to watch at least one of the visits to Otley by the Tour De Yorkshire riders. Obviously Otley is like New York, so good they rode through twice!! What a great advert for leaving the car at home and walking, scooting or cycling to school in the summer term. This would link well to our Carnival focus this year, which is 'Whartons Planet Protectors'. Could we take inspiration from all the riders and reduce our carbon footprint too?



Assembly Themes

This half term our focus is Relationships. Who helps us and who we can help. Well done to all those children who received certificates for their hard work and focus over the last two weeks.

Reception – Ethan M & William S

Year 1 – Jessica B & Samwise B

Year 2 – Ella T & Charlotte B

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Millie M & Aiden P

Year 5 – Willow H & Charlie C

Year 6 - Harry C & Anouk B

Year 3 Multisport Tournament

On Monday the 30th May, Year 3 took part in a multi-skills tournament at Prince Henry's Grammar School.

The children competed in a carousel of activities based on their learning this half term, which has focused on developing badminton skills. Ms Fenton-Green, our partnership PE teacher from PHGS, has been working alongside Mr Young with the class during their Monday PE lessons.

A fantastic time was had by all and the children especially enjoyed the experience competing with pupils from all the different cluster schools.



Year 4 Children's Bug Hotel

Children and staff always look forward to the time of the year when the school field is once again in action for playtimes.

There is room for everyone to enjoy a wide range of activities from sporting to exploring. On Tuesday, the play leaders organized games of football and hockey. Some children played games on the tyre park and a group of Year 4 children used a quiet corner of the field to build a bug hotel.

Harry, Joe and Gracie built their bug hotel because they feel 'that bugs are living creatures who should be cared for and protected no matter what.' They built their hotel from sticks, leaves, moss, grass, dandelions and daisies.

Well done children. Not only sturdy protection, but stylish too!



- Fire Fighter Visit
- Reception Open Morning
- Art Club

Art Club

Mrs Foley took her lunchtime art club out to the new outdoor classroom this week for their weekly club.

The weather was glorious and after a liberal spread of sun tan lotion the children were ready to gather artistic direction from the wildlife area.

With the classroom for shade the children, who are of mixed ages from across school, sketched the fabulous surroundings.

Bringing Money Into School

Unfortunately, we can no longer accept money into school unless it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front along with the reason for the payment.

We have a supply of money envelopes in the office if you need any.

Thank you for your co operation.

Fire Fighter Visit to Y5

Last Tuesday, Year 5 had a special visit from the West Yorkshire Fire Service to deliver an important lesson around fire safety in the home as well as reminding pupils about some key messages around staying safe in a range of situations such as travelling in a car. The afternoon was filled with thought provoking discussions, videos and demonstrations and the children were exemplary in their participation throughout. Lots of opportunities were given to ask questions and share stories and Year 5 made Mrs Gomes incredibly proud as they showed off their excellent questioning skills. As a follow up, the whole of Year 5 have been tasked with perhaps the most important homework they have ever had; to devise a fire action plan with their families, detailing exactly what they would do in case of a fire. Mrs Gomes is looking forward to discussing these action plans with the children over the coming week.



Reception Open Morning

On Tuesday morning the Reception children arrived in school to a monster camping out in a cave in their classroom!

This monster was very shy and stayed hidden, but the children produced such amazing writing for him to read that they managed to coax him out!

They wrote all kinds of things: fairy spells, troll trap plans, greetings cards, mud posters, underwater fabric writing, magical stories, leaf writing and more.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to join in with the fun - we loved having you there. We hope that the morning gave you an insight in how to encourage your children to write for a purpose and in the process of developing a love of writing.



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Diary Dates

W/C Monday 14th May-Yr6 SATS

Friday 18th May-Yr 3 Trip to Herd Farm

Saturday 19th May-Otley Show

W/C Monday 21st May-Yr 6 Residential

Wednesday 23rd May-Yr4 Skipping Trip

Friday 23rd May-Wear Something Casual Day for £1

Friday 23rd May-School Closes for Half Term

Monday 4th June-School Reopens

Monday 4th June-Class Photos

Wednesday 6th June-Yr 1 Class Assembly

Thursday 7th June-Year 4 Trip to Nell Bank

Tuesday 12th June-Yr6 Bun Sale

Thursday 14th June-Reception Trip To Hesketh Farm

Thursday 14th-Friday 15th June-Fathers Day Stall

Saturday 16th June-Otley Carnival

Thursday 21st June-New Parents Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 22nd June-Training Day

Year 5 Assembly

In ancient Greece, stories about gods and goddesses and heroes and monsters were an important part of everyday life. They explained everything from religious rituals to the weather, and they gave meaning to the world people saw around them. This topic is studied in Year 5 and it always proves to be a firm favourite with the children. During Year 5's Class Assembly, we were given the chance to meet many of the Gods and Goddesses through drama and a quiz. Year 5 assemblies always include some song and we were not disappointed – our favourite being 'The Wooden Horse'. Well done Year 5 on a fantastic assembly showing great skills of team work, resilience and dedication. Mrs Gomes and Mrs Dowell were left astounded by the growth in confidence shown throughout.

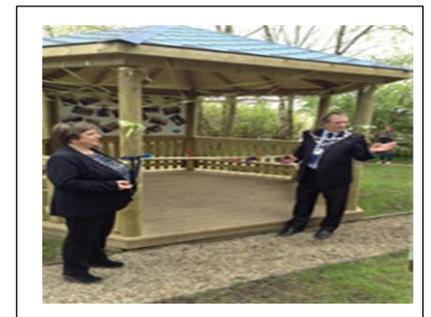


Grand Opening of the Outdoor Classroom

Last Friday afternoon it was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to the grand official opening of our outdoor classroom. A chance to sit and chat whilst watching a montage of the children out using and enjoying the new classroom to really enhance their learning and set challenges in a meaningful context.

Among the visitors was Cllr Nigel Francis, the Town Major of Otley, who had kindly come along to cut the ceremonial ribbon. He also talked to the audience about communities working together to achieve a common goal.

The classroom looked splendid in the sunshine and it was a real treat to show parents around, helping them to see just how versatile the teaching space is and how it sits within our rich outdoor area. It was great to explain to parents how children use the mature wooded area, open clearings, pond, sensory planters and wildflower grassed areas to enhance their understanding of the natural world around them. They also use all the spaces to inspire them when designing and creating projects across all subjects. A huge thankyou to the Parents Association for organizing the event, securing our VIP guest and staffing the tea, coffee and cake. Thank you to all the parents who came to celebrate with us.



A final Note:

Well done to Y6 for all their hard work this week. Keep it up and enjoy next week.

Julia Dickson