

The Whartons' Newsletter

21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

How can it be the end of year already? The last term has gone by in a bit of a blur.

The children have engaged in many trips, and we have welcomed a whole range of visitors including work experience students from PHGS who were brilliant.

We are so proud of the children's great SATs results at both KS1 and KS2, alongside the phonics screen results and Reception end of foundation stage outcomes. Teachers and children have all worked so hard and have made great progress, well done everyone. Early results analysis can be found on the school website under the 'Key Information' tab

A huge thank you too for Mr Padden who has steered our governing body as Chair for the last two years. Although stepping down as Chair, we are very grateful and happy that Mr Padden will continue in his governor role.



Assemblies and Productions

The last week of term has been a week of sharing together as part of whole school assembly time.

All the children watched the Year 6 production this week and had a fabulous time. There were laughs there was slapstick there were tears but the main point was that every child was involved in creating the finished production by lending their strengths. Some of the children made props, some excelled at stage direction, some sang, some acted, some presented, and some added the 'funnies'. They were of course all brilliant and we will miss them!

We also had assemblies to say goodbye to Mrs Gomes and Mrs Matthews who have served our children and community brilliantly for the last 10 years and of course the Y6 leavers assembly will be a tearjerker on Friday afternoon. Good luck Y6

Year 1 Class Assembly

The Y1 class assembly last week was a joy!

The children were so confident in front of their audience and spoke with such clarity and enthusiasm.

It was lovely to share in a summary of some of their learning this year including their geographical studies of hot and cold places and their understanding of the equator and how climates differ depending on how close or far away from the equator they are. The children also shared their exploration of toys from the past and how these have changed over time, being very different in some cases from the toys available today. A highlight was when children shared their amazing artwork which was also linked to hot and cold.

Year 2 Class Assembly

What a treat the Y2 assembly was earlier on this half term. It is so lovely for the children to have the opportunity to proudly share a selection of their learning from over the last year.

The assembly was in the style of a TV news report. There were two fantastic hosts - Marika and Jacob B, maybe future careers in the making.

The assembly was punctuated by different groups of children who shared their learning in the form of a presented special news reports.

The amount the children have covered in Y2 never fails to surprise me and even in the edited highlights the assembly shared, topics included - the Great Fire of London, the different books the children have read and explored in English, plants and habitats in science and their seaside studies for geography.

Welcome to New Reception Families

- **New Reception children**
- **Y6 Sporting events**
- **Y4 Explore Whitby**

Y6 Have Fun

It has been all go for Y6 over the last few weeks both in school but also with trips out.

The Otley crown green bowling association invited the children to a morning of bowling at their club on Thursday morning. The children were exceptionally well behaved, impressing the club members. They really enjoyed learning this new sport from the very experienced bowling team. Later in the same week Y6 participated in a cricket and rounders festival at PHGS as a finale to their PE sessions with Miss Jones from PHGS, where they perfected their bowling and fielding skills.



It has been delightful to welcome our new reception children, and their families, into school over the last couple of weeks. Starting primary school is quite a big step and it is really important that children and families feel part of the Whartons community before the end of the summer term so that children are looking forward to starting school after the holidays and transitions are as smooth as possible. We started transition with a welcome evening to explain some of the routines of school to parents, and as an opportunity for parents to meet each other and the school team. The children and parents have then spent some time in school on 'stay and play sessions to familiarize them selves with the classroom and stayed for lunch in the dining hall too.

We are looking forwards to another stay and play session next week and welcoming all the children in September.

Year 4 Go to the Seaside

This term Year 4 have been studying Whitby as part of their learning in Geography.

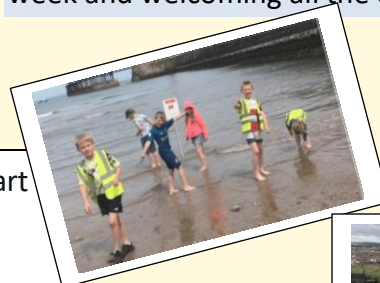
The children spent a glorious day in Whitby putting their geography skills to use in a real-life setting.

They carried out a pedestrian and traffic surveys in the town centre, carefully observing and recording the people and vehicles which use the town during a weekday.

Moving around the Of course alongside the field work sessions there was time to visit the beach and have a paddle in the sea and the obligatory ice cream was a lovely treat for children and adults alike.

As usual, behavior on the trip was impeccable and the children behaved responsibly, courteously and safely when in town and on the beach.

Well done Y4!



FUNDRAISING

Well done to Florence, Emma, Grace and Sophia from Y4 who planned a great tabletop sale after school this week.

The girls supported by Mr Turner and Mr Moody had sourced a whole range of products to sell; from books and games to cakes and homemade lemonade; just perfect for an after school treat. The £100 raised will be donated to the Cats Protection League, an important and worthy charity chosen by the children. We are always so proud of our children when they strive to help others in their community.

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Diary Dates

[Mon 4th Sept-Training Day](#)

[Tues 5th Sept- School](#)

Reopens

[Wed 20th Sept- PTA](#)

Chocolate Tombola after school.

[Mon 25th Sept – Wed 27th](#)

[Sept- Year 6 Bikeability Training](#)

[Wed 4th Oct- Year 3 and](#)

Year 5 scooter and pedestrian training.

[Fri 6th Oct- Training Day](#) closed to pupils

[Mon 9th Oct- Individual](#)

School Photos

[Fri 27th Oct- School closes](#) for half term

Y1 and Y2 Nell Bank Trip

Year 1 and Year 2 children joined together for their summer trip this year; both classes spending a fabulous day at Nell Bank.

The trip was a culmination of the science topic work both classes had been studying for the last term.

The children in year 1 had been learning about their senses, as well as identifying and classifying plants and animals.

Year 2 children have been learning about different types of animals and their key features. They have been finding out how animals are adapted to the habitats they live in.

There were some fabulous activities the children engaged in, which consolidated and build on the knowledge they had learnt in class.

The children considered how different animal senses are paramount to different creatures. They became foxes

and rabbits running through tunnels, used blindfolds

to 'be' moles and explored different scents just like badgers do with their powerful noses



Y5's Day Trip to Explore Yorvik and York

Year 5 children embarked on a day trip to York earlier this half term.

As an enhancement to the day the children travelled by train and bus to get from Otley to York which added to the adventure of their class trip. Trips outside school are about consolidating learning through hands on experiences, instilling a sense of awe and wonder and sometimes about building experiences that children might not have had, and ones which may support their independent skills. Travelling confidently by public transport is a life skill but also a much more environmentally friendly way to get around. Thank you to Mr Fisk for researching and facilitating this additional element. Whilst in York the children visited 'Yorvik' interactive experience which brought their history learning to life. They were archeologists at a 'dig' experience and re-enacted a viking battle in full Viking costume. A great day was had by all.



A Fond Farewell:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a fond farewell to Ms Matthews and Mrs Gomes who are moving on to new schools in September. We will miss both of them very much. They have been a huge part of our school community at The Whartons for 12 years and 9 years respectively. They have had such a positive impact on children and their progress as well as the positive journey of the school. We wish them both well and hope they will come back and visit us all when they are settled in their new schools. A huge thank you from all of us!

Julia Dickson