

The Whartons' Newsletter

7th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last half term flew by and it was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope you all had a good break.

It will be an exciting half term with lots of class and whole school trips as well as transition days to new classes and new schools for Y6 children.

The Year 6 children are wearing their class of 2019 hoodies for this half term, they look very striking in red and are easy to spot around school. I hope they will really enjoy their last few weeks at primary school and I know they are all ready for the next exciting step in their school journey. They will be spending a few days at PHGS over the coming weeks so they will feel less nervous and more excited about joining in September.



Assembly Themes

Linked to our Relationships theme for last half term we have been talking about friendship and loyalty over the last couple of weeks. Miss Milner also arranged for the charity Barnardos to deliver an assembly about Young Carers in the community. They highlighted how caring for family members at home can be both rewarding but challenging for children and discussed with the children how to source help and support through school.

Well done to our 'Best I Can Be' certificate winners who shared their work or great learning behaviours with the school in Friday Assemblies. Their work will be displayed on our writer and mathematician of the week display boards

Reception – Florence T, Lily L, Freddie C & Olanya N, **Year 1** – Frankie C, Harkiran S, Abby R & Charlie W

Year 2 – All of Year 2 **Year 3** – Una J-C, Oliver T, Brodie T & Charlotte M **Year 4** – Zak F, Lenny G, Okezie N & Archie W

Year 5 – Liam B, Aiden P, Lilly T & Oliver H

Year 6 – All of Year 6

Thank You to the Parents Association

Thank you to the school PTA for buying the Reception class some giant balance scales.

This outdoor resource will be perfect for developing mathematical and investigation skills. We are having a brilliant time trying them out.



Reception Children Buzzing!

Reception have been finding out about bees this term and have enjoyed a visit from a lady who keeps honey bees.

Some children have worked in a project group to produce a bee film, which can be viewed on our school website, and have organised a bun sale selling honey bee cakes.

Reception know all kinds of interesting bee facts...they are bee experts! If you happen to chat to any of our reception children, they would love to answer your questions and share their knowledge



- **Flower Beds**
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Litter Picking

Once again this year Mrs Dowell organised and mobilised a crack team of volunteer children and parents to 'do their bit' for the local community.

On the morning after the Otley Show there is always a huge clear up operation to return the showground to a tidy space for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gathered to lend a hand. The organisers are always so grateful and make a small donation to the school fund.

It was a lovely opportunity to blow the cobwebs away on a Sunday morning and an opportunity to use our new school child sized litter pickers.



After School Club Gardening

A huge well done and thank you to After School Club children and staff who have worked tirelessly on the gardening plots around school.

The children and staff have weeded and replanted the flowerbeds in front of the school office/reception area, in front of the kitchens and around the scooter storage. They have even supported Y1 with the up keep of their class planting beds.

The children have filled the pots and beds with a colourful array of flowers.

What green fingers they have and what a super enhancement of the outdoor area as well as a great environment to welcome and encourage butterflies, bees and other insects.



Forest Schools

Miss Milner has organised for a qualified Forest Schools instructor Miss Scott to work with the children from the After School Club once a week for the summer term.

The children have already learned how to weave the willow trees in our willow arches and the arches now look much tidier. The children can once again enjoy travelling backwards and forwards through the tunnels.

Miss Scott has also been teaching the children how to use the trimmed willow twigs to make bow and arrows; great fun.

When I went to join them just before half term they were busy using flints to make small bonfires and finished the evening by toasting and eating marshmallows over a fire pit, which was delicious.

All of these activities contribute to our journey towards gaining the Green Tree Schools Gold Award. I can't wait to see what they get up to in future weeks



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Diary Dates

w/c 10th June-Mixed Football at Pool Primary School

Tuesday 11th June-Yr6 Bun Sale

Thursday 13th June-Father's Day Stall

Saturday 15th June-Otley Carnival

Thursday 20th June-New Reception Parents Meeting

Friday 21st June-Yr3 Trip to Herd Farm

Monday 24th June-Yr6 visit to Leeds Uni

Monday 1st July- Yr5 High School Experience at PHGS

Tuesday 2nd July-Yr6 Mini Olympics

Tuesday 2nd July-New Reception Children Stay & Play

Weds 3rd July-Reception Class Assembly

Friday 5th July- Sports Day KS1 am KS2- pm

Maths Calculation Evening

Thank you to Mr Hampson for hosting a Maths Calculation Evening for parents just before half term.

Mr Hampson shared our school's calculation policy, explaining the different methods we teach children at school to solve mathematical problems using the four calculation operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Each operation has clear stages and steps to build children's knowledge and understanding over their time in school. For each new stage it was demonstrated to the parents how methods are taught firstly through the use of practical apparatus, then supported through the use of pictorial models and finally abstract written methods.

Problem solving can be very tricky in maths and children need to be taught the skills, and different logical approaches, to work out the answers to their challenges. We use a scheme called STOPS Problem solving to support children's collaborative group work. I hope the evening was helpful and I know Mr Hampson is planning another evening to look specifically at division!

The calculation policy and power point from the evening can be found on the website under the curriculum tab.

Otley Show Entries

This week it was my pleasure to congratulate children in the assembly for their amazing entries to the Otley Show this year. Thanks to Mrs Dowell who organized the entries and shipping of the artwork down to the showground.

Three classes used their Art and English lessons to create their entries. Year 5 produced amazing wands from twigs found in the wildlife area and decorated them with a range of materials to make them individual. Reception children used a wide variety of pasta shapes to fashion pasta pictures and Year 4 children all used beautiful penmanship when writing poems

for their entries in the handwriting class.

All the entries were displayed proudly at the show and many children received 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates and cash prizes, as well as many more receiving highly commended comments from judges.

All the children worked extremely hard to produce their best work and should be proud of their efforts. Mrs Manderville has also organised for other classes to create



A final Note:

Enjoy the weekend and don't forget the Year 6 Bun Sale next Tuesday.

Julia Dickson