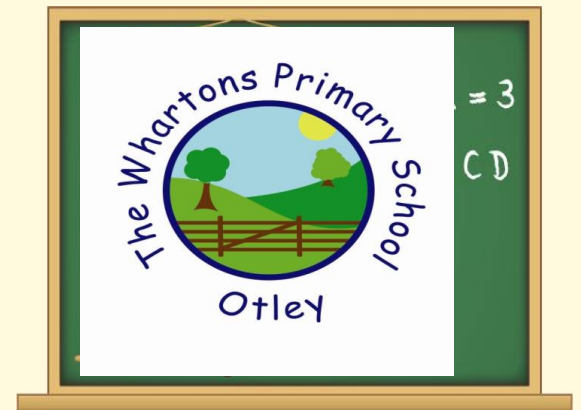


# The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

## 12th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a beautiful week of sunny weather and the children have had great fun on the field this week. We have asked the children though to refrain from performing elaborate gymnastics e.g. cartwheels, walkovers etc as although the grass looks inviting, the ground is hard and children can really hurt themselves and each other if they were to fall and land awkwardly.



## Assembly Themes

In our assemblies KS2 have been finding out about the processes behind the mayoral and general elections. Mr Hampson has been explaining the basic principles of how parliament works and exploring the idea of democracy in action. As a result, this term the children will have chance to vote for the final pair of senior leaders, once they have had time to consider their manifestos.

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week celebrating a range of achievements:

**Reception** - Riley W & Charley F

**Year 1** - Charlotte B & Oliver T

**Year 2** - Imogen G & Kayce-Jayne C

**Year 3** - All, for Swimming

**Year 4** - Charlie G and Joe D

**Year 5** - Anouk B & Alice M

**Year 6** - Gustav T & Joseph F

## Fundraising Ball

It was the event of the year!

A huge well done to Mr and Mrs Brown for organizing such an amazing event, that was the MPS Society Fundraising Ball last week.

In the spectacular and grand setting of the Crown Hotel in Harrogate on the 29th of April there was an evening of elegant attire, delicious food, amazing entertainment in the form of waiters turned dancers, secret auctions and a rather amusing game of heads and tails. There were also moving and thought provoking speeches, which reminded everyone why we were there and how important these fund raising events are for charities such as the MPS society, in order that they can continue to support families and make such a difference to people's lives.

The evening was a whirl of activity and a huge success raising £21,425.09.

## Welcome Baby Gomes

The children in Year 5 were thrilled yesterday when Mr and Mrs Gomes visited their classroom with a special visitor.

Mrs Gomes who left two weeks ago to start her maternity leave gave birth to a baby daughter on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Her new daughter's name is Jennifer Rose Gomes.

The children have been very excited to meet the new arrival and I am sure that Jennifer must have recognized their chatter as she was happy and contented during her time with the children.

Congratulations from all of us Mrs Gomes.

- SATs Week
- Congratulations Oliver
- Multisport Tournament

## *Year 6 SATs Week*

I want to say a huge well done to all the Year Six children who have been so focused this week during their exams.

It has been lovely to be part of the supportive and positive atmosphere during Mr Hampson's famous 'Breakfast Club' starts each day, which begin with a quite frightening array of breakfast choices and ends with a circle time.

The rest of the children in school have been super too and really respectful when travelling around the corridors to ensure they don't disturb the Year 6 children in their various exam rooms. Have a well-earned rest this weekend and start packing for the residential trip to the lake district Y6.

## **Congratulations Oliver!**

Last Wednesday evening Oliver (Y3) was invited to attend a glittering dinner event at Rudding Park Hotel.

The hosts for the evening were Stray FM and the event was an awards ceremony to celebrate local heroes.

The awards covered a range of categories from sporting heroes to community heroes from Harrogate, Wharfedale and Craven areas. Every nominated person was celebrated for their heroic actions and the positive impact on others.

Oliver had been nominated for the category of Child of Courage due to his incredibly brave outlook and actions when helping his little sister Isla who has complex medical needs. Oliver has learned sign language to communicate better with Isla, taught himself how to check and pack Isla's medicines when she is rushed in to hospital and supports his whole family when times are challenging.

We are all so proud Oliver and agree what a brave boy he is. If you would like to see a little more about Oliver's award then search on the Stray FM website for interviews and photos.



## **Year 3 Multi-Sport Tournament**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 Year Three walked down to PHGS and took part in a tennis festival at PHGS.

This event, with teams from all the other family of schools, followed a unit of PE work taught by Mr Davies and Mr Young in January. It was a great opportunity for the children to put their newly acquired skills in to action in the arena of friendly competition.

The children competed in different exercises ranging from demonstrating agility and hand eye coordination to using ball skills. They also played mini tennis matches. A great day was had by everyone and even though the scores at the end of the competition were very close, The Whartons were announced overall champions! Thank you so much to Mr Davies and PHGS for organizing the event and to the parents and staff who supported with supervision. But the biggest well done goes to the children who were brilliant competitors.



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## Diary Dates

**Friday 12th May** - PTA Quiz Night-7pm  
**W/C Monday 15th May** - KS1 Test Period  
(2 weeks)

**Saturday 20th May** - Otley Show  
**W/C Monday 22nd May** - Yr 6

Residential

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closes

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - School Reopens

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Training Day

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - School Class Photo

**Thursdays 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day  
Stalls

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Otley Carnival

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Summer Disco

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

## Year 3 Class Assembly

It was the turn of Year 3 to entertain and engage parents, children and staff last week with their class assembly.

The children shared their top ten highlights from all the work they had covered over this year in class. In the number one slot was their themed project about Spain, particularly their design and technology project involving designing a tapas dish and the chance to make and taste some of the traditional Spanish dish.

Some other key moments were the retelling of the myth Orpheus and Eurydice with actions, sharing knowledge of time and a finale recorder symphony.

Well done Year 3, you have learned so much this year.



## Year 5- Readers in to writers

In English we have been reading a book called 'Sky Hawk' written by Gill Lewis.

We have really enjoyed reading this book and are currently at chapter ten. Firstly, we summarized chapters one and two in our own words, then we created a table of each of the characters' key personality features, through using evidence from the text. This is one of the learning objectives we have been working on in Year 5, which is to identify the techniques authors' use to create characters and enhance the reader's understanding of those characters.

Next, we put ourselves in the main character Callum's, shoes and wrote about his thoughts, feelings and fears when he upset Lona.

Reading Sky Hawk has helped us with writing our own setting descriptions. We went out into the wildlife area and school grounds and took photographs of nature. We used these photographs, and some of the techniques used by Gill Lewis, to write setting descriptions. Writing down what we could hear, see and feel helped with us describe the context of the setting.



### A final Note:

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the quiz night tonight. Thanks in advance to Mr Kane for organizing the questions, Mrs Morgan for organizing the bar and the rest of the Parents Association for organizing the whole evening.

Julia Dickson (Head Teacher)