

The Whartons' Newsletter

23rd July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have arrived at the end of another school year. It is time to wish our Year 6 children a fond farewell and wish them all the best for the next step in their learning journey. I know they are all very excited about the new adventures they will have and the new friends they will make. Following their transition days last week they can now go on their holidays knowing which forms they will be in next year which makes their first day in September a little less daunting.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomson next year too as she has decided to finish her one day a week cover role in school after 9 years at the Whartons. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, I know all the children and staff will miss her, school won't be the same without her. Mrs Thompson has promised to come back on a supply basis so hopefully we will see her over the year. Remember to think of us when you are playing golf!



Assembly Themes

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 – Max D, Anya G & Joseph T, Oscar B & Lily L

Year 1 – Logan S, William S, Maisie B & Freddie W

Year 2 – Whole of Year 2

Year 3 – Ella T, Skye L, Lucy P, Brodie T & Oriah N

Year 4 – Oliver D, Sebi J-G, William J

Year 5 – Austin D, Ellie S, Oliver D & Thomas B

Year 6 – Whole of Year 6

Middle Leaders Project

It was a delight last week to host the show case presentation event which was a culmination of the Family of Schools joint working project for subject leaders this year. A total of 7 middle leaders from across the family of schools have been working together all year; sharing good practice and good ideas, visiting each other's schools and supporting the development of subject areas as well as leadership skills.



Travel Plan Update

As part of the work on our school travel plan and following on from family questionnaires earlier in the year, the children have been thinking about traffic pollution near the school gates.

The children watched a 'Newsround' animated video during their Window on the World assembly last week. The video taught the children about the problems with school gate pollution from car engines and sparked debate around whether 'idling' engines, as parents waited for their children, were a problem at The Whartons.

The children decided to design and create lamp post posters to remind parents to switch off their engines whilst parked near school as the fumes from exhaust pipes can be harmful to children walking on the pavements. I hope you see the posters and it reminds you to turn the engine off even if your wait is a short one.

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‘Whartonsfest’

What a brilliant evening we all had at the second Whartons Fest last week.

The day started with a positive ‘shout out’ on the Radio 2 Breakfast show for Lou Etherington, who had been up from 5am making props for the outdoor Festival event on the school field.

Despite some rather heavy down pours of rain parents, children and staff came out to share this end of term event. There was a cake judging competition with junior and adult classes followed by an auction of all the cake entries, delicious! There was a silent disco where children and adults wore headphones and grooved away to their favourite tunes without any music being heard by others, it made a great spectacle and trying to guess what genre of music the dancers could hear was hilarious.

The obligatory BBQ and Bar kept the damp adults and children happy. There was a fabulous tattoo parlour and the children really enjoyed experimenting with sparkly face festival tattoos. Among the other attractions were tombolas, fairground style stalls and giant inflatable football arenas for the children to free play in the rain. The festival had a really relaxed vibe and was a great excuse for families to chat, unwind and spend a lovely Friday evening together.

Thanks so much to Lou and the team for all their hard work, to the staff for helping out on stalls and to the parents and families who braved the weather and supported the event. More sun next year!

Bush Tucker Trials and Germ Warfare

Year 2 and Year 4 children enjoyed a Bush Tucker Trial style tasting afternoon earlier this week when Leeds Catering Company representatives set up tasting stations in their classrooms. As a school we work closely with our lunchtime meal providers to tweak menus and endeavor to cater for children’s different tastes.

As part of our Health and Well Being weeks we asked the catering company if they would work with the classes to introduce new and different looking and tasting fruits and vegetables. The children had great fun finding some new favourites and bravely ‘going out of their comfort zone’ to try new experiences.

The catering company came back later in the week to work with Year 1 and Year 3 children focusing on the importance of hygiene especially with food.

Cinderella and Rockerfellas

On Wednesday evening this week the Y6 children performed for the last time on the stage at The Whartons. Their farewell production was Cinderella and Rockerfella. The play had it all, confident and engaging performances from all the characters, comedic moments (the ugly sisters were hilarious!), brilliant song and dance, whole cast pieces and truly awful jokes. The team work and support for each other filled the stage and the children really shone.

We are so proud of our Y6 pupils and will miss them greatly. They really excelled themselves with their final production and I hope they will remember being part of the cast for a long time to come.



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Year 5 trip

Year 5 had a fantastic day on Monday when we went to Roundhay Park and Tropical World. It was a lovely warm day and we started off in the shade of the woods of Roundhay Park, looking for and then building microhabitats for various creatures that would live there. We had lunch sat on the grass overlooking a lake with fountains, swans and ducks – it was perfect. After that, we went into Tropical World – the heat was amazing! We saw Koi carp, giant butterflies, terrapins and in each section, as we moved round, the children had to find the answers to questions in their booklets through reading or active maths. In each part of Tropical World there were fantastic animals: giant fish, tarantula, chameleon, tamarin, bats, meerkats, an array of birds and many more. At the very end, we went back into Roundhay Park and had some time in the playground there. The children all really enjoyed the day.



Last week Year 2 children wowed their audience with their class assembly.

Parents, children and staff joined Year 2 children for their very own awards ceremony 'The WAFTAs'.

The WAFTAs was a celebration of the fantastic achievements that Year 2 children had gained over the last year as well as their fabulous attitudes and team work.

The assembly was a true event to behold with speeches, acting, singing and even magic to entertain and enthrall the spectators.

What a journey of discovery and many successes they have had this year and every children played their part brilliantly.



Reception Assembly

What a fabulous morning we all had last week as the Reception children entertained children, staff and visiting parents and family members with their amazing assembly.

The children shared their work from across the year through songs, actions, dances, writing and pictures.

All the children were confident and engaging. It was clear to see how much they had learnt over the year and just how much they had enjoyed finding out about the world around them.

The children show cased their 'Projects' from across the year. This is a new approach that the EYFS team have introduced where a small group of children at a time engage in a focused project which interests them and build skills across the whole curriculum whilst exploring their project. Some of the project were bees where children used honey to make buns, design skills to build hives and dance moves to understand how bees communicate. Each project has had an expert visitor, mainly parents with interesting jobs. Some of the other projects this year were puppets, birds and giant snails.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd July-

Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July-

School Breaks Up for
Summer

Wednesday 24th July-

Training Day

Monday 2nd Sept-

Training Day

Tuesday 3rd Sept-

School Reopens

Friday 18th October-

Training Day

Friday 8th Nov-EYFS

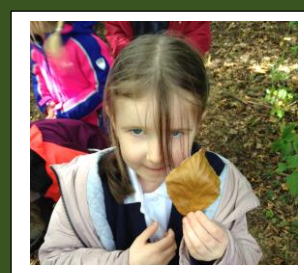
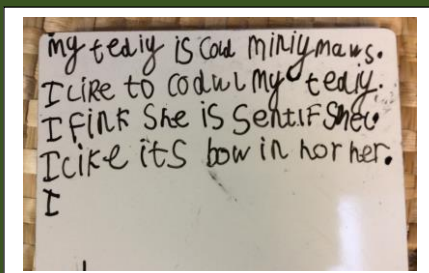
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Year 1 Assembly

On Thursday morning this week we were delighted to welcome Y1 children's families to their class assembly.

The hall was packed and we were all treated to a whistle stop tour through the children's learning across the year. All the children confidently explained to the audience some of the new skills and knowledge they had developed during their time in year 1. They shared the songs, rhymes and actions they had used to remind them of key information or new practices, they showed the audience just how much their writing had improved since September and they explained how the seasons change the local environment and all the plants and animals that live there.

It was a delight to see just how much the children had grown in confidence over the year and how much they had enjoyed their learning which was all set within real life contexts. Well done Year 1 you are ready to move up to Y2!



Sports Day

We were very lucky with the weather on Sports day this year, it kept fine and dry but not too hot, perfect!

The whole day was a real treat. The Year 6 children had excelled themselves this year with their great organisation, enthusiastic leadership skills and patience, especially with the youngest children.

Mr Fisk had supported the Year 6 children to design and construct a carousel of sporting and physical activities which exercised a wide range of the children's physical and creative skills, from throwing and catching to balancing and team work. There was an opportunity for all children to succeed and excel through this varied range of challenges.

During KS2 session the morning was rounded off with competitive track races for those who wanted it. There were track egg and spoon races for both Key Stages where children could pick up 1st, 2nd, 3rd places. In the carousel of challenges teams picked up points depending on the number of throws, distances travelled or time taken to complete a task. Certificates were awarded in assembly last week. Thank you Y6s, it was a fabulous day.



A final Note:

I wish everyone a fabulous summer break. Whether you going away on holiday or having a 'staycation', have fun. Remember there is always plenty to do right on your door step with fun days in Otley, a whole range of museums and parks on the doorstep plus, look out for a dinosaur trail in and around Leeds #jurassictrail

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