

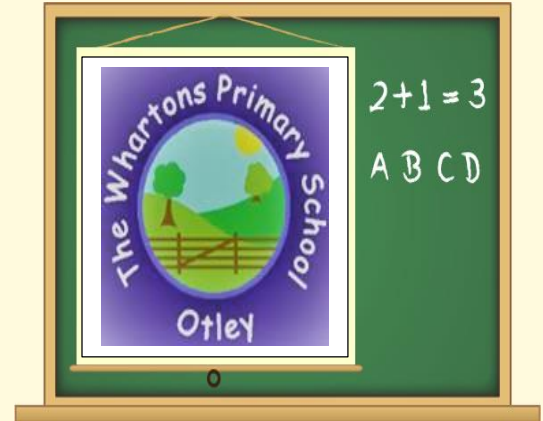
# The Whartons' Newsletter

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the first week back after the holidays, Mr Young organised a whole school science WOW Day focusing on the National 'Pass on Plastics' movement. The children worked in their classes to explore the global problems posed by the over use of plastics and planned ingenious ways to recycle plastics. The children demonstrated an incredible passion and understanding for this issue.

Well done to Y6 children who worked incredibly hard last week during their mock SATs week. I hope that when they sit their actual national tests in two weeks they will feel prepared for the experience. Good luck Year 6.



## Assembly Themes

Our assembly theme for this half term focuses on relationships. We will be considering just how many people we have relationships with, how we can make those relationships positive and the importance of working together and supporting one another.

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** – Sam M, Chiron D, Emma & Grace M & Francesca S

**Year 1** – Levan B, Alex W, Pearl B & Nathaniel A

**Year 2** – Jessica B, Gracie A, Jacob W & Kristina S

**Year 3** – Una J-C, Jacob P, Matilda W, Lucy P & Emily W-G

**Year 4** – William L, Lilly T, Sam C & Darcy C

**Year 5** – Lucas M, Phoebe S, Solomon B & William P

**Year 6** – Nadia J, Theo P, Monica G & Keiran F

## *Faster Egg Competition*

As usual the children really exercised their creativity over the Easter break and it was very difficult to choose overall year group winning entries for our annual Easter Egg competition.

I hope everyone enjoyed the task, we certainly enjoyed looking at all the entries.

Well done to:

Douglas T & Sam M, Sophie T & Freddie W, Tom M & Autumn B, Oliver T & Charlotte B, Millie M & James M, Cara-Fai S & Ellie & Erin W, Leah E & James S



## *Writing Morning*

This week Reception children hosted a writing morning for their parents.

During the open morning, the children wrote magic spells, mud kitchen menus and secret messages for a monster who had set up camp in their classroom.

Even though Mr Monster was very shy, he came out of his cave as he wanted to see all the wonderful things that the children had written.



- **Parents Visit Reception**
- **Collaborative Research**
- **KS2 WOW Day**

## Parents Visit

"One of our Reception Daddies, Mr. Grange, visited Reception last week to talk about his work- making bird food. He brought lots of different types of seeds to show the children. We had a go at sorting the seed with the hand riddles, then we made our very own mix of bird food! He told the children a lot of interesting information about what birds eat. Mr Grange gave all the children a bird wall chart and a bag of wild bird food to put in their gardens at home. The children are going to take photos of the birds they see in their gardens and we will share these at school. Thank you Mr Grange for a very interesting afternoon."

"Mrs Lister brought in her Giant African Land snails. We weighed and measured them in maths. She is going to bring them in to school again at the end of the term so we can see if they've grown as they are still only babies!!!"



## Supporting Research

Mrs Foley and Mr Fisk have been working with Leeds University to support a research project they are running. The project is focused on exploring the similarities and differences between vocabulary and language used by primary and secondary teachers in their classrooms.

The teachers have been wearing radio mics for a couple of weeks and some of the children have been answering questions.

Although all the research material is anonymised it will feed in to a wide pool of data which in turn may raise interesting patterns. Action research projects such as these are a great way to contribute to continual improvements throughout the teaching profession.

## KS2 Children Explore Recycling

During whole school Science WOW day this term children explored the issues surrounding single use plastics. Using the national movement 'Pass on Plastics' as a guiding purpose for their learning.

In KS2 each class considered the impact of plastics on the environment and the fauna and flora that live in different habitats. The children represented their learning through design, written pieces and art work.

Y3 children considered which sea creature are threatened by plastics in our oceans and recycled single use plastic bottles, using them to create sea creature mobiles. In Y4 they created information texts and posters. Y5 children wrote persuasive pieces to encourage people to reduce plastic consumption and finally Y6 children investigated global damage to our seas and marine habitats. The children explored some key damaging plastics such as glitter. They then made their own biodegradable glitter, using it to embellish striking seascape artwork carrying an environmental message.



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- *WOW Day*
- *Skipping Competition*

## Diary Dates

**w/c Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May**-Yr 6 SATS Week

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May**-Otley Show

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May**-Litter Picking

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May** -School Closes for Half Term

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May**-Training Day

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June**-School Re-opens

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June**-School Class Photos

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June**-Yr 1 Trip to Harlow Carr

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June**-Parent Forum-6pm

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June**-PTA Meeting-7pm

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June**-Yr 6 Bun Sale

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June** -Reception Hesketh Farm Trip

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> & Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June**- Father's Day Stall

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June**-Otley Carnival

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June**-New Reception Parents Evening-6pm

## EYFS and KS1 Children Learn about Plastics and the Environment

During our 'Pass on Plastics' WOW day this half term our younger children spent a day learning all about the damage caused by plastics in the environment

Each class focused on different aspects of the whole school theme and the day sparked the children's curiosity and caused them to make further exploration over the last couple of weeks.

Reception children recycled plastics by making bird feeders out of plastic single use water bottles, Y1 children created collages using a wide range of plastics which are often thrown away, they discussed which sea creatures could be affected by this plastic waste and how volunteers were trying to clean up the oceans and seashores. Finally Y2 children designed posters which highlight the issue with plastics and persuade people to stop using and throwing plastics away.



## Year 4 Skipping final

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 took part in the final of the Leeds skipping competition at Leeds Beckett University in Headingley. We travelled by coach to get to the enormous sports facilities at Leeds Beckett, it took an hour.

There were nine other Primary schools who also made it to the competition final stage which meant that we were in the top ten out of 70 schools who took part in the completion from across Leeds.

The whole competition took three hours and our teachers and helpers were very impressed at how well behaved we were and how well we represented The Whartons. Our skipping dance was the best-coordinated skip dance in the competition and we were very proud of our performance.

There were four coaches at the competition and they were great fun and very helpful. They handed out lots of Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates (more than last year they said). Although we didn't win the completion, a very good school called Primrose Hill came first, we were very proud of our performances.

**Written by Year 4**



## *A final Note:*

Remember there is a training day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

*Julia Dickson*