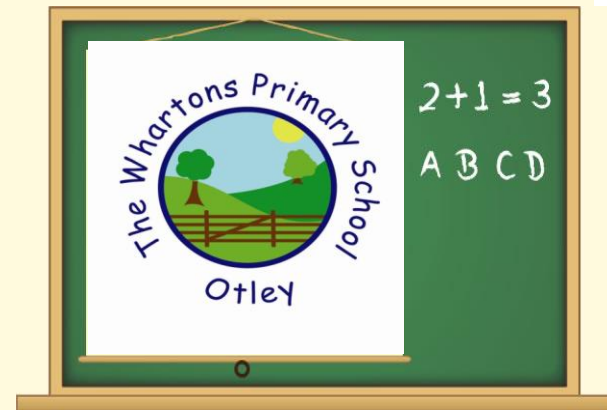


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

14th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term in school this year it is lovely to see just how well settled in to their new classes all the children are. The new Reception children look as if they have been here much longer, their confidence towards their learning and building relationships has been fabulous. At the other end of the school the Y6 children have matured and taken to their responsibility roles like ducks to water; they are setting a super example to the rest of the children



Assembly Themes

Continuing with our whole school PSHE focus of 'Being Myself in My World'. We have considered our uniqueness and what we all contribute to the Whartons community. The children have been thinking about their skills, talents and fantastic personality traits and how they can build on these. The following children received certificates for using their talents.

Well done to:

Rec: Thomas M & Jessica B Yr1: Lucy P & Lilly-Mai T Yr2: Thomas H & Sebi J-G Yr3: Joe W & Aidan P
Yr4: Charlie G & Lea E Yr 5: Freya R & Rebekah G Yr 6: Max G & Mackenzie H

PE Lessons

Carrying out learning walks provides myself and other senior leaders with the opportunity of gaining an overview in the development of a particular aspect of teaching and learning across age groups. It has been a pleasure over the last couple of weeks to share the children's work in PE across school. It was fascinating to observe the use of the school ipads in PE lessons, which teachers utilised to show the children techniques and then to film and analyse the children's own skills. The children could then see how they could make improvements to these techniques. All of the children, no matter what age, demonstrated great team skills and collaboration, supporting each other, to perfect their particular new skill whether tackling in hockey or balancing in gymnastics.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

There were sweet treats of all shapes and sizes from 'Showstoppers' as Mary Berry would say to delicious tray bakes and buns.

Thanks you to all the people who managed to join us for a coffee and a chat, it was a lovely atmosphere. Thanks to the staff who decorated the hall and really made it feel like a rustic tea shop. Also, a huge thanks to those who donated cakes even if they couldn't make it.

We raised over £200 and with gift aiding that could be much higher. Well done to the two children who won the competitions; for "Best Baker" a fantastic chocolate orange cake baked by Ben (Y4) and for "Guess The Spots" Mackenzie in Y6 who was only 4 spots away from the actual number.



Well Done Mackenzie and Ben.

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Diary Dates

Monday 19th Oct-

EYFS(only) Training Day

Wednesday 19th Oct-Yr6 Assembly

Thursday 20th Oct-Open Day

(Appointments only)

Friday 21st October-School Closes
for Half Term

Monday 31st Oct- School Reopens

Wednesday 9th November-Open

Day (Appointments only)

Saturday 12th November-Otley

Science Fair (Courthouse)

Wednesday 16th Nov-Yr2

Assembly

Friday 18th Nov-Training Day

Saturday 26th Nov-Christmas

Fayre

Y2 Trip to Harlow Carr

On Wednesday, the Dragonflies (Year 2) went to Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate for a school trip. Our trip launched a unit of science about plants; Harlow Carr have fantastic gardens where we could experience plants of all shapes and sizes.

Kayce was dressed up as a plant as we discussed different parts of the plant. We also looked at some exotic, unusual seeds and their cases. Then we went outside on a seed hunt around different types of trees, gathering acorns, beech nuts and some alder seeds. We walked up to the outside classroom, where the children did some exploring; finding different ways to describe trees. We walked further through the woods to the Glade where we worked in groups to measure the height of the trees using our thumbs (ask a Year 2 to explain).

The children continued to be brilliant despite the fact it was "like a rainforest" (except cold). We still had a lovely time and a big thank you to the parents with us who kept smiling too. Written by the Dragonflies.



Harvest Festival

What a lovely celebration we had last Friday afternoon for our annual Harvest Festival. Due to such awful weather conditions at lunchtime we, unfortunately, couldn't go ahead with our original plans to hold the event down at the Bridge Church in Otley. However, this didn't stop us from having the most wonderful afternoon of singing, poetry and thought provoking speeches. The children had put in such a lot of hard work and this really showed in their engaging and lively performances!

We would like to thank all parents who kindly offered to support us in walking the children to church and to those families who kindly donated items of food to be donated via the church to charities across the local area. A final thank you goes to Minister Jason McCullagh who took the time to come and watch our celebration at school.



We have our first Open Day for prospective new parents next Thursday, the 20th October. If you know anyone who has a child due to start reception in September 2017 please let them know about our Open days. If you could put up a poster or take a leaflet to work, please collect one from the office.

Julia Dickson (Head Teacher)