

The Whartons' Newsletter

9th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a time for celebrations of different kinds over the last couple of weeks. Firstly we gained a Gold Award for the children's outdoor learning and environmental projects, then we discovered there were babies on the way. Miss Stewart is expecting a baby, who will be a fabulous brother or sister to Milo. This exciting news was closely followed with the news that Miss Milner is also expecting a baby in the new year, this will be her first child. Congratulations all round!

On a safety note could I ask that children do not go on the grass or play equipment before or after school. Unfortunately, insurance for playing on the equipment only runs during school time with an attending member of staff.



Assembly Themes

Assemblies this week have been focused on sharing and performing poetry. Each of the classes has worked hard to create, analyse and thoroughly enjoy poetry in all its forms. Well done to everyone for trying their very best.

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 – Edward C, Freya B, Magnus G & Phoebe F

Year 1 – Francesca S, Oscar B, Dougie T & Anya G

Year 2 – Nathanael A, Kelsey B, Pearl B & Charlie W-G

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Oliver T, Skye L, Oliver H, Emily W_G

Year 5 – Oliver D, William L, Lottie S, Sam C

Year 6 – Gracie C, Michael B, Katie R & Solomon B

Settling In Survey

Reception children have settled so well in to the everyday life of school. They are already joining the rest of the school for Friday Celebration Assemblies and can navigate around school with little or no help from their Y6 buddies now. We would love to find out how well you feel your children have settled in to their new school and would be grateful if you could take a little time to fill in our 'Settling In' survey. The survey is hosted by Perspectives Angel Solutions who analyse school data across the authority. The link is

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=35CEE326-A042-4A3A-B47C-2B2D850316ED>

WASC vacancy

As Carly, our After School Club Manager, is expecting a baby in the new year her role in After School Club is being offered as maternity leave cover. If you are interested in the post please look on the website under the vacancies tab or contact the office for more information.

- **School Improvement Adviser visit**
- **Design Technology Project**
- **Green Tree Schools Gold Award**

Visitor in School

It was delightful to welcome our new School Improvement adviser from Leeds City Council to school for a visit last week. Mrs Sam Golia has joined the School Improvement team and spent a few days visiting all the schools in our Cluster.

As always it was a pleasure to take our visitor on a guided tour of the school where she was impressed with the children's work and enthusiastic to hear about what our focus areas were for the year ahead.

Ms Golia is keen to support the Cluster with any collaborative projects we would like to embark on. I will keep you informed of our Cluster projects for 2019-20.

Year 3 'smooth' Design Technology Project

Year 3 have really thrown themselves in to the research side of their design technology (DT) project this term; they have been taste testing smoothies before they embark on designing their own delicious, nutritious, creations.

As with all DT projects children first disassemble and analyse commercially available products to ascertain the best features and gather tips to incorporate in to their own designs.

As well as tasting the smoothies available on the market, the children also considered which fruits would add health benefits and which colours are more appetising. They then had great fun creating and taste testing their final products and writing evaluations of process and outcomes.



Green Tree Schools Award - GOLD

Over the last couple of years we have been as a school working towards The Woodland Trust's Green Tree Schools Awards. We have moved through Bronze and Silver awards over the last year and in June I wrote about the After School Club engaging in Forest Schools activities which gained us more points towards our Gold Award. In July we were thrilled to be awarded a lovely wooden plaque to celebrate our achievements in gaining gold status.

Working towards Green Tree School Gold status has been the perfect vehicle to support our school mission of taking our learning outdoors and engaging children's curiosity in the world around them. The children have loved exploring woodlands through forest schools activities and identifying how to improve their environment. We are looking forward to tackling more complex challenges and contributing towards more sustainable environments, whilst working towards "Platinum Award status."



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Diary Dates

Mon 14th Oct PTA Meeting 7.30pm

Tues 15th Oct-Parents Eve-3.30-7pm

Thurs 17th Oct-Harvest Festival-1pm

Thurs 17th Oct-Parents Eve-3.30-5.30pm

Fri 18th Oct-Training Day

Mon 21st Oct-SEND Parent Forum 7pm

Thurs 24th Oct-Open Day-Appts only

Thurs 24th Oct-Book Bus in School

Fri 25th Oct-Dress Down Day-Bring a Bottle

Fri 25th Oct-School Closes for Half Term

Mon 4th Nov-School Reopens

Fri 8th Nov-EYFS only Training Day

Mon 11th Nov -PTA Meeting-7.30pm

Fri 15th Nov-Glow Disco-Details to follow

After School Clubs

Last week saw the beginning of our Autumn programme of After School clubs and extended activities.

I had a marvelous time with my very first Yoga club, the children were so focused and dedicated. By the end of the session we were all relaxed, calm and well stretched. What a great way to end the school day.

Pop choir resumed and got straight on with the task of learning seasonal songs for our annual community performances, Mrs Gomes and Mrs Hughes began their sewing club and there were a range of art, drawing and drama clubs on offer too. We also welcomed Henry from Inspiration Tree who is running a KS1 Multisports club; what a busy Autumn term.



Poetry Week

It was National Poetry Day on 3rd October but at The Whartons children have been creating and exploring poetry all week. Mr Fisk inspired the children with an assembly at the beginning of the week where he explored the theme of "Truth". Following on from this all of the classes have been engaging with poetry in very different ways. Some classes have used poetry as a spark for art work, for example Y5 children took W H Auden's poem the Night Mail and depicted each stanza through paper sculpture whilst Reception children created leaf monsters and wrote poems about them. In Y3 children analysed poems, deciding what makes a good poem, Y1 used percussion instruments to enhance their poetry performance of the Nig Nag Nong by Spike Milligan and Y4 children acted out and filmed their rendition of the Coming of the Iron Man by B. Williams. In Y2 the children wrote seaside poems and in Y6 they analysed poignant war poems.



A final Note:

Please look out for the online Parents Evening tool. Fingers crossed it will make the process more streamlined.

Julia Dickson