

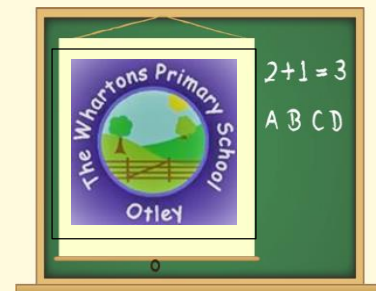
The Whartons' Fortnightly Newsletter

15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of 2019 has whizzed by with lots of exciting events, trips and collaborations. I would like to share the exciting news and to congratulate Mr and Mrs Young whose baby girl Harriet Summer arrived last weekend. We wish Mr Young a lovely Paternity leave with his family and look forward to his return the second week of next half term.

Unfortunately, it has also been a half term of niggling illnesses with many children and staff affected by the nasty flu like virus. The children have coped brilliantly with the occasional supply teacher and we have had many comments about how lovely our school is and how conscientious and enthusiastic the children are at The Whartons; so well done everyone. Let us hope a week of fresh air and rest will chase the germs away.



Assembly Themes

We finished off our theme of Goals and Dreams in assembly this week by exploring with the Year 6 children the goals that they had reached through their residential trip. The children shared how they had conquered their fear of heights, homesickness and even learnt how to organize their belongings. It was a joy to share the photos with the whole school.

Well done to our 'Best I Can Be' certificate winners who shared their work or great learning behaviours with the school in Friday Assemblies.

Reception – Xaden S, Lilly-Mai M, Chiron D, Oscar B, Dougie T & Leo S
Minnie J & Jacob C-H

Year 3 – Keyon W, Jacob W, Emily W-G, Matilda W & Charlotte M
C, Sebi J-G,

Year 5 – Nicholas E, Thomas S-G, Olivia S, Oliver M, Joe W, Michael B

Year 1 – William B, Lucas B, Oliver B, Kelsey B,

Year 2 – Tommy M, Riley W, Samwise B & William B

Year 4 – Thomas B, Thomas H, Kayce-Jayne C, Darcy

Year 6 – Cory H, Caitlin R, Amber P & Charlie G

Travel Questionnaire

Many thanks to all those families who have already completed the travel questionnaire we sent out. There is still time to send yours in to school. We will be collecting until the first day back after half term.

Each of the class teachers have surveyed their classes and asked how they do travel to school and how they would like to travel. Teachers have also filled in questionnaires relating to their own travel arrangements to school.

These surveys will be analysed and help us to write a school travel plan with actions for improvements. We will be working with all the other Cluster schools to formulate our travel plans and hopefully learn from each other and tackle any common issues together; playing our part in taking care of the environment and minimizing our carbon footprint together.

Netball Tournament

As a finale to their weekly PE sessions lead by Mrs Fenton-Green a PE specialist teacher from PHGS; Y5 took part in a Family of Schools Netball Competition. The children were split into four teams based on their netball skills and competed against children from other schools of a similar skill level.

All the children had a great time and were fantastically behaved; a teacher from another school commented upon their exemplary attitude, sportsmanship and support for other teams.

After four intense games, the children won two of the competitions and came second in the other two. As a result, The Whartons' team were the overall winners. It was a pleasure to watch the pupils put into action some of the learning cogs, especially the social aspects of sport, which are developed through the REAL PE scheme.

- **Y6 Residential**
- **Reception Recycle**
- **Fire Fighter Visit**

Reception Children Learn All About Recycling

Children in Reception have been finding out all about rubbish and recycling over the last few weeks as part of their class themed work.

The topic started with a discussion homework and has snowballed due to the children's fascination for finding out about how to 'Save the Planet'. The class have read stories about keeping our planet safe from rubbish and the provision areas in the Reception classroom have become plastic filled oceans and recycling centres. The children have found out how to reuse, reduce and recycle to cut down on waste. They have even engaged the help of Mr Reynard to support their understanding of where and how to recycle effectively around school.

This week during Enterprise day, the children will be recycling old wax crayons and giving them a new lease of life. As well as being good for the environment, it will also raise money when they sell their new product.



Greetings from Lincoln

What a fabulous residential week the Y6 children had last week down in Lincolnshire. The Y6 children, accompanied by Mr Hampson, Mr Reynard, Mrs Foley, Miss Stewart and Mrs Dickson, stayed at Caythorpe Hall run by the PGL adventure holidays group. Throughout the week, the children really challenged themselves and achieved many things that put them outside their comfort zones. Everyone gave a 100% commitment and effort and all the staff were so pleased and proud of them. Make sure you have a look at our Twitter feed on the website to see the children climbing, rifle shooting and travelling by zip wire to name but a few activities. The children also had a fantastic time socially, engaged in discos and team quiz nights as well as learning how to keep spotless rooms for 'dorm inspections'.



Y5 Fire Fighter Visit

On Tuesday afternoon last week, Year 5 had a visit from Richard Kawecki, one of our local fire officers.

The children enjoyed talking to Fire Fighter Kawecki about various aspects of a firefighter's job. He told them about rescuing people from fires, dealing with car accidents & water hazards to name but a few situations.

The children also got to see how quickly fires can spread in the home and how important it is to have working smoke detectors – If you don't, you can ring Otley Fire Station on 01943 462222 and they'll fit them for free. One of the children's favourite bits was when one of them got dressed up in all the firefighters gear – she looked ready for action! We even practised some of our L2L skills and higher order questioning on Fire Fighter Kawecki.

Thank you to Richard for coming in to our school; all of us have some top fire safety tips to take home with us.



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Diary Dates

Fri 15th Feb-School Closes for Half Term

Monday 25th Feb-School Reopens

Thursday 28th Feb-Yr 4 Skipping Event Trinity

Friday 1st March-Spring Disco

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Monday 11th March-PTA Meeting 7.15pm

Thursday 14th March-Yr2 Trip to Nell Bank

Tuesday 19th March-Reception Bun Sale

Thurs 28th & Fri 29th March-Mother's Day Stall

Fri 29th March - School Closes for Easter Hols

Y4 Ukulele's

Last week Y4 were introduced to their class instrument for the year- The Ukulele.

As part of the school's musical instrument teaching progression, Y4 will be learning how to play the ukulele this year. Mr Young has been taking master classes from Mr Williamson in preparation, and although a little nervous, he is keen to start the learning journey with the children. Mr Young has already acquired a new skill, tuning a ukulele. He had plenty of practice this week when, armed with an app, he managed to tune almost 40 instruments in one day!!

The children will be learning how to read simple music, master key chords and play together as an ensemble. These skills will be built upon through school.

Mr Williamson, our music leader, has also ordered Ocarinas and keyboards to add to the children's comprehensive instrument programme through school. From this year Y2 will be learning how to play an Orceina, Y3 recorders, Y4 Ukuleles and Y5 keyboards

Huge thanks to the Parents Association for funding the new instruments and Mr Williamson for developing this new approach to all children acquiring playing skills.

Enterprise WOW Day

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Manderville were the teachers in charge of planning the Spring Term WOW day. They decided that it would be a great experience for the whole school to work together using their enterprise and creative skills to raise some money for their classes.

Enterprise is one of our curriculum drivers which we endeavor to weave through the children's learning. The teachers have been planning their Enterprise foci with the children for the last week or two and all the ideas have been very much driven by the children's interests. Engaging in an enterprise project ensures a guiding purpose for the children's learning. The children have costed their projects and calculated profits; they have used artistic skills to make eye catching posters which advertise their wares; they have used design and technology skills to produce video adverts, sharing these with other classes, and finally used a whole raft of creative applications on products from fruit kebabs to muffins and rainbow crayons to photo booths. Thank you and well done to all the children and staff who worked together to make the day a huge success and to parents for financially supporting the project by purchasing the children's products and services.



A final Note:

Have a fabulous half term break. School opens again on 25th February.

Julia Dickson