

Welcome to our... School Newsletter



A Great Term in School Each class has started a new project this half term and have all been participating in lots of purposeful, active and collaborative learning.

What have we been up to this half term?

Pirates and Peter Pan Children in Foundation Stage have been busy taking in part in lots of pirate activities. We have had a pirate ship in Reception Class and the lost boys tree house in Nursery. Children have been using their imagination to role play as well as making maps, finding treasure and working hard on their phonics.



Can Chocolate Change your life? Year 1 & 2 have been working around the essential question above and they have been using Charlie and the Chocolate factory as a stimulus with some amazing art work and some great diary newspaper and imaginative writing. Class one had real Wonka bars one containing a golden ticket. Both classes had a wonderful chocolate day to launch the project and the end of project celebration will be in the form of a chocolate musical.

How Many Drops of Water are there on Earth?

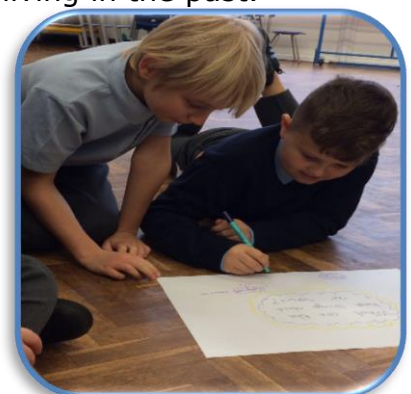
Year 3 & 4's essential question is above. They have visited Thornes Park twice and have used Mr Parkinson's expertise to find out about how to save the park from flooding and conserve water. They are also designing water features and a range of interactive displays for an exhibition in the park greenhouse. They have also spent time learning about the water cycle and mapping.



Can We Save the Castle? Year 5 & 6 have visited Sandal Castle and are hoping to save the castle visitor centre from closure. They have developed some amazing information leaflets to be displayed there. They have also spent time sketching the castle and are taking part in a medieval day today to gain some hands on experience of living in the past.

School Council And Collective Worship

Group We are always keen to hear the views of children, parents and staff in school in order to continue to improve. Staff have filled in a questionnaire and school council and collective worship group are working in collaboration to design a questionnaire for children. Keep an eye out for the parents' questionnaire coming out after half term.



Hockey Pyramid Winners A small group of children took part in the pyramid hockey competition a few weeks ago and we were crowned winners. We will be competing in the finals next half term. Well done Lola, Maddie, Lottie, Jensen, Jude, Joseph and Samuel.



Safeguarding

Safer Internet Use It has been brought to our attention that an increasing number of children have phones and tablets at home and are accessing social media and messaging apps. Please be aware of age restrictions for these apps and please check regularly on who your children are messaging and making contact with. In school we do educate children about these issues but need parents to be involved too.

Peer Critique As you may know we use peer critique in school on a regular basis. Children spend time looking at the work of peers and give feedback on the strengths and suggest improvements they can make. This enables children to be able to give and receive feedback and redraft their work to make it as good as it can be in pursuit of our 'ethic of excellence'. Class 2 have used critique and redrafted some art in the style of Quentin Blake, Year 3 & 4 have critiqued and redrafted their non-chronological reports and Year 5 & 6 have critiqued and redrafted leaflets.



Giggles and Scribbles Our before and after school club is proving very popular with children and parents. We offer care from 7.45-8.55am and 3.30-6.00pm. Sessions cost £5.00 for 1hr each day, £8.50 for 2hrs, £11.00 for 3 hrs and £12.00 for more than 3 hrs. There is also a 10% discount for each additional child.

Traffic and Parking Can parents please take care whilst driving and parking near school. There have been some concerns raised about parents parking irresponsibly sometimes on the pavement close to school. Could parents also refrain from parking in the staff car park and the disabled bay, this spot is used for a child in school who is a wheelchair user and children who access our communication resource.

Dates to Remember!

Monday 20th February – School Opens after half term.

And finally... I hope you all have a great half term with your families and return fit and well after the break ready to conclude this terms projects with some great end of project celebrations and Easter Services.

To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch

