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to our...



# School Newsletter

**A Great half 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?**

**Foundation Stage** have been developing their independence and self help skills by making snacks and baking as independently as possible. They have also been learning about pets as we have now got two pet guinea pigs a mother and her baby named Gracie and Cloud.



## **What Makes Castles Magical?**

Class 1 and 2 have been learning all about castles, dragons and medieval times. Class 1 have had a medieval banquet where they made their own bread, butter and pottage to eat. Both classes are planning a visit to Pontefract Castle also. We had a fantastic Inspire morning yesterday with lots of parents and some governors attending.



## **Comparing Yorkshire and Paris**

Class 3 and 4 have been comparing Yorkshire and Paris in their Geography work and have created some lovely art work showing landmarks in both regions. The children have also been designing their own cycling jerseys for The Tour De Yorkshire. Class 3 also made and compared Yorkshire puddings with French crepes.



## **Lights Camera Action**

Class 5 have been learning about America in their geography work and have been writing stories as if they were caught in a tornado. They have completed some great homework projects about Hollywood and had an art and design day where the children worked in teams to make a replica of the Chinese theatre in LA. The photo shows the winning team and their model.



## **Hands on Learning**

Class 6 have been learning about the heart and the circulatory system, they have been dissecting hearts and have created some beautiful clay models and observational drawings of the heart. They have also been writing newspaper reports based on their class novel about a boy who receives a heart transplant. The children have also been working really hard in lessons to develop their reading, grammar, punctuation and maths skills.

**Pancake Racing** We had great fun on Tuesday running our annual pancake races. Unfortunately we were inside due to the weather but it didn't spoil the event. Well done to the winners whose certificates were handed out on Tuesday during assembly. Well done to Mrs Earnshaw who won the staff race.



### **Hockey Success!**

A small group of children took part in a pyramid hockey competition this week and we came second. The team played brilliantly in very cold conditions. We will be competing in the finals next half term. Well done Ruby, Elizabeth, Darcey, Daniel, Callum, Chukwubuikem and Praise



**School Council** have been working very hard this half term and have had lots of great ideas for developing reading in school as this is a focus area on our School Development Plan. They have set up a playtime reading club where children can go to read independently, read with a friend or read with an older child supporting them. The behaviour and attitude has been exemplary. School council have also made plans for a special event to be held on World Book Day. Details will be sent out separately. The minutes from school council meetings are displayed on the school council display board for all to see.



**Parents Evening** will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March (for Classes 1,2,3,4,5 and 6). The online booking system will be used as it has in the past and can be accessed by visiting the parents page of our website <http://www.wakefieldmethodistschool.org/parents> .If you do not have access to the internet please call into school and we will be happy to provide computer access for you. The system will require you to input an email address and will then send you a confirmation email of the time and day of your appointment. The system will open at 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and will remain open until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7am. If you have any problems please ring school and a member of staff will do their very best to help.

**Traffic and Parking** Can parents please take care whilst driving and parking near school. There have been reports of parents parking on curbs, blocking driveways and double parking so that in the event of an emergency a vehicle would not be able to access to help.

### **Dates to Remember!**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School Opens after half term.  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents Evening  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm - 5.30pm Parents Evening

**Another Great Website** Children can now access **Espresso** at home [www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/) Pupil Username: student31099 Pupil Password: wake123

**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.

**To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch and @MrsClark17**

