

Dear Parents and Carers

Tomorrow is **Headingley Youth Music Festival!** Thank you to everyone who has been helping so far - it is not too late to get involved! Please:

- Bring your child to sing in our whole school choir. They will **be singing at about 13:55pm.**
- Bring your Year 4 child to play their djembe to kick off the festival at 12 o'clock
- Come along with family and friends to support the festival (12-4pm)
- Drop off some cakes to sell on the refreshments stall (homemade or bought) please label allergens if they are homemade
- Share/retweet [@H_YMusicFest](https://twitter.com/H_YMusicFest) and <https://www.facebook.com/HYMusicFest>
- Let us know if you are now able to do a shift on a stall. Make yourself known to the refreshment stall so that we can direct you where you are most needed.

The programme for tomorrow is attached to this newsletter.



The **Year 5 trip** to the waste water treatment facility on the Otley Road is always a surprisingly fun trip, as well as a rich learning experience. Next week the children will be visiting a recycling and energy recovery site and building on this good understanding of what happens to our waste products.

It was no surprise that the children of Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their **trip to Filey** yesterday. They paddled, built on the sand and put their hot and cold topic learning into context. Thank you to everyone who came with us.

At Shire Oak we believe that **sport is for everyone** and we work hard to remove the barriers to participation that exist because of society's messages, community provision and other factors. [Research](#) tells us that girls' participation in sport, particularly team games, drops off as they head towards puberty and we want to make sure we are doing our bit to counteract that. I am pleased, therefore, that recently girls in Upper KS2 have been having special girls only rugby sessions in school to build their confidence and enjoyment of the sport. (The boys weren't missing out and enjoyed other sporting activities at the same time.) This week Year 5 girls also had the opportunity to go to Kirkstall Goals for a special girls-only football tournament and they enjoyed getting stuck into their matches (winning



one!) and developing their skills. Our aim is that *all* children leave Shire Oak with at least one sport or physical activity that they enjoy and call their own. Next week's **Learning through Sport Week** is a big part of helping to introduce children to activities they might not have considered before. This is our biennial week-long celebration of physical activity, both in terms of the activity itself and in terms of what we can learn by looking at our wider school curriculum through the medium of sport and physical activity.



During the week, your child will have the opportunity to try a variety of physical activities that we have done rarely in school before, if at all. Different classes will have different opportunities, but these activities will include archery, squash, tennis, frisbee, fencing, yoga, scooting and skateboarding. Years 2 and 3 will also continue swimming lessons as normal.

Our aim is to build on the wide variety of sports and physical activities that the children already do in P.E. lessons and to help every child find at least one physical activity that they love by the time they leave Shire Oak. We will also assess the new activities we have tried in the week and consider which ones may be suitable for future after school clubs. To help make this possible, please make sure that your child has their **P.E. kit, including trainers, and a water bottle** in school every day next week.

This week we said goodbye to **Rev Angela** in assembly on Monday We sang her some of our favourite ‘moving on’ hymns and presented her with a special card and book of Celtic blessings. She is retiring and moving closer to her family soon. She has been a great contact with St Michael’s Church for us and made a great contribution to the life of our school. We shall miss her.



Y3 had a visit from Kat Baxter of Leeds Discovery Centre and enjoyed asking questions based on artefacts she had brought in from the Ancient Egypt collection, most of which were between 3 and 4,000 years old.

Here is a picture of Reception Class on their trip to **Harewood House** last week →

I hope you have a lovely weekend and that I see most of you tomorrow for our music festival.

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Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Hope is focusing well during carpet sessions. Gabriel is enthusiastic about his reading.
Y1 (Nile)	Alfie 's confidence is growing and he is answering lots of questions. Matilde is impressing us with a great attitude and making super progress.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Ollie has worked hard on his joined handwriting and sets a high standard for the class. Jennifer is a kind and thoughtful friend.
Y3 (Rhine)	Rudy has settled in to Shire Oak really well with kindness, fun, good learning and a positive attitude. Tessa has had lots of good den building ideas in Forest School and worked well with others.
Y4 (Ganges)	Amber is working incredibly hard in Y4 and always approaches her learning with enthusiasm. Sam is working extremely hard on learning his times tables each week and should be proud of his efforts.
Y5 (Tigris)	Noah has been working very well in his individual reading sessions. Teddy makes thoughtful contributions in guided reading. Oliver S uses his mental maths skills well. Zac has been concentrating well in maths.
Y6 (Amazon)	Manraaj is dedicating himself to his role in a Midsummer's Night Dream. Molly is challenging herself by projecting her voice in rehearsals.
Citizen of the Week last week was Edie in YR who was nominated by Tessa in Y3 for always being kind to others and always thinking before she says anything. She plays kindly with her friends.	
Well done to the following children who have achieved the targets on their Maths Passport continent: Jojo, Constance, Winter, Jennifer, Eleanor and Gracie.	

PS Our **book drive** collected over 350 books which are now on their way to be distributed to children who need them! Thank you!

PPS Please find attached our monthly **online safety newsletter** as well as information from the Children's Centre.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Y4 djembe performance 12 noon (be ready to kick the festival off) Whole school choir: 13:55pm (be ready to sing before this)
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week. This includes: archery, yoga, ultimate frisbee, fencing, scooters, skateboarding, swimming and racket sports.
Friday 30 th June *	Woodwork boat-making in Y1
Monday 3 rd July	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
Tuesday 4 th July Wednesday 5th July	Transition Day. This has been moved a day early as Lawnswood transition day 1 has moved to this day due to industrial action. Our new Reception 2023 Stay and Play sessions will go ahead.
Wednesday 5 th July *	NEU strike day. School is likely to be closed to children except September's new Reception class.
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Thursday 6 th July *	Lawnswood (day 2) and Abbey Grange transition days
Friday 7 th July *	NEU strike day. School is likely to be closed to children.
Friday 7th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome. If the strike goes ahead this will be cancelled. We will reschedule it if we can, but at this time of year that will be difficult.
Friday 14 th July	Children's Day: Re-imagined at Roundhay Park. Y4 will be there during the day to rehearse the grand finale. The site opens to the general public from 7:30pm for a programme of films and performances. If other classes would like to join us for the event in the evening: https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on/children-s-day-reimagined
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
Saturday 29 th July	Wonderday at Headingley HEART with exhibition of our competition entries
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.