

Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see so many of you yesterday at the first **FOSOPS Beetle Drive and Games Night** for many years. It was very good to see the different ages and generations playing together (and against each other) and enjoying a snack. Thank you to the staff and parents who worked hard to put the event together and to the school kitchen for supplying a salad bar at a cheap price. This wasn't a huge fundraiser, but a great social event.



This week we have also seen Tami and the **Energy Heroes** visiting school. They held a whole school assembly as part of Global Fortnight, and then taught a special maths

lesson in Year 5 linked to energy use. A small group from Year 5 then conducted an energy audit around school. They were impressed that the new lights that were fitted throughout school during half term are LED lights that are using much less energy than our old fluorescent ones.

Our sporting teams have had a very successful week with a win on Monday at Lower Wortley which means they are through to the next round of the Year 6 **Leeds Rugby cup**. Mr Martin says this team love playing together and it really shows. On Tuesday the **football team** played a close game with Meanwood and won. Mr Marshall was pleased with how they played and also pleased that Lawnswood School lend us their pitch to host home games. Finally, yesterday saw a great **girls' rugby session** at the Headingley Hawks training grounds with guest appearances from local and national female rugby stars. (The Rhinos are helping to recruit Under 12 girls to the team there.)





Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed a colourful **science** morning on Thursday with Jess and Larisa from STEM at Leeds University Food Science department. They investigated food colouring and chromatography and enjoyed testing their predictions.

Some of our children are starting rehearsals with the **Leeds Schools Music Association** groups, ready for the summer concert. That has reminded me to plug the Leeds Schools' Choir (run by Artforms) that rehearses at Sacred Heart

School in Kirkstall on Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30pm. There are a good mix of girls and boys from 7-11 rehearsing together with Jayne Leadbeater, who is an excellent choir conductor. More information on the www.artformsleeds.co.uk website, ask me or just turn up!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Rajaan is using his phonics in his writing. Iris is trying hard with her writing and making good progress.
Y1 (Nile)	Patrick developed skills and knowledge in Geography Day. Harvey developed skills and knowledge in Geography Day.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Leo showed great enthusiasm during our Geography focus day. Dylan wrote some interesting facts about the continents with clear illustrations.
Y3 (Rhine)	Edie B did some excellent research about Ireland and produced an informative and attractive poster. Jamie did some excellent research about Italy and produced an informative and attractive poster.
Y4 (Ganges)	Hanna helped her group during the geography activities and always has a big smile for everyone. Dilraaj was fully engaged and helped others in geography day activities.
Y5 (Tigris)	Katelyn showed really good knowledge in her geography work and asked thoughtful questions of our African visitor. Rattan showed his excellent research skills and was able to locate the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Equator.
Y6 (Amazon)	Irish has shown enjoyment and interest when learning about African geography. Arthur is showing knowledge and enthusiasm when learning about world geography.
Citizen of the Week was Noah (Y6) nominated by Anna and Mrs Hill because he worked well in a team and represented Shire Oak really well. Well done!	

I look forward to seeing you all next week at our parents' evenings. Please contact the office urgently if you have not asked for an appointment time yet! I hope you all have a good weekend.

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PS Our **Comic Relief** collection raised £112.17
 Thank you very much!

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Jane Hinchliffe.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

DIARY DATES

Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 26 th March	Y5 Football tournament at Lawnswood after school
Wednesday 27 th & 28 th March	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (Lawnswood School will have a stall)
Thursday 28 th March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 th March	Young Pianists Assembly
Friday 29 th March	Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 th March -Sun 1 st April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Thursday 25 th April	Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Abbey Grange after school
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 22 nd May	The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Thursday 23 rd May	Possible tri athletics tournament (TBC)
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	