

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen a lot of great learning inside and outside class. On Tuesday **Year 5** went to York by train to learn all about the **history of chocolate** production in the area, the Quaker families who were instrumental in the development of the industry, growing cacao around the world and the importance of chocolate in ancient Mayan culture. The children were great ambassadors for the school on public transport and their walk through York and certainly didn't mind the chocolate treats that came their way!



On Wednesday **Year 1** visited **Abbey House Museum** as part of the history learning in their Toys topic. They were very enthusiastic and interested in learning about bygone times and also a credit to the school.



In school Year 3 have enjoyed becoming **pneumatic engineers** over the last fortnight and put their DT skills to use by creating erupting volcano models.



All classes have been finding out about **lunar new year** traditions followed in countries such as China, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines. This learning was shared this morning in a special assembly to which friends and family were invited. Thank you to everyone who was

able to join us and Gong hei fat choy to any families celebrating soon.



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)	<b>Willow S</b> has wowed us with her reading and is making great progress. <b>Roza</b> has been so enthusiastic in phonics and has been joining in really well.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Leo</b> is a great role model for the class. <b>Evie</b> is trying really hard with her letter formation and making great progress.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Quinn</b> has tried very hard with his work and had a good attitude in class. <b>Marnie</b> works really hard in all lessons and is good at supporting her classmates.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Noah</b> is an enthusiastic pneumatic engineer when constructing his volcano. <b>Jojo</b> is enthusiastic about pneumatic engineering whilst constructing her volcano.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Mali</b> always works extremely hard, is focused and perseveres when things are tricky. <b>Bram</b> is a kind and considerate member of Y4 and will always help anyone who needs it.
Y5 (Tigris)	Were <b>all</b> being superstars on their trip to the York Chocolate Story.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Clara</b> is determined to work independently during class tasks. <b>Teddy</b> is contributing more in class and displaying a grand attitude to his learning.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Annabel</b> who was nominated by Ms Devane for staying calm in an emergency and helped make sure her great uncle got the medical help he needed. Well done!	

Tuesday next week is **Internet Safety Day**. Although the main focus for our work on this in December, it can be a very useful day for reminding ourselves about the risks and opportunities associated with using online-enabled devices. Please find attached a newsletter for parents that we subscribe to in order to support you keeping your children safe online.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS We understand there will be **road works** on Grove Road/Wood Lane 05/02 to 16/02.

PPS Well done to K who was chosen as player of the week at Leeds Beckett tennis club!



#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	WWII workshop for Year 6
7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run a playscheme. Shire Oak pupils get a 10% discount as we are the host school.	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	(British Science Week 8 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March) Our workshops on these dates.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 piano and science workshop as part of Leeds International Piano Festival
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am for classes in school
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Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29/3 to Friday 12/4. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run.	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!



22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 <sup>th</sup> May for one day.	
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run a playscheme	
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	

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