

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the way you support the children as they learn about and from the faiths represented in school. This weekend children from every school in class attended **Shire Oak Sunday** at St Michael's Church. They joined in well, had lovely manners to the rest of the congregation and led the singing beautifully on 'When I Needed a Neighbour'. This week we also had our special **Eid assembly** to share our learning about and from fasting in Ramadan and the celebrations afterwards; it was good to see the different aspects covered throughout school and how children engage with the topic. I appreciate the time taken in an already busy week to bring children to or watch children in events like these.

There were more chances for awe and wonder this week when **Reception Class** went on a **trip** to the special Discovery Garden at Leeds Beckett University where they took found out more about plants and minibeasts by taking part in pond-dipping, shelter building and collecting natural materials. They had a lovely time and would like to thank the Education department students who came with them and their tutors for organising the opportunity.

Reception Class were able to share more of their lovely learning this morning in their **sharing assembly**. They worked so well together to share what they have been doing across the curriculum and we particularly enjoyed the way they share their talk (and signs) for writing and just how much they know about dinosaurs! Well done YR!

Here are some team photos from our **Y5 rugby league** friendly at Whitkirk Primary.



Mr Martin writes: It was a really good, close contest, particularly towards the end as the team built on what they had learned in the first half and used it in the second. Thanks to Miss Casey for her support and regular one to one chats with players to help them focus and feel proud. It was a positive all round development performance with some special mentions: Zac scored a try and worked hard as captain, Hannah was relentless in her tackling, Betty drove the team forward, Darcy grew in confidence and danced through gaps in the defensive line, Benji kept the team steady in the middle with reliable service from dummy half and both Seth and Patch used exceptional strength, speed and agility to score impressive tries and make last ditch tackles. We conceded a few early tries as we got used to being there and being focused but came right back into it and ended up scoring 9 tries to Whitkirk's 13. It was also the debut for our new school kit, chosen by the players themselves from a shortlist provided by Ravensport. This has been funded by the Garry Chappelow Memorial Fund, a Leeds based charity that has kept the memory of Garry and his commitment to junior sport alive by providing kits to junior sports teams since 2002.



As you can see, we have packed a lot into a slightly shorter week. Next week is a three day week for our children, followed by a four day week following the King's coronation. Thank you to parents and carers for keeping children in **good routines** around bedtimes, reading, etc. when there are lighter nights and days off school to navigate.

**Reading** was celebrated in our **SuperStars assembly** this week. It was great to hear about the number and variety of books and genres our children are reading at home and in school.

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>Gabriel</b> has a positive attitude towards reading. <b>Jacob-Dale</b> is so positive about reading and knows all his red (tricky) words. <b>Maisie</b> has a great attitude towards her reading. <b>Cruz</b> is making great progress.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Luan</b> always enjoys books during area time. <b>Kayon</b> shows enthusiasm for reading and an enjoyment of books. <b>India</b> is doing lots of reading at home and is always enthusiastic about reading. <b>Quinn</b> is doing lots of reading at home and is always enthusiastic about reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Jennifer</b> for being a comprehension superstar. <b>Caleb</b> is reading a lot of books. <b>Alfie</b> has a love of books. <b>Lucas</b> shows enthusiasm with his reading.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Rudy</b> for starting Shire Oak with such enthusiasm for reading and sharing his favourite writers, especially Roald Dahl. <b>Bram</b> for enthusiastically sharing his home reading with the class. <b>Robyn</b> for her love of reading and for using it to bring ideas and language into class and her writing. <b>Achilles</b> for being positive about reading and sharing his love of animal stories, such as Magicat and Muffin the Puffin. <b>Alice H</b> for thinking about her reading and sharing interesting ideas based on it.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Etta</b> for reading the widest variety of books in Y4. <b>Bill</b> for reading the most books in Y4. <b>Rafael</b> for showing that non-fiction books can be as enjoyable as fiction books. <b>Sophie</b> for making full use of library time to read and discover new authors.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Charlie</b> for being able to talk in detail about the books he reads. <b>Emily</b> for reading a range of authors. <b>Cora</b> for reading fiction and non-fiction. <b>Patch</b> for his dedication to all things Harry Potter.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Bella</b> for reading challenging titles. <b>Connie</b> for reading a wide variety of books. <b>Noah</b> for persevering with what he is reading. <b>Myla</b> for reading a mountain of books.
Well done to the following children who have achieved the targets on their <b>Maths Passport</b> continent: Teddy, Cora, Emma H, Florence, Nelson, Dotty, Zac, Bethan, Hannah, Charlie J, Jorge, Dylan, Myla, Olive, Robyn, Skylar, Levi and Charlie.	

I am immensely pleased to let you know that preparatory work has started on providing a replacement for the **Children's Centre** on our site. Many of you will know that the already dilapidated building sustained flood damage and is out of use. Headingley Children's Centre continue to work for families of 0-5s in our area though, with activities in the local area, at our partner centres and outreach work in the community. Please see the attached information about what they are offering.



Congratulations to Mrs Marta Woldemichael and her staff in our **school kitchen** who were awarded the highest hygiene rating at their recent health and safety inspection and are keeping up the high standards we have come to expect.

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#### DIARY DATES


BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May *	Industrial action by NEU. School closed to children unless things change.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May *	FOSOPS meeting before school pick up to start planning the summer fair element of Headingley Youth Music Festival this year. It would be great to have representation from each class so that we can organise volunteers to run stalls, etc. Sign in at the office to come to the Community Room (where Acorn Club is).
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.	
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May *	Coronation Celebration school lunch. Children on packed lunches can also add party treat type food to what they bring from home.

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> May *	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training <b>This will also include a Book Drive for the Children's Book Project charity.</b> Please bring in any books your children have grown out of so that they can find new homes with others across the local community. We can accept any children's books in good condition.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
MAY HALF TERM 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) <a href="https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children">https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children</a> <b>The lighter evenings are a good time for children to practise cycling so that they can do the more advanced on road sections of this training.</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photos
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June *	Some Eco Club members to rescheduled Fairtrade celebration event at Leeds Town Hall pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September. School closed to pupils.	
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.


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Shire Oak Primary School

In Green Week 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May



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