

Dear Parents and Carers

Term is now in full swing and it has been good to celebrate the learning the children are doing, not least in **Year 2 Class Assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed their great work on orcas and other animals, their dancing and teamwork.



We are so grateful to Janie Percy-Smith and Good Gym who have transformed our **quadrangle** into a calming sensory garden! Janie applied for a grant from BUPA Foundation and has used the funding gained to equip the space with shade, a water feature, sensory activities, waterproof seating and places to explore. This is such a brilliant extension to the library and a great space to use for children who might need a little extra help to feel calm and regulated. Thank you so much to Janie (helped by Good Gym) for all the voluntary hours poured into this project. We are looking forward to getting great use from it and are pleased that four Y5 quadrangle monitors have been appointed who are taking on the responsibility of keeping it set up and tidy.

This morning has been a tuneful one in school as Joelle has been going to each class to demonstrate **brass instruments** for them. It will soon be time to sign up for peripatetic

instrument lessons in school for next year, and there are certainly some children hoping to sign up for brass lessons. (And if you are worried about the noise, the children often start on P-Bones or similar – plastic based trombones, etc. that have a pleasing sound even when played by a beginner 😊)

This week the netball team from Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed playing matches against other local schools in a Bee Netball tournament. They showed great teamwork and determination. Thank you to Mrs Sara Mitchell for coaching them and taking them.

Year 3 have made a good start to their summer **swimming lessons** this week. I am pleased to say, however, that we have already booked the pop-up pool for the next school year, so that we can again bring the swimming lessons directly to our playground!

Thank you very much to everyone who filled in the **parents and carers survey**. Your answers



will really help us with our planning and prioritising.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Amelia is an excellent role model and always tries her best. Zain is very focused on his phonics when writing. Well done! Abigail always makes wonderful models in the creative area.
Y1 (Nile)	Oliver is great at explaining his maths answers. Liloh always tries her best in her writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Elizabeth is always kind and thoughtful of others. Frankie J is working hard on her reading and developing fluency.
Y3 (Rhine)	Maisie has showed outstanding agility on the climbing frame. Jacob has sowed brilliant creativity and strength on the climbing frame.
Y4 (Ganges)	Mara is demonstrating brilliant independence and focus during lesson time. Well done! Maisie consistently follows school rules and instructions both in and out of the classroom. She is a fantastic role model for everyone. India has such a positive and determined attitude towards all aspects of school and has adapted brilliantly to being one handed.
Y5 (Tigris)	Jennifer makes thoughtful contributions in guided reading. Paige – her classroom confidence continues to improve. s
Y6 (Amazon)	Robyn for branching out from her favourite author and exploring new and varied writers. Finlay for reading a wide range of books and not being afraid to try something unfamiliar.
Citizen of the Week is getting a new trophy that School Council have chosen and ordered.	

Happy **May Day** to all who celebrate. It is a bank holiday weekend, so we will see you all on **Tuesday**.

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If you will be paying using tax-free childcare vouchers, look out for your booking link next week. ↓

Active Leaders running Monday's assembly to explain how to use the climbing frame kindly, safely and in the best way. →



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DIARY DATES

Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
Monday 4-10 th May	Deaf Awareness Week
7 th to 8 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c/ 11 th May	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
Friday 15 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 th May	Multicultural picnic after school TBC
Friday 22 nd May *	FOSOPS coffee morning for parents/carers of multilingual children in the tipi 08:50-9:50
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
25 th to 29 th May HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be a holiday playscheme.	
Monday 1 st June	Green Week including Road Safety, special visitors,
Monday 1 st June	Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 3 trip to Otley Chevin
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y4 session with Global Learning Leeds. Please save Tetrapaks for this workshop.
Wednesday 3 rd June	YR & Y1 balance bikes day. Y2 – scooter and bike training. (Please bring in a bike (no stabilisers) or scooter today. Class will be split into 2 sessions, so it may be possible to borrow from a classmate if you ask in advance. Let us know asap if there's a problem.)
Wednesday 3 rd June	RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm TBC
Thursday 4 th June	Class photos
Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Climate Fresk session with Valeria
Thursday 4 th June	Y1 session with Liam (Natural England)
Friday 5 th June	Y4 session with Liam (Natural England)
Friday 5 th June	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th June	House Team Green Week activities afternoon
Monday 8 th June *	Youth Summit at the Civic Hall (small group of children)
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 th June *	Visit by Lawnswood School to incoming Year 7s
Wednesday 10 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
Friday 12 th June *	Climate Justice art exhibition in Leeds (small group of children)
Friday 12 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Thursday 18 th June	New Reception parents meeting am and evening TBC
Saturday 20 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF) 12-4pm. All our children are in the choir and many will be in other performances. We host and run this event for the community, which incorporates our summer fair. Please avoid booking birthday parties, etc. on this day.
Thursday 25 th June	Rugby match against Whinmoor after school
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 th June	Y6 rugby team in Leeds finals 1 pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1 and Y6 trip to Filey (returning after end of the school day) TBC
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Thursday 2 nd July	Music Recitals and 9:15 and 2pm. TBC
Monday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 th July	Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 th July	Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip

Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

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