



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to Year 6 for their lovely class assembly yesterday. We enjoyed finding out more about what they got up to at Robinwood residential through their recounts, haiku poems and photo stories. We especially enjoyed hearing about them working in their 'stretch zone' where they tried new or challenging things. That was evidently the case in the rest of their learning too and we liked seeing their Lowry art and hearing more about their City Story topic and how they are improving their writing using IPEELL. Thank you to the parents and friends who managed to join us this morning – we do appreciate it.



On Tuesday Reception Class and Year 1 had special PE lessons with the coaches from Leeds Trampoline Club. Whilst I was initially disappointed to see they hadn't brought a trampoline with them, I was impressed with the skills they were teaching and the children were enjoying learning. Please see Sue Bennett in Year 1 if you would like any further information about the trampolining.

Upper KS2 children also showed off their sporting prowess this week as we competed in the 6 a side football **Kids Cup**, run by Leeds United. Our team played well, showed good sporting behaviour and had a great time. They had some close fought matches but did not proceed to the next round this time. The photographer was perhaps distracted by the exciting play on the pitch, so here is a photo of them enjoying their hard earned lunch!



**FOSOPS** met yesterday to make plans for the pancake sale and how to spend the money they have been raising. They are looking for parent volunteers to make or buy **pancakes** that can be

reheated to serve after school on Shrove Tuesday. (To be brought into school on Monday or Tuesday.). They also have a stock of sausages left over from the cancelled Woodland Walk and thought it would be fun to have an after school **sausage sale, café and toy exchange**. Children who bring in a toy they no longer play with will be given a raffle ticket to exchange for a different toy at the end of the day. They are looking for help to run this event on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Today 4 of our senior **School Councillors** are representing the school, and the children of Headingley, at a special event held at the university. Tom, Jack, Theo and Coco will be able to tell local councillors about our priorities, whilst learning more about democracy and having a fun day. We look forward to hearing about it on their return.

Class	Well done to this (& last) week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Oliver</b> was a really switched on learner when he made a rocket independently this week. <b>Krishan</b> worked hard on being a switched on learner in phonics with Mrs Bennett.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Jai</b> persevered in PE, particularly with jumping. <b>Jesse</b> overcomes obstacles and faces challenges positively. <b>Sophie</b> has improved her attitude to writing and reading. <b>Lizzie</b> is a positive Switched On Shire Oak learner who keeps trying.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Tameem</b> always tries his hardest in everything he does. <b>Violet</b> puts in lots of effort to do her best. <b>Tyler</b> is a good role model. <b>Tula</b> always does her best.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Rachel</b> is a Switched On Shire Oak learner, always listening and trying her best. <b>Rudee</b> is constantly shows he is a S.O.S.O. learner: great listener, independent problem solver, tries hard.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Lucus</b> has been a Switched On Shire Oak learner. <b>Kelsey</b> is always keen to contribute ideas in class. <b>Jago</b> has started 2016 in a Switched On manner.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Maleehah</b> has been showing confidence and answering questions in class. <b>Taal</b> is always sat up and alert, showing he wants to learn.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Olivia</b> and <b>Jack</b> are demonstrating impressive Switched On attitudes to learning.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Peter</b> in Year 3, nominated by Elijah for supporting him and encouraging him in his work. Well done Peter!	

It was lovely to catch up with a few of you at **Stay and Play** today – it is always a pleasure to see the children talking to you in their learning environment.

Have a great weekend.

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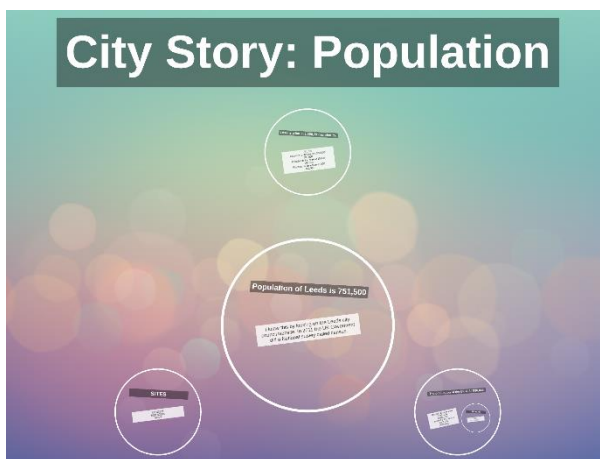
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### Did you know?

That specially trained children in Year 5 and 6 work at playtime and lunchtimes as **Peer Mediators**? Identifiable by their bright hi-vis jackets, they can help children resolve disputes about what to play, help children who feel left out, keep an eye on the **Buddy Bench** and know when to get an adult to help sort things out.



We have enjoyed seeing the different ways children have tackled their big homework projects. Here is a Roman Centurion costume from Y4 and a presentation from Y6. We have watched, listened, tasted and admired many



different projects. **Well done to Year 5 where 100% of the class have completed homework this time!**

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com) Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	* After School Toy Exchange and sizzling sausage sale
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Science boffins day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 5 & 6 science trips to Ralph Thoresby
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Zoolab day as part of Science Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	* FOSOPS meeting, Community Room, 9am.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	* Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	* Y2 start 4 week block of PE sessions with Leeds Rhinos.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	* Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	* Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	* Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	* Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
* means added or changed since last newsletter                      TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

## **New!** **Compassionate Parenting** **(Six-Week Course)**

*"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see"*

**Would you love to be able to:**

- *Create a home environment where the needs of you and your children really matter?*
- *Communicate in ways which encourage cooperation and trust?*
- *Stay grounded in the midst of family storms?*
- *Respond constructively even when your buttons are pushed?*
- *Respond calmly and helpfully when your child says "No"?*
- *Create life-serving limits and boundaries that work?*
- *Manage conflict in your family creatively without getting buried out?*

If you have said yes to any of these questions then this course is for you:

This course is based on the principles of Nonviolent Communication. See [www.gnvc.org](http://www.gnvc.org)

**VENUE** *Education Centre, Wheatfields Hospice,*

*Grove Road Leeds LS6 2AE*

**DATES** *Thursday Feb 4th, 11th and 25th,*

*then Thursday March 3rd, 10th and 17th*

**TIME** *7pm-9.15pm*

*15 spaces available,  
closing date Jan 28 2016*

To book a place contact me either by email: [pennyv34@gmail.com](mailto:pennyv34@gmail.com)  
or phone 07786 075201 Or book online at [www.pennyvine.com](http://www.pennyvine.com)

Cost: I request a contribution of between £90 and £150 for the 6-week course, including a deposit of £20. As I would love everyone to have access to this course please contact me if funds are a problem.

For more info about the course, go to [www.pennyvine.com](http://www.pennyvine.com)



## **Leeds Symphony** **Orchestra present:** **A Concert of pieces of** **music for children**

**10:30AM, Saturday 23rd January 2016**

At Benton Park School, Harrogate Road, Rawdon,  
Leeds LS19 6LX

Admission free, provided by the Tom Oram legacy.

For more details see [www.lso.org.uk](http://www.lso.org.uk)