



Newsletter- November 27th 2017

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Rickshaw Challenge



The Rickshaw challenge came to a successful conclusion on Thursday as we completed the John O Groats to Doncaster challenge. There was real determination to make it back to Doncaster by the end of the day; some parents even had a go to make sure we reached the target.

I am delighted to say that we reached the target with Ava in the saddle when the milometer reached the 510 mile mark. Well done to everyone and thank you to school council for coming up with such a great idea to raise money; thank you to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Ramsay for the donation of the bikes; thank you to Ms. Darby, Mrs. Rew, Miss Raper and Mrs. Land for supervising the cyclists and finally thank you to everyone who sponsored a child to take part in the event. Please send the money and sponsor forms back into school so we can see how much has been raised. You can read the daily diary on the Headteacher Blog at www.wadworthprimary.org.uk

Dates in December

Friday 1 st	3:00pm Christmas Fair
Thursday 7 th	1:15pm Wise Owls singing at Braithwell
Wednesday 13 th	9:30am Reception and KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th	9:30am KS2 Carol Service at St. John's Church 1:30pm Busy Bees singing at Tesco 2:00pm Reception and KS1 Nativity
Friday 15 th	10am Smart Squirrels singing at Morrison's
Tuesday 19 th	Father Christmas visiting
Wednesday 20 th	1pm KS1 Christmas party
Thursday 21 st	1pm KS2 Christmas party
Friday 22 nd	Christmas Jumper Day 9:20am and 2:30pm Carols around the tree

Christmas Parties



Children's Christmas Parties will take place in the afternoon, during school time, on:

Wednesday 20th for Reception and Key stage 1

Thursday 21th for Key stage 2

Please ensure your child brings party clothes into school on the relevant day. If you are sending food for the party, to avoid children getting ill, please avoid sending meat filled sandwiches, scotch eggs, sausage rolls, etc

Carol Singing at Braithwell, Tesco and Morrison's



Due to feedback from last year, we have arranged for each KS2 class to participate in carol singing in the community this year.

The dates and times for each class are given in the table above; help with transport will be greatly appreciated. Children, and adults, are encouraged to dress festively in Christmas jumpers, hats, tinsel, etc.

If you can help with transport to the events, please let the class teacher or school office know as soon as possible.

Christmas Craft

All the children have been working extremely hard to make their Christmas Craft for this year. If you wish to purchase your child's craft there is a cost of:-

Fantastic Frogs	-Salt Dough Ornaments	£2.00
Brainy Badgers	-Forest School tree decorations	£1.50
Smart Squirrels	-Handmade Christmas stockings	£2.00
Busy Bees	-Handmade Christmas Tree Dec	£3.00
Wise Owls	-Handmade table decoration	£3.50

Important message for Year 6 parents



Parent/Carers of year 6 pupils: the next closing date for applications to secondary school is Thursday 30th November

2017. Therefore, if you have not already completed an application form you should do this now.

Find out more by following the link on the Headteacher blog

Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fayre begins at 3pm on Friday 1st December.

Below are the arrangements for the event:

- Please enter through the school gates from 2.45pm.
- Children will be collected from the playground just like you do at the end of the day.
- Please leave the playground with your child re-enter the school through the main door by the school office – these gates will be locked at 3.10pm.
- In the main hall and library there will be a selection of different stalls including Chocolate Tombola, Lucky Dip and Raffle.
- Cakes and refreshments will be available in the shared area (near ICT suite).
- Coffee and alcoholic gifts – Rioja Wine Bar

Any pupils who are not accompanied by parents/carers will stay with a teacher and have the opportunity to visit the Fair before 3.00pm. The children will then stay with the teacher in Mr. Robson's class until 3.30pm.

The PTA are running a number of stalls in the old Year 3 classroom including:

- 100 square lottery - £2 per square, £100 prize
- Pick a lolly
- Guess the weight of the Christmas cake.
- Pocket money toys
- Children's Lucky Dip
- Table top games (Operation, Pie Face etc)



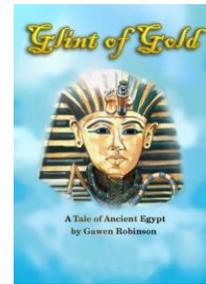
Busy Bees and Body Bits

On Wednesday, Mrs. Vernon's Busy Bees were investigating the digestive system first hand by looking at the internal organs.

The children have been finding out all about their bodies, including the digestive system and comparing them to the digestive systems of different animals. The pictures show them getting to look closely at the esophagus, stomach and intestines of a cow and a huge lamb's liver.

It was a hands on session for those brave enough to investigate using all their senses (it had a very distinctive aroma!).

Egyptian celebration event



To bring the Egyptian topic to an end Mr. Robson, and the children in Wise Owls are performing A Glint of Gold to the school, then there will be two performances to

parents on **Thursday 30th November** at 9:30am and 2:30pm.

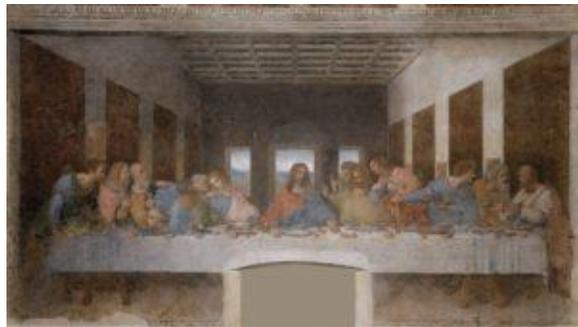
Parents can choose which one they would prefer to come to as some pupils play one role in one performance and a different role in the other.

Remembering assembly

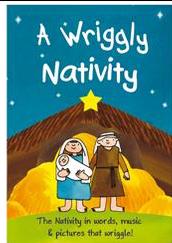
November is a month focused on remembering things...

Firstly there was Guy Fawkes on the 5th November. Then there was Remembrance Day on the 11th November and in assembly on Thursday the children learnt about the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples. During the meal, Jesus breaks some bread and tells and pours some wine and asks his friends to remember him. Christians now share bread and wine at a service known as Eucharist to remember Jesus.

There is a famous painting of the Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci...



...which the children almost perfectly re-enacted during the assembly.



Rec+KS1 Nativity

The Nativity this year is "Wriggly Nativity" and will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am and Thursday 14th December at 2pm. Tickets will be available from the school office and are being allocated 2 per child (due to fire regulations). Tickets are free of charge but raffle tickets, tea/coffee and mince pies will be on sale.

Parents/Carers survey

Our school uses the Thinkuknow education programme to help your child learn about staying safe online. Please follow the link on the Headteacher blog to complete the survey to have your say about what you would like to see in their next resource for 4 to 7 year olds.

Christmas Jumper Day



On the last day of term, we are planning on making school better with a sweater by organising a Christmas Jumper Day. To take part, please come to

school in your most Christmassy outfit, including a Christmas jumper and donate £1. This is also the day we invite parents in to our Carols around the Christmas tree event, so parents are also invited to come in their Christmas jumpers. We hope as many of you will support us with this festive fundraiser.



Completed Cars

I have added photos of 8 of the 12 battery-powered cars completed by Wise Owls. The children are able to take the cars home for a donation of £4 towards the cost of materials. Well done to my maths group.

Year 6 Letter of Complaint

I received this letter from children in year 6 last Friday.

Dear Mr. McLean,

I am sure you understand that that most of Year 6 are annoyed about the change in the benches policy.

We believe that it should be Wise Owls on the benches all of the time. However it is not like this anymore and it is depressing all of us.

Obviously, sometimes some of us chat and don't deserve to be on the bench, so just take those certain people off until they can learn to sit properly. If you take us all off it isn't fair on the other people who have been sitting perfectly fine. Other classes might not find it fair, but they will get the privilege eventually. We have been looking forward to this opportunity for 6 years.

Parents who are also aware of this think that it is not fair as this is one of the best Year 6 privileges and it always has been. We have waited 6 years (which is more than half our lives) only to find out that it was to be changed.

Additionally, talking about the change is distracting us in lessons and we would achieve more if it went back to its original state.

Therefore, please consider changing the bench policy back to the way it was.

Kind regards

Year 6 children

I have published my response on the Headteacher blog.



Christmas Fair Contributions

Follow our letter a few weeks ago asking for donations for the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December, we have received a number of fantastic prizes from a number of parents. Thank you to everyone who responded.

I have also received an email from Daisy's mum informing me that she has been able to contact some shops and local businesses in the area who are willing to give donations. As of today, we have received:

- **Cherry Lane Garden Centre: Vouchers**
- **Astrabound: Family Pass**

There are still many more so we hope to hear from them soon!

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the Christmas Fair, thank you Rachael and thank you Daisy. All your efforts, ideas and donations are greatly appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who bought poppies/remembrance items.

We managed to raise £200 for this extremely worthy cause.

More reading responses



On Monday, I noticed a growing collection of models, pictures and writing that the children in Fantastic Frogs, Brainy Badgers and Smart Squirrels had done in response to the books they were reading so I gathered the children responsible together to take a picture.

You will see that:

Hartlyn has created a model of Boris, from Calm Down Boris by Sam Loyd and **Fabiah** has drawn a picture of Pinkey the Pig, from the story of 3 Little Pigs by Sarah Prince. **Jack** has drawn a picture from Stickman by Julia Donaldson whereas **Abigail** drew a picture of The Little Mermaid and wrote a description of some of the main characters.

Georgie drew a picture of Bridget Fidget while **Jacob** made a collage inspired by Joseph's Technicoloured Dream Coat and a bottle of

medicine for Grandma, inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. Finally, **Cassidy** made a cotton-wood based model of Twilight the Unicorn from the book Stronger than Magic.

Busy Bees Visiting Museum



On Thursday 7th December, Mrs. Vernon and her class are visiting

Weston Park Museum, in Sheffield to explore the different exhibitions and find out more about the human body.

New HLTA appointed

Following a round of interviews on Thursday, I am delighted to say we did appoint a new HLTA to work alongside Mrs. Bradley in Reception and cover PPA time across the school Mon - Wed afternoon. More details will follow, but the new appointee will begin after Christmas.

Year 3 Dance Workshop

On Wednesday 29th November, Year 3 children will be visiting Sir Thomas Wharton Academy to take part in a carousel of dance workshops. with children from 5 other local schools. This will be the third year that this event has taken place, and so far, every year has been fantastic; children get to explore different dance styles from around the world and perform some funky moves!

Attendance for this week:

Class	Attendance
Fantastic Frogs	86.2%
Brainy Badgers	96.1%
Smart Squirrels	92.9%
Busy Bees	96.8%
Wise Owls	90.4%

Well done to Busy Bees

Dojo Points:

Class	Attendance
Fantastic Frogs	1.7
Brainy Badgers	3
Smart Squirrels	4.9
Busy Bees	8.1
Wise Owls	3.8

Well done to Busy Bees



Out of school Achievers

Well done to: Daisy earned a merit in her LAMDA exam after performing two scenes. Together with her mum, she also managed to gather lots of prizes for the Wadworth Christmas Fair, which begins at 3pm this Friday.

A reminder about the JRSO poster competition



Nicholas and Adam have organised a 'Be safe-Be seen' poster competition to encourage children to think about walking home in darkness after school, or after school clubs. The competition is open to all year groups and will run through the month of November. The closing date

for entries is this Friday (December 1st)

Your task is to design a poster to persuade people to make themselves easy to see at the start of the day (when it is bright) and at the end of the day (when it is dark).

Your poster could be any size, using any materials; it might include fluorescent colours, be in the form of a comic strip, or include flashing lights and reflective surfaces. It is really up to you.

There are lots of prizes to be won, including pencils, bookmarks, pencil cases, rubbers, snap bands, lanyards with torches and fluorescent strips, and many more cool things.

Please make sure you put your name and class on the back of your entries and give all entries to Mrs. Darby in the school office who will pass them onto the JSROs, who will judge the winners.

Mathletes of the Week 20th – 26th Nov

Class	Certificate Winners	Total
Fantastic Frogs	Fabiah, Jack C, Georgie and Alistair	9, 010
Brainy Badgers	Jacob, Abby, Poppy, Imogen, Evie, Charlie and Ruby	19, 220
Smart Squirrels	Tawonga, Oscar, Aiden, Rae , Brooke, Ty , Ellie and Lucy	15, 350
Busy Bees	Luke G, Ruby, Farrah and Gracie	5, 990
Wise Owls	Eve, Akeel , Poppy, Jonah and Nicholas	22, 530

Well done to all the certificate winners especially those shown in bold, who all earned silver certificates this week.

Teacher Award winners

Class	Award Winners
Mrs Bradley	Fabiah and Oliver LM
Mrs Land	Hartlyn and Mila
Miss Rowley	James and Aiden
Mrs Vernon	Malina, Mason, Luke and Matthew
Mr Robson	Ellie and Ilinca
Reading certificates	Freya Amelia M, Abigail, Poppy, Bailee-Mae, Amelia S, Corey, Olivia, Mia and Harriet
Prefect certificates	Oliver LM and Sophie M
Headteacher Wristbands	Seth, Jack W, Nicholas, Maddox and Archie W.

Well done to all the certificate and wristband winners

Multiplication and Division Games

Learning the Times Tables need not a tedious chore! Learning them can be fun if you build up your knowledge gradually through using these fun multiplication and division games. It is a good idea to begin with the 2x, 5x and 10 times tables and secure these times table facts before moving on to the others. On the Headteacher blog, you will find links to online games (PC and tablet friendly) and to printable activities to support the children learn these facts.

[Hit the Button](#)

Quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, division facts, doubling and halving numbers against the clock. Tablet friendly

[Number Fact Families](#)

Can you find all the number fact families? Just the thing for learning the relationship between addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. Tablet friendly

[Coconut Multiples](#)

Coconut Multiples can reinforce children's knowledge of times tables by helping them to recognise the multiples from each table. Select either multiples from times tables up to 10 or 12. Tablet friendly

[Carroll Diagram](#)

A resource which can be used both in demo mode for teaching how to use Carroll diagrams and in challenge timed mode. The sorting is based on knowledge of multiples. Tablet friendly

[Arithmetic – Multiplication, Division, Factoring](#)

Three different arithmetic games which will test your knowledge of times tables up to 12 times. You can work through different levels to build up your skills. Tablet friendly

[Venn Chart](#)

A resource with a teaching demonstration mode and an area where children can practice their skills sorting multiples on a Venn diagram. Tablet friendly

There are also 3 PDF booklets packed full of fun activities to encourage children to learn their multiplication facts.

Parent Forum: As always, there will be a parent forum on the last Wednesday (20th December) of term at 9:05am. If there is anything you want to add to the agenda, please email me with suggestions.