

Ebor Gardens Primary Academy – Newsletter

Friday 26th October 2018

Hello from Mrs Thomas

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone and how well the children have settled in. During this half term, the teachers have been working extremely hard to create a learning space that enables pupils to become independent learners. This is a big focus over the next year and our training days for teachers will support this. I will be sending out information over the course of the year on how you can help your child to become independent learners and accelerate their learning. I hope that the planners have helped with this and improved communication between yourselves and the teacher. I know the teachers have been impressed by your dedication in supporting your child's learning and filling in the planners on a regular basis. As well as all the fun activities, that the children have been involved in, I had the pleasure in sharing our vision for the school and listening to your views through our parent coffee morning. I heard all the positive things that you love about the school and the areas that you think we can improve on such as a website, which is more accessible. We will be working on this over the next year. If you have any thoughts about what you may like to see on the website, please let me know, you can catch me on the school gate in the morning or floating around the playground after school.

Class Attendance



The results of the attendance award for this term are:

Week 1 – Y2HW/Y6RM Week 2 – Y2HW/Y5NI
Week 3 – Y2HW/Y4LW Week 4 – R2/Y6RM
Week 5 – Y1RP/Y6RM Week 6 – Y2HW/Y4MZ
Week 7 – Y1RP/Y6RM

Planners

This academic year we have given all our children a Pupil Planner. They are designed to be a communication tool between yourselves and the children. They are also a log of homework, spellings and reading. Please encourage children to bring them into school every day and use them to communicate with your child's class teacher.

House Points

This year we have introduced a House system at Ebor Gardens. Each child has been allocated a house and they are collecting points throughout the year. As part of this, each child has been provided with a PE t-shirt, in the colour of their house. The houses and colours are as follow: Harewood (Red), Thackeray (Blue), Kirkstall Abbey (Yellow), Temple Newsam (Green). Please ask your child which house they are in!

Fairwell

Amy Hopper will sadly be leaving us this term we would like to say thank you for your dedication and hard work and we wish you all the best for the future.

Monday 5th November 2018



Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the main school office on 0113 248 2750 and leave a message on the attendance answer phone before 8:30, include the name of your child, their class and the reason for their absence.



New School Council

We have appointed a new school council for this year:-
Year 1 – Marc M & Avani M
Year 2 – David C & Vinware S
Year 3 – Ilwad E & Keiran M
Year 4 – Adam N & Charlie P
Year 5 – David F & Guevara A
Year 6 – Janaan H & Rangas M

The charity we are raising money for is Cancer Research and are target we are aiming for this year is £600.

If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact the Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.

Information regarding e-safety is available from school for parents/carers if needed.

SPOT LIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Year 6 - High School Applications

Reminder to Year 6 parent that the high school application must be submitted to www.leeds.gov.uk.



The last day to submit your High School choices is **31st October 2018**.

Photo Day

Just to inform parents that our school photographer will be in school on Friday 9th November. The photographer will be in all day, taking individual and sibling photos so make sure you have your biggest smiles ready.



Have a lovely holiday. Thank you for your support. ☺

Mrs J Thomas
Head of School

Mr L Spink
Vice Principal

Mental Health Awareness

It's never too early or too late to start thinking about children's mental health, and how as adults, we have a hugely important role in helping them to develop their ability to cope with life's challenges as they grow. Lots of general advice and support can be found online such as:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Halloween Safety Tips

- Preschool-age children and toddlers can be afraid of the scarier aspects of Halloween. Talk to younger children in advance about the difference between reality and make-believe.
- Make sure that all children have adult supervision when trick-or-treating. And no one, no matter how old, should trick-or-treat alone.
- When choosing or making a costume, make sure that it is made of fire-resistant material and bright colours. If you choose a dark colour, add reflective tape so the trick-or-treater can be seen by drivers of on-coming cars. Make sure that the costume is not a tripping hazard.
- Younger children are better off not wearing masks. But if you choose to use one, make sure that it doesn't obstruct vision or breathing.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Make sure children are cautious when crossing streets. (See Street Safety)
- NEVER go inside a STRANGERS HOUSE!!!

Dates to Remember



Nurture News

Our Nurture room is now known as 'The Piece Room' where each child is welcome to attend to find and explore a piece of themselves.

This term has been astronomical (as described by one of our year 3 children) we have covered a host of work whilst meeting the needs of our children's emotional well-being. We have explored activities around feeling a sense of belonging, our self-esteem and confidence, how to develop positive friendships and how to manage how we are feeling. We have also done a host of topic work on keeping ourselves safe, anti-racism, equality and diversity. We have done this using role play, puppets, music, looking at moral dilemmas and social stories. We finished our week on team building and exploring the strengths of Martin Luther King Junior. We investigated the positive leadership skills he used to be the prominent leader he will always be remembered for and how successful he was in making change happen.

We held our first parent open afternoon to offer the opportunity for parents to come and see what we do and ask any questions they may of had. We will be holding one every term, so if you were not able to make the last one, please come along to the next one. The Piece room is fully underway and I am very excited about our new term which will lead us into Christmas. The children are an absolute pleasure to work with, it is down to the children why the Piece room is as successful as it is.

Classroom News

Nursery

All the children are beginning to settle in well and are having lots of fun exploring, playing and making new friends. We have been learning all about ourselves, where we come from and our families. We have been very imaginative and creative through dressing up and pretending to be doctors, policemen and women, builders and home- makers.

Reception

This term has been all about the children. We have celebrated many birthdays and focused on the settling the pupils into our environment. They have shown great development in their writing and number work throughout each week and have learned to use the self service snack area independently. We have focused on story books such as 'Cant you sleep little bear'; 'Aliens love under pants'; 'Aliens in Underpants save the world'; Room on the Broom; and many more in relation to our topic 'This is me'. The pupils are using there Talk4Writing actions and becoming amazing speakers. I am looking forward to next term and I am sure they will thrive even more than at the start of this academic year.

Year 1AD

This half term, in 1AD, we have been settling into our new year one routine and started our first exciting learning adventure 'Live and Let Live'. The book we have used throughout our adventure is Zeraffa Giraffa and the children have been doing some super writing using this book. The children have written character descriptions, newspaper reports, and a persuasive letter. In Maths, the children have been learning about addition, subtraction and multiplication. Also, we have been learning about measurements and 2D shapes.

We have also been learning about living things, during which we have looked at habitats, and where the children have had the chance to create their own habitats and they have done a fantastic job. The children have all made an amazing start with their phonics. I'm sure you will agree that this is a great start to year 1. The children and I are very excited for our next learning adventure.

Year 1RP

In 1RP we have had a super busy term. We have learnt all about living things and we know what animals need to be healthy and happy. We have been using talk for writing to write all about it! In maths we have become confident with number, understanding how to use Adam add, Suzie subtract and even Mr multiply. We are looking forward to having a great learning journey next term.

Year 2HW

What a busy half term we have had in Year 2! The class have enjoyed learning all about animals life cycles in their Topic and looking for living things in Dylan's Wood. They even resigned the outside area to attract more wildlife! We have explored the book Zeraffa Giraffa in Literacy and produced some lovely writing. In maths children have impressed me with their place value knowledge. They also sorted shapes according to their properties. Well done Year 2! You have worked extremely hard!

Year 2LB

What a fantastic first half term we have had in 2LB. All the children have settled in really well into year 2 and are working as hard as ever. This first term in Topic we have been learning all about the life cycle for plants, animals and humans and the children have enjoyed the practical lessons, especially when we compared ourselves to our baby photos and when we made our very own bird feeders for our playground. In maths we have been focusing on adding, subtracting, 2, 5 and 3x tables. In English we have written lots of different pieces of writing focused on the book Zeraffa Giraffa, I think the favourite was when we wrote an invitation to invite our friends to our very own Zeraffa Giraffa party. This last week of term we have been completing some practice SATS papers and I am incredibly proud of how well the children have taken to this confidently and tried their best. I am looking forward to what the next half term brings and confident the children will keep working as well as they have been.

Year 3AH

3AH have had a busy term and have been working very hard in all subjects. In maths, we have looked at place value, perimeter, addition and subtraction. The children are now beginning to add and subtract using the column method so please ask them to show you how it's done. In English we have read 'Gorilla' and 'The Tin Forest', developed our inference skills and produced lots of writing, including diary entries. The children have loved these visual meaningful story books and I am sure they would enjoy any story books by 'Anthony Browne' for Christmas! Our topic has been Bright Sparks, we have learnt how to create an electrical circuit and explain the different components. 3AH are definitely ready for a rest but please remind them to keep practising their reading, spelling and times tables over the holidays! Thank you for your support.

Year 3JH

3JH have had a busy term and have been working very hard. In maths, we have looked at place value, perimeter, addition and subtraction. The children are now beginning to add and subtract using the column method so please ask them to show you how it's done. In English we have read 'Gorilla' and 'The Tin Forest' and produced lots of writing including diary entries. Many of the children have expressed an interest in writing their own diary so that might be an idea for a stocking filler. Our topic has been Bright Sparks, we have learnt how to create an electrical circuit and explain the different components. Year 3 are definitely ready for a rest but please remind them to keep practising their reading, spelling and times tables over the holidays!

Year 4LW

In 4LW this half term we have been working hard in all subjects. We have started swimming lessons and every child has made good progress so far. In topic we have been focusing on electricity and we have carried out a variety of investigations, which we have thoroughly enjoyed and engaged with. We have focused on an adventure story in English, where we wrote in role, produced and performed plays and wrote stories. This has developed our vocabulary further. We have covered a variety of areas in maths, this has included addition and subtraction and negative numbers. In 4LW we have had a brilliant opportunity of doing yoga with Mrs Richmond on a Friday morning. This has relaxed and focused our minds. We use the relaxation techniques in class to calm us down. We are looking forward to another exciting half term leading up to Christmas.

Year 4MZ

In 4MZ this half term we have been working hard in all subjects. We have started swimming lessons and every child has made good progress so far. In topic we have been focusing on electricity and we have carried out a variety of investigations, which we have thoroughly enjoyed and engaged with. We have focused on an adventure story in English, where we wrote in role, produced and performed plays and wrote stories. This has developed our vocabulary further. We have covered a variety of areas in maths, this has included addition and subtraction and negative numbers. We are looking forward to another exciting half term leading up to Christmas.

Year 5JC

Well done to all children in 5JC for a fantastic effort and start to the year! We have had a very busy half term, we have been reading the Novel 'Cosmic' by Frankie Cottrell-Boyce. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading and laughing along with the adventures into space. From this, we have written a space story, newspaper report and a persuasive leaflet. In maths, we have been studying place value, area and perimeter and addition and subtraction. We have incorporated outdoor learning into our maths lessons and enjoyed measuring objects in and around school. In addition to this, we have also been exploring space in topic. We enjoyed our exciting visit to Bradford Science and Media Museum, the children had a workshop with science experiments with a real life rocket and enjoyed watching the IMAX film 'A beautiful planet'. In RE, we have been learning about different pilgrimages in different religions and in Spanish, we have been able to write in length about ourselves and our family. Finally, we have been developing our team work and strategy skills by learning to play Chess. What a half term it has been!

Year 5NI

In English, in 5NI, we have incorporated our topic, 'Space Scientists' into our learning. We have been reading the novel, 'Cosmic' and written both a newspaper article and a story which have been inspired by the book. In maths, we have been learning about perimeter, we used this as an opportunity to enjoy some outdoor learning. In addition to this, we have been learning about angles and revising column method for addition and subtraction. Finally, in topic we have been studying space. Alongside conducting various investigations we have been on an exciting trip to Bradford Science and Media Museum. On this trip we visited the IMAX cinema to learn about a real-life space mission. We also took part in various activities and watched an amazing space show featuring a real rocket take-off! We hope that you enjoy your half-term and come back ready for some more super learning!

Year 6MD

We have had a fantastic start to the year in 6MD and the pupils have been working really hard towards achieving their goals and targets. Our writing has been focused on Rose Blanche (a story set during World War II) and the children have produced some fantastic stories. In maths, we have been developing our reasoning skills in multiplication and division. We have also been using the new Chromebooks in school to develop our ICT skills whilst enjoying our topic of Space Scientists.

Year 6RM

6RM have had a great start to the year and everyone is. In English we have been using the book Rose Blanche to inspire our writing. So far we have written wonderful balanced arguments and our own versions of the story. This week we are focusing on writing a letter of advice to Rose. In Maths we have been working on our basic math skills while developing our ability to answer reasoning questions. We have also done lots of work on angles. The brand new chrome books have helped us with our research into our topic Space Scientists. The children found out some amazing facts and recorded them in their topic books. Our computing lessons have been wonderful and have helped us share our ideas while developing our word processing skills. PSHE lessons have focused on keeping ourselves safe and we have had some wonderful discussions as a class.