

Ebor Gardens Primary Academy – Newsletter

Friday 21st December 2018

Hello from Mrs Thomas

It has been an extremely busy term with all the wonderful Christmas festivities throughout school. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Christmas productions, I think you will all agree that the children performed beautifully. We certainly do have some budding stars! Every half term we have pupil progress meetings and this month has been no exception. This is where staff and I discuss the individual progress of every child, see where they currently are and identify any areas of development and support that may be needed for the next term. The staff are keen to share this with you in the new-year. If you have any questions about this then please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. It has been a long term for everyone and I am sure that the staff will enjoy a well-earned break. I hope that you all find time to have some rest amongst the festivities.

Class Attendance



The results of the attendance award
this term are:

Week 1 – Y1RP/Y4LW **Week 2** – Y1RP/Y6RM

Week 3 – R2/Y4LW **Week 4** – Y2LB/Y6MD

Week 5 – Y2HW/Y4LW **Week 6** – Y2HW/Y4LW

Week 7 – R1/Y6MD



Thank you

At the end of the week we will be saying farewell to Jessica Craighan our year 5 teacher and Rosie Pyart our Year 1 teacher. Both teachers came to us as Newly Qualified Teachers and worked very hard with their classes to ensure that they receive the best education they could possibly have. We wish them both luck and happiness for the future.

Welcome

We would like to welcome 3 new teachers to Ebor Gardens Primary Academy in January. Joining us in Year 5 Miss Kousar, in Year 3 Mrs R Wylie and in Year 1 Mrs Baum. I am sure that you will all make them feel welcome

Christmas Productions

This week we held our Christmas productions, it was great to see the children performing in front of an audience and what lovely singing voices. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the events.

EYFS – ‘Easy Cheesy’

This Christmas the children are learning the story of “Easy Cheesy” which is about mice finding a ‘little bit of cheese’ in the stable where Jesus was born. The pupils have had an amazing time learning the songs and their words as part of the performance. It has been a great production and you can see how their confidence has grown a individuals. We hope you enjoyed the nativity as much as the pupils have.

KS1 – ‘Strictly Christmas’

What a super performance from Year 2 when they show cased their production of Strictly Christmas! All the children sang, danced and performed amazingly!

Tuesday 8th January 2019



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 12 December 2018 we had our annual Christmas lunch. We had music playing everyone was singing we all had a fantastic time. Huge thanks to our kitchen staff, lunchtime supervisors and everyone else who made it such a lovely festive event.



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.

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.



Reception Intake September 2019

The closing date for the September 2019 Reception intake is 15th January 2019. To complete your application please apply via www.leeds.gov.uk as soon as possible.



Christmas Presents

Thanks go to "Cash for Kids" again this year for supplying each of our wonderful children with a Christmas gift.



Charity Events

Thank you for all your support this term in our charity events we have raised the following:-

European Day (St Gemma's)	-	£96.05
MacMillan (St Gemma's)	-	£44.14
Show Racism the Red Card	-	£115.38
Children in Need	-	£286.16
Save the Children	-	£131.69

Enabling Enterprise - LGI on 27.11.18

Year 6 have enjoyed various Enabling Enterprise trips this school year and it has been a pleasure to continue our valuable connection with the Enabling Enterprise organisation. It has allowed our pupils to visit and partake in enterprise activities in real places of work, including Leeds General Infirmary. This has also made them aware of the skills and qualities needed for later in life and in the work place.

Enabling Enterprise – Tankersley Manor on 10.12.18

This half term Year 5 took part in a Young Enterprise Day. The day involved the children developing a business initiative to host a radio show. Our winning group of 6 children, went this December to Tankersley Manor to compete against 24 other schools from around Yorkshire. The children did fantastic and represented Ebor Gardens brilliantly. Although we didn't win, they thoroughly enjoyed the day and even got their questions answered by local radio host

SPOT LIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Online Games

"Many of you may be aware of the risks and concerns around children playing the online game Fortnite, which has a 12 rating but is played by much younger children.

We have been made aware of an emerging trend, where people are playing strip Fortnite using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a "kill" you have to strip off, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game.

Please can you monitor your child/ren's online usage, reporting any concerns.

Stephanie Hirst!

Greenacres Care Home

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Greenacres Care Home on an existing project involving our pupils and the residents. The project involves pupils from Year 4 and 5 visiting the residents at the care home and playing games such as chess and dominoes or reading.

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

Mrs J Thomas
Head of School

Mr L Spink
Vice Principal

Classroom News

EAL Class

We have been learning lots of new vocabulary in the New to English groups. We have learned all about body parts, clothing, colours, animals and emotions! We have done lots of games, writing and art to practice our new English words. One of our favorite things to do is to use our long telephones to practice our speaking and listening skills.



Nursery

Nursery have had an exciting and fun half term! We have been looking at traditional tales in literacy. We have read stories such as, 'Gingerbread Man' and 'The three Billy goats Gruff.' The children have made gingerbread men and painted pictures from the story. The children also acted out the story of the, 'Three Billy Goats Gruff.' We have also read the story of 'The Snowman.' The children have really enjoyed this story, especially when the snowman comes alive. The children have also looked at the Nativity story and wrapped presents for one another.

In Maths we have looked 2D shapes and making patterns. The children have looked for shapes in the environment and made patterns using beads and compare bears. The children have worked really hard this half term! Hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Reception

Reception this term has had a marvelous time this half term. For our literacy focused on stories related to "Once Upon a Time". This includes stories such as the 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Tortoise and the Hare', 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Enormous Turnip', and many more exciting tales that grasp the children's interest in reading including the arrival of the Elf! We used different writing formats such as posters, letters and lists. This then continues with the mark making and reading opportunities allowing the children to use the learned sounds in RWI to start creating marks they can describe as well as read to their audience.

We focused on shape, space and measure. Children learned about weight, size, 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. We used real life objects as part of their role play to enhance their vocabulary and problem solving skills leading to explanation of their reasoning and development of individual thought processes. The pupils have loved numerous songs as visual and playful aids in all areas of provision bring their learning to life.

The Autumn two topic related to our new focus "Once Upon a Time". This explored and embraced pupil's imagination as traditional tales are loved by all. We elaborated the importance of growth, size, personal resilience, adaptability, respect and morality. We also captured the focus of staying safe in relation to 'stranger danger' as this links very well to our story Gingerbread man. The pupils enjoyed being story tellers allowing the class to capture others interests. The pupils have loved Talk4Writing and are fantastic at retelling events with wonderful expressions. Well done everyone, we wish you a happy holiday and are looking forward to your return in the New Year!



Year 1AD

This half term our learning adventure has been from A to B. The book we have used throughout our adventure is Here I Am and the children have been doing some super writing using this book. The children have been using the images in the story to write their own stories, sequencing events and using adjectives to describe the setting. In Maths, the children have been learning about coin recognition, fractions and measurement. Also, we have been learning about the months of the year and days of the week. We have also been learning about transport, during which we have looked at road safety, transport throughout history and have designed our own form of transport. Over the last two weeks the children have been learning about Christmas. They have worked really hard preparing for the Nativity. We have been working hard making Christmas decorations, cards, and calendars. What a fantastic half-term we have had and we are looking forward to starting our new learning journey in the new year.

Year 1RP

This term we have worked super hard and we have become amazing writers. We have learnt all about multiplication and tens and ones. Our topic was transport this term and we have had fun learning about how transport has changed over the years. I am so proud of my class and I will miss them dearly. I hope they have continued success with their new class teacher in the new year.

Year 2HW

Year 2 have had a very busy term and have worked extremely hard. We have enjoyed finding out about transport and how it has changed over time. We have also found out about different transport around the world. We will be completing our topic with a plane and boat tournament to see who can make theirs travel the furthest. We have also become experts at writing instructions in Literacy. In Maths we have learnt how to tell the time to 15 minutes, worked with money and finding amounts and also created tables and charts using data.

Year 2LB – Mrs B Potter

It has been a pleasure to teach class 2LB this half term. The children have been busy with their maths learning improving their knowledge of multiplication and division using arrays and grouping to help them. They have also constructed pictograms and block diagrams using tally charts. In English the children have used the book 'Here I Am' to support their learning this half term. They have written in the 1st person, used suffixes, adverbs, conjunctions, adjectives, noun phrases and have begun to understand the features of instructions. Year 2's topic this half term has been 'Transport' the children have used tally charts and pictograms to show how the class travelled to school. They researched transport in the past and in different countries using Chrome Books as well as looking at features of the local area from photographs and maps. I wish you a restful and peaceful holiday and a Happy New Year.

Year 3AH – Miss B Wylie

English this half term has been focused around the book "The Lost Happy Endings". The children have written shape poems, reports about woodland animals, alternative endings to fairy tales and their own ending to the class text. Grammar and punctuation focus has been on expanded noun phrases and speech marks Maths this half term has been learning times tables facts and applying them to multiply and divide larger numbers. The children have learned to read analogue and digital clocks and have investigated the properties of 3-D shapes.

This half term's project was "Temples, Tombs and Treasures." The children learned about Ancient Egyptians. This included finding out how Ancient Egyptians lived, how they wrote (hieroglyphics) their beliefs and why they built pyramids. In R.E. the children continued to learn about Judaism and they practiced yoga during P.E. sessions.

Year 3JH

Our topic this term was Temples, Tombs and Treasures where we learned about ancient Egypt. We have learned about daily life in ancient Egypt, hieroglyphics, the importance of the river Nile and all about mummification. We made our own 'mummy' as well as being visited by a 'mummy' from year 4!

In maths, we have been learning formal written methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication and have been using this to solve word problems. We are mastering the 8 x table and revising the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. Our writing has been inspired by 'The Lost Happy Endings' which has helped us to write stories, letters, reports and alternative endings. We have also begun to look at speech in writing and are beginning to experiment with speech punctuation.

Miss Wilson and myself would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year and we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Year 4LW

In year 4 this half term we have been working hard again in all subjects. We have progressed rapidly with our swimming, with everyone making really good progress. In topic we have been focusing on the Ancient Egyptians and have built on our knowledge from last year. We mummified members of the class, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. In Maths we have been progressing with our times tables with many member people now on their mixed tables. It has been thoroughly enjoyable and we are looking forward to the spring term. I would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas break and see you in the new year.

Year 4MZ – Mr D Smart

4MZ have had a fantastic half term learning all about the Ancient Egyptians and how they lived thousands of years ago. The class have learnt about the pharaohs, the Nile, pyramids and about everyday Egyptian life. In maths we have investigated perimeters having practical lessons, finding out the perimeter of everyday objects within the classroom. PE has been lots of fun with races and team building games which allowed the children to interact with each other practically. The class have also enjoyed Children in Need raising lots of money and having loads of fun in process.

Year 5JC

I am so proud of every pupil in 5JC this half term! We have had such a productive half term and really worked hard to challenge ourselves and persevere with the new challenges Year 5 brings us. In English, the children have worked extremely hard and have written a whopping four different genres; a recount, persuasive letter, a setting description and a narrative. There has been no stopping us! In Maths, we have been looking at a number of topics including: factors and multiples, long multiplication, fractions and decimals, statistics including timetables and many more! We have preserved and accessed some incredibly hard challenges and reasoning problems! In topic, we have been looking at Inventions and how technology has shaped the way we live. The children really enjoyed designing an app and holding presentations just like on Dragons Den! I would also like to thank all the parents for your continued support. Have a good rest and enjoy your holidays.

Year 5NI

It has been a busy term in Year 5NI and the children have really risen to the challenge of the Year 5 curriculum. In English we have worked super hard, writing in many different genres. The children have been focussing on using more complex vocabulary. In maths, the children have worked really hard in different topics, such as finding factors and even using long multiplication! Our topic this term has been inventions, in which the children created a school-based app, we had some really wonderful ideas! Once again, thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support, I hope you have a lovely break.

Year 6MD

We have had a very busy half term in 6MD. The pupils are working really hard and understand the importance of year 6. We have based our writing on the book '*The Arrival*' and have produced some fantastic recounts, an astonishingly persuasive letter and setting descriptions. In maths, we have been developing our abilities around measurement through making conversions and developing our accuracy around time.

Year 6RM

We have had such a productive half term in 6RM. In Math's we have been doing lots of conversions, from kilometres to metres and centimetres and even miles! This week we have been working on lots of problems using time. In English we used the novel '*The Arrival*' by Sean Tann as a base for our writing. We have written a brilliant recount, an incredibly persuasive letter to Theresa May, a wonderful setting description and a brilliant narrative. In our topic lessons, we have learned about technology and how it has shaped our lives; from i-pads to Art.

Have a wonderful holiday from Miss McKail

A message from the Executive Principal

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the entire school team.

On behalf of Wellspring Academy Trust and the governors would like to say thank you to Mrs Thomas, the entire school staff and the pupils of Ebor Gardens Academy for their hard work throughout the term. I would also like to say thank you for the support that we receive from parents/carers and the community in making a difference to so many young lives.

The New Year brings with it new challenges as Ebor Gardens continues to evolve and I would like to thank you all for the ideas that you have put forward to us - having the views of our entire community is key in our journey. We are still looking for a parent to join the governing body so if you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact me through the school office.

Areas of school that have been the focus of the first term have included;

- The implementation of a new and exciting Maths curriculum with a real focus on problem solving and real-life skills.
- The use of Chromebooks to support learning and online resources that our pupils and families can access e.g. Bug Club for reading and Education City for educational games
- The introduction of 'Enabling Enterprise' throughout the school where pupils have opportunities to develop their enterprise skills as well as visit local businesses.
- Two additional lunchtime coaches who provide a wide variety of sporting activities.
- Additional funding to install a state of the art sensory room that will not only support the needs of our pupils but act as an income source as we hire this out to other schools in the region.

In the New Year we will be launching our parent app that can be accessed from any smart phone. This will share school information, photos, events and key documents.

What our results show

The end of Key Stage Two results for schools in England were published last week. I am delighted to tell you that compared to the previous three years there were huge improvements not only in the number of pupils reaching the national standard but more importantly in the progress our pupils made during their time in KS2. This progress data not only shows great improvements from the previous year but also that our school is making the same progress, and often better progress than many schools in Leeds.

As you will see above Maths is one of our key focus areas across school and the data from this year shows incredible progress in all year groups and this will be closely monitored to ensure that this continues over the course of the year.

Our end of Key Stage One and Phonics results also follows the same pattern with greater progress and higher percentages of pupils reaching the required standards than in the previous year. This is also the same for the data for Yrs 1, 3, 4 and 5.

I am incredibly proud of all the hard work that the school staff and pupils have done over not only the last term but in the previous academic year, and again want to thank you all for your support in the work that we do. Here's to an amazing 2019.