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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

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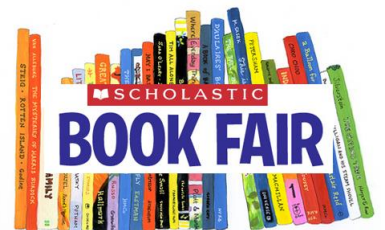
Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon in Celebration Assembly, we said a well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress during the week.

<u>Class 1</u> <u>Excellent Early Learners</u>
Reggie J Asher I
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Henry R Brilliant Behaviour: Taylor C
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Hugo H Brilliant Behaviour: Wilfred K.
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Henry V Brilliant Behaviour: Arthur H

Book Fair – Thank you

This week has been the book fair in school. Thank you to everyone who came along and made purchases. All the commission from sales comes to school and this allows us to purchase additional resources to support reading. I hope everyone enjoys their new books.



Children's Mental Health Week – New MindMate Ambassadors



This week classes have undertaken a number of activities to raise awareness of mental health and ways to promote positive wellbeing. We have also started the process of appointing our new MindMate Ambassadors from Year 5 to work alongside our current group. In the coming weeks this group will meet to start planning activities for the rest of the school year.

The theme for this year has been 'Let's Connect' and earlier in the week Class 1 and 5 shared stories together. There are some great photographs on the gallery page of the website if you would like a look. <https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/2023/02/shared-reading/>



Class 2 ZooLab

Class 2 had a visit from ZooLab to support their class learning at the start of the week. They had a great afternoon learning about a range of interesting animals and got to hold some of them. There are some fabulous pictures on the gallery page of the school website if you would like a look.

<https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/2023/02/class-2-zoolab-visit/>

Class 4 Young Voices and Harewood Visit

Wednesday saw Class 4 travelling to Sheffield Arena for a young Voices performance. Our children joined other schools from all over the north of England, dancers, and musicians including Heather Small to perform for families. We had a fabulous day and the class did themselves proud. This was an amazing opportunity to perform in a venue like the arena and I am sure they will remember it for a long time to come. If you would like to look at what we got up to, photos are available on the website.



<https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/2023/02/young-voices-2023/>

Class 4 visited Harewood house this morning to see an exhibition about Arthur France MBE and celebrating 50 years of Carnival. This exhibition has a personal link to school with Arthur France being a family member of one of the Class 4 children. She was very proud to be able to share some of her family history with the class. If you are interested in visiting the exhibition, it is continuing in Harewood House until Sunday 26 February.

Class 1 walk round Harewood

As a treat for the final week of the half term, Class 1 went for a walk round Harewood Village ending up at the play park on Malt Kiln Lane. They had a great time. This week we are saying goodbye to Miss Batty, who has been working with Class 1 since the middle of the Autumn term. The children have really enjoyed working with her and will miss her. We wish Miss Batty well as she moves onto her next placement school and then a future career in teaching.

Parents Evenings first week back

A quick reminder that the first week back after the half term break is Parent's Evenings. These will be held in school and in person. Please arrive in good time and make your way to the classrooms where books will be available to have a look at prior to you meeting with the class teacher.

(Tuesday 21st – Classes 1 and 3. Wednesday 22nd – All classes. Thursday 23rd – Classes 2 and 4)

Dinner Money

As you are aware, school meals are free to all children in KS1. For KS2 (years 3 -6), the cost of school dinners is £2.44 per day. Meals must be paid for in advance. Please can you make sure your child's School Money account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children. We have quite a few families running in arrears and this should not be happening. Thank you.

PTA Request

🙌 *Donations needed for our Mother's Day sale: please donate any unwanted gifts, small ornaments, candles, accessories, cosmetics, chocolates, wine etc. As long as is **new, unopened** and in perfect condition to be re-gifted, anything goes! Just leave a school, labelled for Mothers Day event. Many thanks for helping! 🌸*

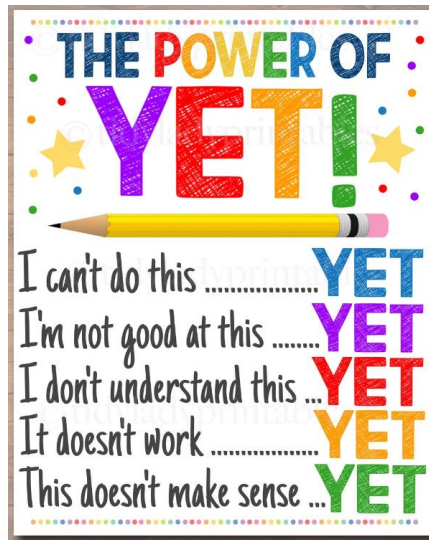


Attached with this letter is a PTA letter outlining the sorts of activities the do to support school. Any offers of help with events will be very much appreciated. The PTA do great things for school. They help fund a good number of purchases for additional equipment and the activities the children get up to which enhance their experiences as well as running social events. Please get involved if you can as their work makes a big difference to Harewood.

‘Wellbeing Statement of the Month’

February 2023

This month our quote encourages us to keep trying. If something does not work or something is hard, we should keep trying and not be tempted to give in. There will be a solution out there somewhere.



Music In Worship - My God – Go Fish

This week’s song is called ‘My God’ by Go Fish. The lyrics to ‘My God’ tell a brief story of God through the Bible and centre around these lines;

“My God is so big and so strong and so mighty, There’s nothing my God cannot do”

Christians believe that if we talk to God about the things that are happening in our life, he will listen and be there for us. They believe that if we take our worries to God in prayer, he will support us.

This half term, as we think about our differences, we can also think about what remains the same. Whilst we are all different in many ways, Christians still talk to the same God who listens to us all – no matter what we have to tell him! God uses our differences to encourage us to work together to achieve great things. Remember all our differences make us stronger together.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_eRnF0oXaE
 My God - Go Fish (lyric video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5On62CRJZ8g>

Events and Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Monday 20 th February	School opens after the half term break
Tuesday 21 st February	Parents Evenings – Classes 1 and 3
Wednesday 22 nd February	Parents Evenings – All Classes



Thursday 23 rd February	Parents Evenings – Classes 2 and 4
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Thursday 9 th March	PTA Bun Sale – Class 3
Friday 10 th March	PTA Mother's Day Event
Tuesday 21 st March	Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa
Friday 24 th March	D:Side PSHE Day
Friday 24 th March	PTA Easter Bingo Night
Friday 31 st March	School closes today for Easter

Remember school opens again on Monday 20th February.
Have a good break.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

