



Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to say that we have managed to get through this year while without any interruptions!! It has been a busy one as well with so much happening during the year. It is often at this time that I can reflect on the achievements and highlights of the year; there have been so many to mention!

One of my highlights has been reconnecting with parents, carers and the local community. I particularly noticed this during our summer fair and our sports day. I have to remind myself that some of our Year 1 and Reception parents will not have fully experienced what it is like to be in our lovely setting. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back into school and this is something we want to build on next year. We will have parents back in classrooms to see different ways we approach the Tockwith School Curriculum both in theory and how it works in the classroom.

Our children have well and truly returned back to learning this year in fine fashion. Their learning attitudes are very impressive indeed and these behaviours are always remarked upon when we have visitors in the school.

One set of visitors we had in school this year were OFSTED, who recognised what an amazing job we were doing in their 'no judgement' inspection.

'There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if we were to carry out a section 5 inspection now'.

This of course means they will be returning in 6 months to 18 months time to inspect us again - bring it on! It was nice to get the validation from OFSTED, the Regional Schools Commissioner and North Yorkshire but we already knew how amazing our children are!

This year we have seen the return of the plethora of government assessments and as I reported earlier these have shown how well the children are doing across all year groups and we are very proud of how well they have done.

This year, a strategic focus of the school has been to ensure the children 'live life in all it's fullness' and, by the length of this newsletter, it is obvious that this has been happening with bells and whistles. I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff of Tockwith for making this happen. I would also like to specifically mention Miss Kilvington and Mr Goodacre for organising our Fashion week and our sports day which both turned out to be amazing events.

I would also like to mention our amazing governing body who support and challenge the school. They have a comprehensive monitoring schedule which makes sure they truly understand what the school is doing and the impact it is having. Their help in school improvement is invaluable and their commitment is amazing especially considering they are volunteers!

This year we say good bye to our amazing Year 6 cohort who have been a fantastic group all the way through the school. We wish them well and send them on their way knowing that they leave our school full of confidence and ready to face an exciting future.

I hope you have an amazing 6 weeks and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Justin Reeve

Well what a whirlwind year it's been. So full of activity, experiences and WOW moments. As always I am in awe of the staff and how they cram so much into every day and then come back smiling the next. I can't believe how much has happened this last term alone and all alongside providing our children with a full and balanced curriculum and producing such amazing test and assessment data.

I was at Sports Day last week and for me that day encapsulates our ethos. The whole school and community coming together, the team work and support for each other alongside the striving to do our very best and to succeed, with no child being left behind.

The Governors also had their last LGB meeting of the year last week when we talked about our moments to celebrate through the year and we noted afterwards that every moment was centred around spending time with our amazing children.

I love being a Tockwith School Governor. I feel privileged and honoured to be able to spend time at such an amazing place and being at school brings me endless joy. It is like coming home to the biggest and best ever family, where everyone is welcomed, cherished and appreciated. What an amazing place to be a child.

Sue Corbett

Chair of Governors

## Our Year 6 Leavers

### Shakespeare Rocks

Thank you to the children of Years 5 and 6 for treating us to such a fantastic production. The singing was absolutely wonderful and the confidence that they exuded was brilliant especially our very talented soloists. Well done to the amazing children and to Mrs Perry and Mr White for preparing the children so well. The songs were very impressive and are still going round my head .



### Leavers' Service

On their penultimate day, the Year 6 children received their 'au revior' from the Church and Reverend Martin. They lit a candle to welcome our new starters next year which is a lovely idea. They also received their Young Leaders' Award from the Diocese of York. Rev Martin talked about keeping in touch with the school and I would like to reinforce this message. I received a visit from one of our former students who had just finished her A levels and was going off to Edinburgh University in September. It was so lovely to find out where our children have gone after they have finished their schooling, it means a lot to us.





## Leavers' Party

I left primary school in 1986 and the year 6 leaver's party reminded me so much of this; there was an ice cream van, water pistols and hits from the 80's!! More importantly, the children could just concentrate on enjoying themselves. They spent their time laughing and smiling for the whole evening. Massive thank you to Mrs Perry for giving up her time and organising this fun filled extravaganza, also for allowing the children to well and truly soak her!





## Selby Abbey Leavers' Service

In June all the Y6 went to Selby Abbey for a leavers service with hundreds of other Y6 pupils from across the diocese.

At the leavers service at church this week, we lit the candle as a way of celebrating and recognising all that Y6 have done during their time at school.

When we return to school in September, we will light the candle again to remember our Year 6 who have moved on to high school and to welcome the new Year 6.



## Lights, Camera, Action

Year 6 were so fortunate to have the expert guidance from Mr Thomas to produce a high quality News report. They learnt how many people it needs to create a programme and how they need to work collaboratively to achieve their goals. They realised that it is not just about the presenters but the other jobs people do behind the scenes. What a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn this with high quality equipment and knowledge of how to use it effectively. Thank you so much Mr Thomas





## Old Trafford — Euros

The Euros kicked off at Old Trafford at the beginning of July and an excited group of 39 children and a horde of adults made their way across the Pennines into Lancashire to watch the opening fixture between England's Lionesses and Austria. The game finished 1-0 to England with an exciting VAR decision that had us on tenterhooks. The children lived life in all its fullness and cheered for the full 90 minutes and beyond. The BBC's cameras were clearly impressed by their passionate support and included them in their broadcast. Mr Reeve's Argentinian inspired Brighton kit was easily spotted in the crowd. It was a fantastic experience for the children, a highlight of the year so far and another example of how we are trying to help to reintroduce the children back into normal life. Mr White





## Summer Fair

This year's summer fair was a huge success. Not only was it the first one in 3 years (thanks covid!), but it was a celebration of the current school building opening 50 years ago. Luckily the sun shone all day and people kept spending their money in an attempt to win the biggest, sparkliest teddy on the raffle! The sweet cones sold out in record time, the bar needed replenishing and despite finding out at last minute that the barbecue didn't work, 150 hot dogs were sold. We're not sure who enjoyed having wet sponges thrown at them more, Miss Kilvington or Miss Stanton! Mr G befriended the local policeman and managed to wangle a trip in their police van. The local fire brigade also brought a fire engine for the children to look at. A few parents had set up a uniform swap shop, which proved very popular on the day. All in all, profits exceeded £2000, which is quite staggering, considering the cost of living crisis going on around us.

As many of you will have noticed, we, the PTFA, have invested in a card reader, which will be available at future events. We also used tokens - which parents and carers could purchase using the card machine. It seemed to be really popular with 500 tokens selling out before 4pm!

Due to the success of the summer fair and other recent events run by the PTFA (including the summer raffle, Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, and the scarecrow festival), the money raised has paid for some new equipment on the KS2 playground.

Thank you so much to everyone for contributing either your time or your pounds! There are several events planned for the next academic year. As always, if anyone is interested in joining the PTFA and to help organise events to raise money for the school, please contact Bev on 07786 060940. Claire Gould





## Camping Experience

Making memorable experiences is one of the most important things to do at school and the Wilderness camping experience was one of them. We welcomed the Wilderness leaders who set up an amazing camp on our school field and over the two days Year 2 and 5 enjoyed an action packed time. We enjoyed all of the activities before a BBQ where quite a lot of burgers and sausages were eaten! Later on and before bedtime we enjoyed singing around the campfire and tucking into a supper of hot chocolate and S'mores. Much excitement to sleep under the stars.... A few sleepy eyes in the morning. The following day we took part in survival skills including: making a campfire, water filtration and creating some art masterpieces using natural objects from around the school field. What a great experience for all and we were so proud of them all. Mrs Williamson

A big thank you also to Mr White, Mrs Williamson and Mr Goodacre who gave up their evening and early mornings to give the children this amazing experience. Also a big thank you to the PTFA who subsidised the BBQ and evening entertainment for the children.

We have worked closely with Wilderness Outdoors this year for our 3/4 Residential and for overnight camps. They are absolutely fantastic and also have a sister company who run experiences for families - <https://www.thedalessadventureco.co.uk> near Barnard Castle Mr Reeve.





## Magna

As part of our Science topic, Year 3 and 4 took a trip to Magna in Sheffield. The children had the opportunity to explore the 4 pavilions: water, wind, fire and earth. Each pavilion was full of different activities and experiments for the children to take part in. Miss Stanton

'Fire: In the fire pavilion we learned how they would heat up scrap metal to solidify it. We also got to see a fire tornado.

Wind: In the wind pavilion we saw how wind could be used. We also used a wind canon.

Earth: In the earth pavilion we learned that they would go to a mine to get coal so they could heat up the furnace. We also got to drive a toy digger and we went in a box with builder songs.

Water: In the water pavilion we played with water jets and a dam. We got very wet.'

By Owen



As part of the trip, the children took part in a solids, liquids and gasses workshop. They took part in several experiments, exploring the 3 different states of matter.

In the workshop we tried to make a chemical reaction with lemonade and mentos. It was so big there had to be a paddling pool to make sure it didn't go on the floor. We made paint using vinegar, paprika and egg. After that, we had a game of solid liquids and gasses. Also someone showed us an air cannon and shot it at us. We give it a five out of five. It was so much fun!

By Emily





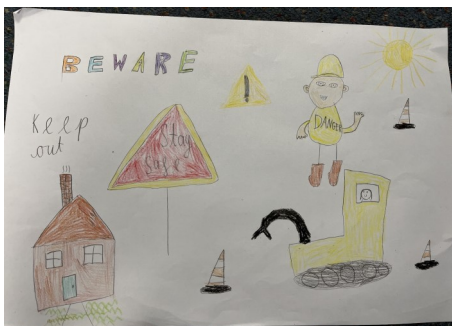
## School Council

It's been a busy and exciting year for the school council. The last mission we were tasked with before the summer break was a visit to Evans homes to launch a competition around site safety and the dangers of playing on a site. We had an amazing afternoon exploring the site and seeing the construction in action. We even got to visit the show home and pick our favourite room.



As always the children through the school threw themselves at the project and made so many fantastic posters that Mrs Dutton Gary from Evans homes and myself really struggled to pick our winners. Gary was amazed and has even offered to make all the runners up posters into a banner for school so we can display all the artwork the children produced. Our winner was Amy in Year 1

Finally Mrs Dutton and I would like to say a massive thank you to this year's school council. They have done an amazing job and we have shared lots of brilliant experiences. We look forward to voting in the new council in September. Mrs Poole



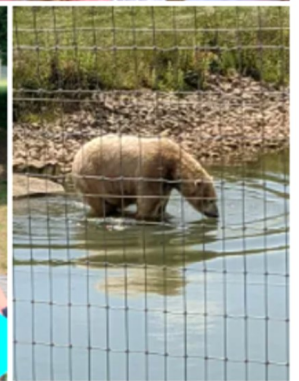
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## Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Children in year 1 and 2 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster earlier this week. The children had a fantastic time and saw lots of animals such as polar bears, lions and mere cats! They took part in an 'Aren't Animals Amazing' workshop and had the opportunity to touch some giant snails, cockroaches and see an animal skull. The children were great throughout the day, especially considering how much we walked. Thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and governors who accompanied the children on the day.





## Teddy Bears Picnic

It was a delight to host the teddy bears picnic this term with tik tocks and under 5's! The children played together exploring a range of activities that had been put together by our amazing staff! It was a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate our journey as a school and discuss our new exciting adventure for our new EYFS unit next year. Thank you so much for everyone that attended, the children smiled and had fun all morning! It was great to see this year's reception being role models and helping the younger ones with certain games and activities! I look forward to more of these events over the upcoming year. Miss Kilvington



## Fashion week

Last week was our fashion week where children throughout school used their creativity to upcycle clothes into new awesome fashion show worthy items! The children dyed, sewed, stenciled, cut up and made some amazing clothes which represented the different decades. Children in Y5 and 6 dressed up in 1950's clothes on Friday and the whole school took part in a fashion show - the confidence of the children as they walked down the catwalk was incredible and we're so proud of the support the other children showed them. Thank you to everyone who supported us in this including Mrs Ferrari-Coates and Miss Naul for their brilliant sewing support. Miss Kilvington pulled together a fantastic event which we will remember.





## Swimming Tournament

Tockwith had entered it's final sports tournament of the year with our Y6s going to Tadcaster pool for swimming. Five schools entered and there were 12 races. We had nine 2nd places and three 4th place meaning we came 2nd overall behind Riverside. Well done to all who took part. Many thanks to Mr Goodacre and Mrs Curry to transporting the children and supporting them in their races. Mrs Cook



## Football tournament

Tockwith took part in a KS2 football tournament on Thursday 9th June. Eight teams took part from across Tadcaster and Sherburn. We won our pool beating Saxton 4-0, Appleton Roebuck 3-0 and Tadcaster 3-0. An epic final was played against Sherburn with some miraculous saves from Goalkeeper Sam and Max hitting the cross bar but it ended 0-0 and went to penalties. Unfortunately we were on the losing side but fun was had by all and they represented Tockwith brilliantly. Many thanks to Mr Goodacre for organising the event and Mrs Corbett for allowing us to use the Tockwith Sports-field facilities!





## Sports Day

We were delighted to be able to invite parents back into school for the sports day and BBQ event and what a day it was! The children had an amazing time in the morning, taking part in group sporting activities. We had activities such as javelin, space hopper races and obstacle courses to name but a few. We then invited parents into school to eat a BBQ lunch with their children. Mrs Hobson and her staff put in such a lot of effort to have a feast available for parents and children. There were so many parents I think we managed to queue all the way around the playground but it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and other family members onsite supporting us and the children. The afternoon brought with it the running races which since the weather had cooled a bit, we were all able to enjoy participating and watching the races. Well done to Cromwell for winning the day! Mrs Cook

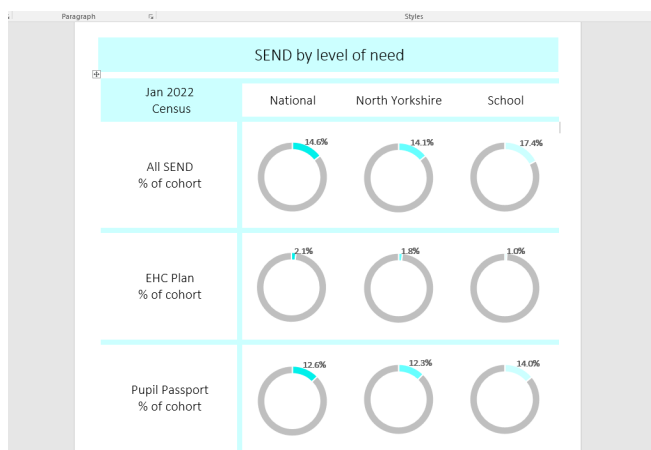




## SEND and PSHE update—Mr White

The number of children at school with an identified Special Educational Need or Disability is still sitting above the National Average. The number of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan is below the National Average.

We have completed the first year of our revised Personal Social Health Economic (PSHE) education curriculum. We will return in the autumn term where there will be a whole school focus on Relationships. This is taught progressively from EYFS where the children learn about friendships and making friends to Year 6 where the children will learn about different types of relationships, consent and respect others opinions and beliefs. As part of our wider safeguarding curriculum, starting from September, we will endeavour to make the children aware of the risks in their local environment and how to enjoy the local villages safely. We will have an increased focus on building sites, road safety, water safety (river), farming, behaviour around cattle and the increased littering that the children have acknowledged.



### Art Club

We have produced some lovely artwork in our Tuesday Art Club sessions. Children got the opportunity to use different mediums and learn some new techniques. This will be starting again on the second week back and will be open to the Year 3's first of all. Here are some pieces which the Y3/4's and the Y5/6's produced. Totally awesome artwork! Mrs Starr

