



Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy but successful half term and it has been a fantastic few weeks where the children have truly lived out our core values of friendship, creativity and perseverance.

I have been so proud of our Year 6 children with how confidently and professionally they approached their SATs tests in May. They really did try their best and were a credit to Mrs Perry and her teaching team. We are so lucky to have this teaching team who make sure the balance is perfect between inspiring the children to want to do well and making sure they are not over anxious about it.

Earlier this half term, I sent a letter out about some of the changes in staffing for next year. We will be saying our farewells to 2 members of staff this year: Mr White and Miss Butterill. This week, we appointed Julia Taylor. She will be joining us in Year 3. Miss Taylor has taught in a number of different schools in the Selby area over the last 2 years.

We will ensure she has a quality transition with Mr White and with Mrs Williamson to make sure she is well prepared for next year. As I said before, Mrs Cummings will be joining us for a day a week to work specifically on SEND. This will increase the time we will have to focus on this area across the school. Mrs Cummings has impressed with the amount of work that has gone into the SEND systems in school and the amount of ownership the teachers take over the provision for children with SEND.

In September, we will be welcoming a class of 25 children into our new reception class. We are looking forward to getting the views of parents/carers of Reception and Year 1 children at our governors coffee morning about the logistics and organisation of our Key Stage 1 classes. This will allow us to listen to the views of parents/carers which will help add to the thorough decision making process of our best ways forward.

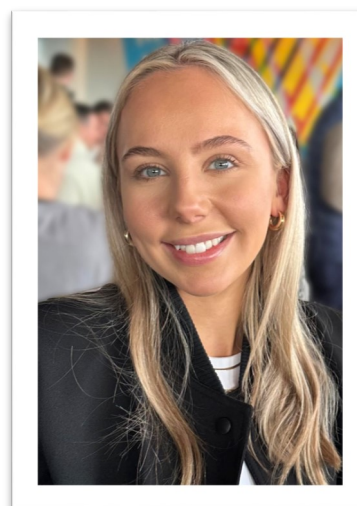
Hopefully next half term will see improved weather for our Year 4 residential with Wilderness adventures. It was a pleasure to see our children enjoy the overnight and day outdoor adventure experiences this week. I am so lucky to have staff who support our vision of living life in all its fullness and see the value of these experiences and give up their own time to support the children through the day and the night!!

I hope you all have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend and the rest of the holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June.

Justin Reeve
Headteacher



Mrs Cummings



Miss Taylor

Message from the Chair of Governors

As Chair of the Governing body I obviously think that our school is the best school in the world, however it is always lovely to have this validated by others. Recently, I received a couple of messages from people who have had a brief encounter with the school. One, a driver for one of our children who said:

I visited the school each day dropping-off and collecting one of the young pupils who required transport. On every occasion I was made to feel incredibly welcome by the staff members and this never wavered. More importantly, I witnessed so many of the pupils being greeted in the same manner, something which I'm certain must be conducive to each child's development, general well-being and feeling respected.

The second a potential candidate for an interview:

I know that I would have absolutely loved working at your school. It is such a special place with an incredible nurturing ethos that shines throughout. I have visited 7 schools over the past few weeks and Tockwith stood head and shoulders above the rest and is the only school vacancy I applied for! Whoever gets the opportunity to start teaching with you will be very lucky and I'm sure a real asset to your school.

Such lovely words from people who have been touched by the magic that is Tockwith. The Governors have spent a lot of meeting time this year discussing how we can make ourselves more visible and accessible to our community. Hopefully, you will have seen our photos in the school entrance so that you can identify us in and around school. We have also linked ourselves to classes and been more involved in school events, activities, trips and visits.

We are also really looking forward to the first of our Governor coffee sessions which will be a drop in session on Tuesday 11th June for parents and carers of our Reception / Year 1 children. This will be an informal opportunity for you to give us your valuable insights and we are very much looking forward to meeting you all and hearing your feedback.

Sue Corbett
Chair of Governors

Year 6 and SATs

Our Year 6 definitely rose to the challenge with their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. The children arrived at school on the Monday morning of SATs week with a calm sense of confidence and determination. All the children dug deep and performed to the very best of their abilities and used their resilience and positivity to overcome challenges faced. I was incredibly proud of the way the children supported each other before and during the week of the tests and was also really impressed with their focus and effort in the lead up to the tests. We are now looking forward to embracing all the creative challenges and activities which have planned before the children move on to high school in the summer.

Mrs Perry

The week beginning with the 13th of May, Year 6 did their SATs. If you don't know what SATs are, they are six long tests that are spread out over a week. The tests were hard but we persevered and on Friday we had a fun day where we watched a movie, played dodgeball, read to our buddies and much more. The six tests that all of us did were SPAG (Grammar and punctuation), spelling, reading, (where we had to read a passage and answer questions) arithmetic and two reasoning papers (maths). Mrs Perry had been preparing us since the start of the year so it was a relief when SATs were over. Charlotte, Year 6.

On the week beginning the 13th of May, Year 6 did their SATs. We have been preparing for a while, well actually most of our time at school. There were 6 papers in SATs: grammar, spelling, reading, arithmetic and two maths reasoning. There were many challenges we had to overcome but we faced them head on and defeated the SATs tests all because of the practice we had been doing over the years. In each test we got a Jelly Baby (except for the spelling) this helped because the glucose in the Jelly Baby gave us a rush of energy which helped us answer difficult questions. In SATs it can be all about the mindset so even if you think you could get greater-depth, if you didn't focus or have a good mindset it could really damage what marks you get. In the end, we all got through it and in the next few weeks we will be enjoying time with our friends before we go to high school. Owen, Year 6

Camping Year 3

Year 3 camped on the field during the last week of term. My goodness was it wet! First, we got changed and then we went outside and made our beds. We were told who was in our tents and got to work making ourselves at home. After having fun in our tents we were finally called into the yurt to have dinner. Tent 4 won the tidiest tent competition and got dinner first. Once we had feasting on our two courses (hotdogs and burgers) we sang some campfire songs around the fire. Then we toasted marshmallows and one of us even got triple marshmallows from the lucky dip bag. After our tummies had almost burst we changed into our pyjamas and brushed our teeth. One of the funniest things that happened was when a few people forgot to brush their teeth in year 5 so they had to go through the main entrance at about 9:30. They plotted to sneak into Mr Reeve's office and steal golden stickers!



The following morning, we woke up with the birds and had some activities to keep us busy in our tents. Very few of us chose to sleep at this time, however. After a yummy breakfast we got ready for the day's activities. Our morning was full of team building games and lots of laughs and giggles! After lunch we made dens and got to bake some stone age bread twists by curling dough around a bamboo rod and holding it over the fire like a big, doughy marshmallow! They were delicious and we would love to try making them again. Perhaps we will tell Mrs Williamson and the Forest School. The whole class is now looking forward to our residential in Year 4! Thank you for a lovely experience.
Pippa G, Zach and Amy W-C

Year 5 camping and bellboating

Today, Isla and I went bell boating. We sang songs we also played games . We loved all the games especially the spiders web one even though it was a bit hard. It was fun in the tents but it was a bit hard to sleep. We had a barbeque of hot dogs and burgers. At bedtime, we had hot chocolate with whipped cream. We had the best time of our lives. Ketty and Isla.



Grasslands Trip

The children in early years went on their first school trip this half term! Farmer David welcomed us with open arms. When we arrived we learnt about different crops they grew on the farm. We then met the chicks and had a chance to hold them and ask questions. We then moved onto the cows, there were lots of calves that we were able to meet. Farmer David even asked us to "mooooooo" like a cow which the children were very enthusiastic about. We then learnt about how each cow has a "passport" and how vets make sure the cows are healthy and safe whilst growing up on the farm. Myself and Miss Davidson we're so proud of the children on this trip. Their behaviour was outstanding and this was noticed by all the staff who attended that day, well done team!



Year 1 golf

10 year one pupils took part in the tri-golf festival. The festival consisted of several stations where the pupils had to work together to score the highest score. They represented Tockwith fantastically. They even won one of the events!



Fairtrade

Tockwith celebrated the positive impact that Fairtrade has had on people's lives worldwide. So many people touch a product before it reaches the shelves and we looked at the process of this and how we can have our say to ensure that each producer is treated fairly. The children participated in various activities, from designing logos, making promises to the forest, trying Fairtrade chocolate and looking at the plants that produce the products. The children weren't afraid to get involved and it was a lovely day mixing as a whole school.



Reading Plus



The school has recently invested in an online reading programme called 'Reading Plus.' Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been given their own personalised learning account which enables them to select from a variety of online texts from a range of genres including: Personal Journey, Our Earth, Heroes and Trailblazers, Mystery and Adventure, Art and Culture, How Things Work, Time Machine and Get in the Game. The programme provides automatically customised lesson features which build and develop children's reading fluency and comprehension and vocabulary. Reading Plus can be used at both home and at school to develop and enhance reading skills and staff have already seen improvements in children's motivation and reading skills.

At school, we have started Reading Plus. Reading Plus is an online website on which you can explore different genres and styles of reading. Reading Plus works on levels and when you start reading more text faster, you will move up a level.

Reading plus makes reading more enjoyable at school, with a wide variety of books. It will tell you if you are reading too fast and will quiz you on the text at the end to see if you have really understood what you have read, then it will give you a score based on how many questions you answered correctly. It will show you on your dashboard how many words you have read and lots of additional information about your personal reading.

At the start of your Reading Plus journey, you will answer a questionnaire which decides what level you begin on.

I am really enjoying using this website; my favourite text so far is We All Scream for Ice Cream! Martha, Year 6

Dogs Trust

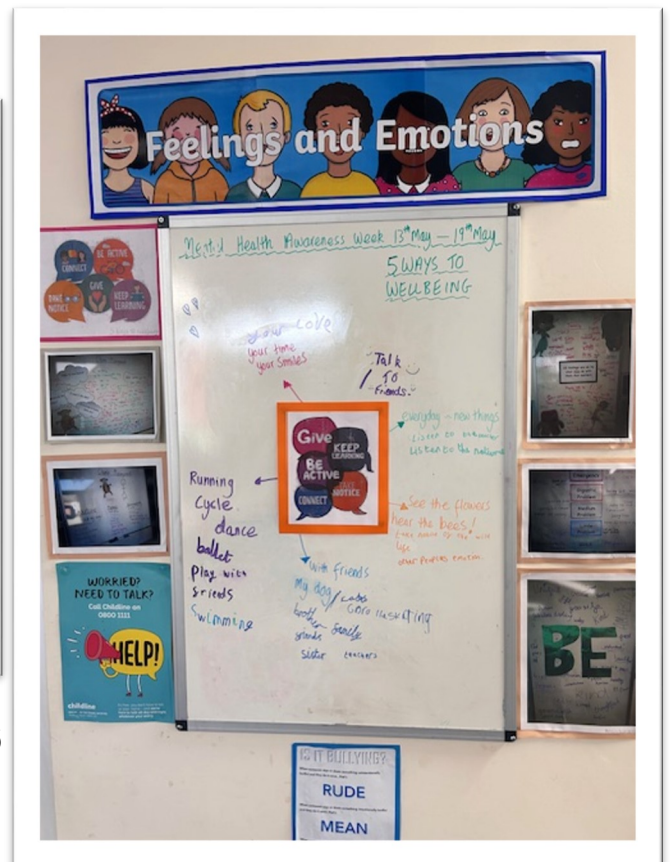
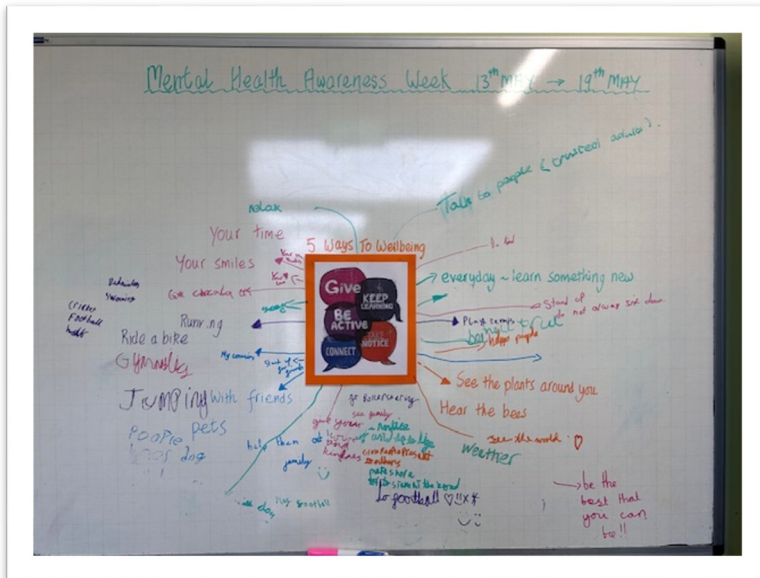
The school council went on a trip to the Dogs Trust in Leeds. They had a great time looking at all the dogs and learning about the needs of a dog charity. They decided they wanted to raise money for the school and give more information to the pupils about the amazing work they do. On the last day of term the school council, with a little bit of help from Mrs Poole and Mrs Dutton, hosted a bake sale which raised over £280! Thank you for all the donations.



Pastoral Note

At Tockwith School, we like to learn about and practice wellbeing everyday. We understand what it means to look after our physical and mental health. When we do this we are able to feel our best. When we feel our best we can learn the most!

The children have been sharing their thoughts on 5 Ways To Wellbeing on our pastoral boards around the school.



Click here if you would like more information on The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

<https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>

Please use the pastoral email If you have any worries or concerns about your child at school
Pastoral@tp.ebor.academy
Have a lovely half term

Sarah Slack

Cricket taster

2W enjoyed a taster session with Joe from All Stars Cricket. An excitable and enthusiastic class joined Joe for a quick version of cricket. They were practising hitting a target as hard and as far as they could, while the fielders dodged the ball and patiently waited to retrieve the balls. It was a fast and fun session enjoyed by the whole class. As a class we then repeated the session as part of our PE. Joe then joined us in class to share information about the All Stars club, and also to give out wristbands. As always they gave Joe a friendly welcome and showed off what a sporty bunch Year 2 are!

Film Club

There is nothing better than sitting back and watching a high quality film. This half term has seen the start of a film club with a 5 week focus on films for our Reception to Year 2 children. The children have enjoyed the treats of Inside Out, the Lorax, Encanto and Gnomeo and Juliet. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Waiting for helping with the Film Club, having an additional person there has been invaluable.



Yoga Club

Over the past five weeks, some children in Reception Class have taken part in an after school yoga club with Miss Butterill.

We have had so much fun and have learnt so many new skills. Themes included, Animals of the Forest, Our Senses and Springtime. It has been such a luxury to be outdoors in the sunshine and in our very own forest school. We have learnt to be trees, butterflies, birds, frogs and so much more. Feather meditation with partners was a big hit along with lion and bumble bee breath. The focus and attention during meditation has been amazing. Well done to our little yogis!



Art Club

There has been lots of wonderful art created during the past six weeks, by the awesome Year 3's and 4's. We learnt to weave using felt and wool, producing a colourful, tasselled blanket for our llamas. We also produced a 'My Family' piece in a frame, where we added some illustrations and a sentence about the people we live with. A woven wheel of wonderful-ness was also produced in the first Y4 session. Well done to my Art Clubber's for working hard again. Happy holidays! Mrs Starr

