



FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

### Spotlight on.....Visits in the Art Curriculum

As part of our Art curriculum, we make sure that all children experience at least two high quality Art-related visits during their time with us. We are very lucky in West Yorkshire to have two nationally-renowned galleries/Art spaces to visit: The Hepworth Art Gallery in Wakefield and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Bretton. Year 6 recently enjoyed visiting the Hepworth Gallery - a modern Art gallery where our students strengthened their classroom learning about the work of Barbara Hepworth as well as visiting other artists' exhibitions. They used watercolours to paint flowers 'en plein air' (just like the impressionist artists they study) and showed off their sculpture skills by making clay sculptures which, as you can see, are beautifully and thoughtfully made.



Yesterday, our year 1 artists spent a sunny day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park learning to discuss and express their thoughts about different pieces of Art and created their own sculptures from natural found objects and plasticine.



Jane Scardifield





## FOREST SCHOOL

### Story stones in Reception

Sometimes, Forest school is a place for wild adventure and other times, for more peaceful, reflective activities. This week, Reception children have been making story stones and telling stories to the forest school group linking in with their topic of Stories from the past and oral story telling.



## News/updates

You may have noticed that we have removed the tyres which edged the front playground as these had become unstable.

Following the extensive drainage works on the banking earlier this year, disturbed areas of grass have been re-seeded and are already looking greener.

The children in years 3 and 4 have been delighted to be able to enjoy the green spaces at lunchtime this week.



## Polite Reminder

Games of football or any other ball games **should not** take place before or after school.

The playground is far too busy at these times and we must ensure that the safety of our families, especially those with young children is maintained.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

**Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland.**

**It runs from 15th to 22nd June.**

**No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable.**

**Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe.**

**In our school, children have swimming lessons in year 5 and we include water safety in all our lessons.**

**To get involved and support conversations with your children about being safe near water, whether this is in the bath at home, a river outside, a beach on holiday or in a leisure pool, helpful resources can be found here:**

**<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/drowning-prevention-week-campaign>**

**Thank you for your support with this.**

## **Visitors in Nursery**

**Our Nursery children have had a busy few weeks!**

**Our youngest children are learning about a whole range of people who help us in our communities as part of their current topic of Heroes and Adventurers!**

**They have enjoyed visits from police community support officers and were fascinated when a radiologist visited last week with a real skeleton!**

**Our curriculum is carefully crafted to ensure that learning starts in the earliest years and is built on step by step as children progress through school.**



## New for September 2024!

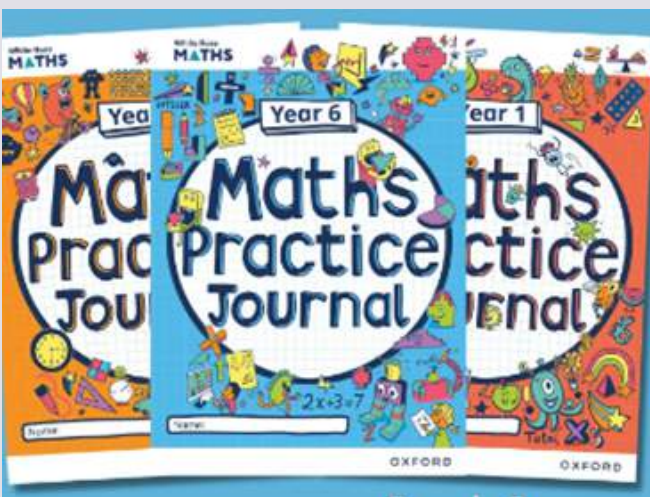
As we make the most of our final weeks of the school year, we're already making plans for the next academic year! Two great things to look forward to are new homework books for Maths and new workbooks to support children's learning in school:

Our new Maths homework books for years 1-6 are more colourful and more directly linked to the learning children have undertaken in their daily maths lessons. The diagrams, explanations and support in the pages will also, we hope, make supporting your child with their homework an easier experience!

Teaching staff in school have been working hard to prepare new workbooks (instead of exercise books) that children will use for Computing, French, PSHE, Design and Technology and Music from September.

Some year groups have been trailing a workbook approach this term and the outcomes have been superb.

The feedback from children is that they are finding these easier to use with all the resources they need in one place and with less gluing and sticking required!





## PTFA News

Everyone in school is looking forward to our Summer discos this evening! We've listened to your feedback about ways to make our discos even more enjoyable and have made some tweaks and changes to make sure that there is more time spent dancing and less time spent queuing for food or entry. We're sure the events will be a real success.

Huge thanks to our PTFA volunteers and also to school staff for supporting the events- Mr. Simpson and Miss Williams are our special guest DJs and have been building playlists this week based on the children's favourite songs! Children (years 1-6) will be taken to their classrooms at the end of the discos and will be dismissed from the classroom doors.

## INTER-HOUSE EVENTS/RSPCA FUNDRAISING

### NORTHOWRAM BAKE OFF!



**ON FRIDAY 12TH JULY, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CAN TAKE PART IN OUR FIRST BAKE OFF EVENT! WE'RE HOPING THAT BUDDING BAKERS FROM ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL BAKE THEIR FAVOURITE CAKE AND BRING THIS INTO SCHOOL WHERE CAKES WILL BE TASTED BY BAKING EXPERTS AND THE DAY WILL END WITH A BAKE SALE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE RSPCA.**



### NEARLY-NEW TOY SALE

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR TOY DONATIONS - WE HAVE COLLECTED A GREAT HAUL OF YOUR PRE-LOVED TOYS WHICH WILL BE SORTED, PRICED AND ON SALE IN THE FRONT PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 12TH JULY. THIS EVENT IS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE RSPCAS ANNIVERSARY EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE NATION-WIDE.**

**THANKS AGAIN TO NANCY AND EVIE FOR ORGANIZING THIS!**