



FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break - school will re-open on Monday 8th April 2024.

Curriculum Spotlight - TRIPS AND VISITS

Reception children had a fabulous visit to Nell Bank in Ilkley this week - a day of outdoor learning and story-telling was enjoyed by all! Trips, visits and fieldwork enhance our curriculum and provide first-hand experiences linked to children's learning.

We plan trips and visits carefully so that high quality visits extend children's learning across the curriculum. By the time your children leave us in year 6, they will have visited (at least) two Art galleries, three museums and enjoyed a week-long residential adventure. We're aiming to add to our trips and visits offer into the future - the next layer of our plans is to increase local visits, geography fieldwork and trips to places of worship to enhance our RE curriculum.

Jane Scardifield



Pond Dipping at Nell Bank
(Reception)



Experiencing Tudor Life at Manor Lodge (year 2)



FOREST SCHOOL

Art Gallery:

In their Art studies, Year 2 are learning about Landscape and Symmetry. They have been studying works of Art including those by Leonardo da Vinci, J M W Turner and John Constable. The children painted their own Stormy Sky pictures paying attention to the use of different brushstrokes and colour mixing to represent the sea and sky.

Fatima's work shows fantastic skill in creating atmosphere, texture and tone - what a talented young artist!



Stormy Sea by Fatima (Year 2)

Remember - you can follow our school Art gallery on Instagram [northowram_artwork](https://www.instagram.com/northowram_artwork) to view all the latest artwork from throughout school

As the season's change, so does the environment down at Forest School and we have enjoyed the milder air and even a little sunshine this week! Year 1 we have been doing activities linked to their Science topic of Looking After the Earth. Children have been litter picking and discussing the effects of litter on the earth. The children also made and used their own charcoal - thinking about the uses of natural resources and talking about conserving the natural resources we use.





SAFEGUARDING



With the Easter holidays approaching – please remember that you can contact us over the holidays with any safeguarding concerns by texting or calling 07494691167.

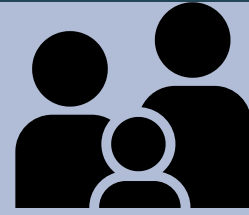
Thank you to all parents and families who are working with us to make sure that children's phone/screen use is monitored and controlled.

With the Easter holidays approaching, we have our fingers crossed for fair weather to encourage children outdoors and away from screens!

Advice from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) suggests that children should have screen-free days, or have time limits on the time spent in front of screens.

More information and advice regarding this can be found on the Safer Internet organisation's website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/how-much-screen-time-is-okay-for-my-child>



PTFA NEWS

Our PTFA are getting ready to re-start fundraising and events soon so do look out for regular updates from them.

With the recent departure of the Chair (we send our grateful thanks to Victoria Black for all her hard work leading the PTFA) and a number of members leaving as their children moved on from the school in the summer of 2023.

The PTFA now have a number of committee vacancies (including the chairs role) and are excited to hear from parents, teachers, friends and community members who are looking to volunteer with a team that is passionate about raising funds and providing activities that enrich the education and experiences of the children at Northowram Primary School.

Please contact the PTFA on northowramprimarypta@gmail.com with any questions, queries or ideas.



Inter-house Events

Strictly Come Dancing



After weeks of rehearsals and a lot of anticipation, our Inter-house 'Northowram Does Strictly' dance event took place in the school hall on Thursday morning. Children from all year groups performed dances - from The Birdy Dance in Nursery, to a Charleston performance from after school dance club, we all thoroughly enjoyed cheering our house team on. The coveted Strictly trophy was awarded toHouse. Well done to all the pupils who took part and thank you to Mrs Stapley for organizing the event and for spreading the joy of dancing throughout the school!



Charity News

Total Raised So far: £132
Total treats collected: 402

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to our RSPCA pet treat collection - we are sending the final box of treats down to the local shelter after Easter.

Fundraising is really getting underway and our annual total is rising!

The Easter colouring competition has proved very popular and has raised lots of money to add to our charity total - the results of this will be announced on Thursday.

