

West Yorkshire Games Cross Country

On Saturday 12th March, 6 of our children attended the West Yorkshire Games Cross Country Finals, which qualifying for was a huge achievement in itself! Everyone behaved and performed brilliantly, showing determination, resilience and sportsmanship. Miss Hinchliffe and Mrs Farquhar were extremely proud of the team, which consisted of: Alice Bridge, Isaac Jepson, Jaxon Donkersley, Matthew Brooke, Luke Sheard and Jonah Thackeray. Well done everyone! We are looking forward to Neiley Races already!



Thank you

We would like to say a big 'thank you' for all the football boots and shin pads we've had donated. Miss Hinchliffe now has a box full and children are coming and borrowing from it for the club 😊

Gymnastics Competition

Last Friday, 11th March, 5 teams of gymnasts went to the Deighton Arena to take part in the Pennine Key Steps Gymnastics competition. They were both nervous and excited but represented our school brilliantly in both performance and behaviour. Their efforts were rewarded with 7th place overall. An excellent result for an excellent group of pupils. Thank you to Claire Goldthorpe for her hard work in training the gymnasts, Mrs Holden and the many parent helpers for supporting our children at the event.

Sports Relief Mile

Today, we all took part in raising money for Sports Relief by running or swimming a mile either alone or as a team. It was great to see everyone participating in their own way and having lots of fun in doing so. Thank you too for all the wonderful buns brought in for sale – they went down a treat after all the exercise! Well done to all our pupils, parents and staff for all their efforts today.

Inter-form Football

Year 4 have been having a very exciting time in PE this week! Our inter-form 'A', 'B' and 'C' team winners have played a one off friendly match against Huddersfield Grammar. For many of the children, this was the first time that they had played football outside PE and the resilience, honesty and sportsmanship shown was exemplary from everyone. One of our PE aims is to provide children of all abilities with the opportunity to participate in competitive events as we continue to strive for the Gold Sports Mark in the summer. It was lovely to see lots of parents there cheering our children on too! Special mention to Derrel Wells, who scored 2 fantastic goals for his team.

Rio Olympics Assembly

Monday 14th March Vicki (Pennine School Partnership) came into school to talk about the Rio Olympic Games this summer.



Parent / Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaire at parents' / carers' evening. Here are the results from the 86 participants. Question 10 seems to have been a little ambiguous so I will clarify this in our next questionnaire. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please don't wait for questionnaires and share them with us at any time as your ideas and opinions are always appreciated.

Please read each statement and tick the answer that best fits your view	Strongly agree / Agree	Disagree	Don't know
1 My child enjoys school	99%	1%	
2 School keeps my child safe	100%		
3 School informs me about my child's progress	98%	2%	
4 My child is making good progress	97%	3%	
5 The teaching is good	100%		
6 School helps me to support my child's learning	97%	3%	
7 School helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	98%	1%	1%
8 School makes sure that my child is well-prepared for the future and moving on to a new class or school	96%	2%	2%
9 School meets my child's particular needs	98%	2%	
10 School deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	85%	4%	11%
11 School seeks parents' opinions and takes account of my suggestions and concerns	96%	2%	2%
12 School is led and managed effectively	96%	2%	2%
13 Overall I am happy with my child's experience at this school	100%		
14 Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	100%		
15 There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	98%	2%	

Safety Information

Our new school gates and fencing have been installed to help us keep children and traffic apart. We appeal to you to support us in this by ensuring children brought to school in cars are dropped off a short distance away and then are walked into the grounds. Unsafe parking and turning around at the school entrance and on the zig-zags continues to be cause a danger to pupils, parents and staff. We have had several near misses and the police have been notified so they will be making visits to our school at key times of the day. The main vehicle access gate will be closed throughout the day and all pedestrians need to use the small gates to access the playground before 9:00am and the main office after that.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

The Chillax Milk Bottle Igloo

For those of you who have been wondering what we were collecting milk bottles for, here is the completed Chillax group's igloo. The children have been excited and inspired by this project and are continuing to decorate its floor. Lots of children have been involved in building the igloo: pictured here are two children in particular who stood out for their commitment to its design and construction, Jacob Langford and Jim Price. Thank you for your milk bottle donations – please keep sending them in, as we need a few hundred more of them for another recycling project. Watch this space!



Staffing update

Congratulations to Mr Hind who has secured a new teaching post at Brockholes School and will leave us at the end of the summer term. Well done to Mr Hind – we wish you all the best in your new post.

Christine Pollinger from Honley High School is now the shared Attendance Officer for all schools in the Honley Partnership and therefore will deal with any attendance issues should they arise.

Our Trip to Eden Camp

On March 7th 2016, Year 4 set off on our adventure to Eden Camp to learn about World War Two. We survived a bomb drop and travelled on a U-boat that had been destroyed. Read on to find out more...

Eden Camp used to be a prisoner of war camp. In the prisoners' spare time they made beautiful things like dolls houses, chess sets and dachshunds crafted out of metal (fire dogs).

Our favourite part was the hut which was like the Blitz because it was quite scary and we learned that sometimes people got caught in the bombings and got covered in bricks then they had to wave for help.

We learnt that 4 people can fit in a guard hut. Sometimes people made their tables into air raid shelters. We went into Hut 3 which was like a submarine about to get torpedoed. There was a DO NOT PRESS BUTTON so of course we pressed it. Then the hut started beeping so we all ran for it.

The adventure playground was one of our favourite parts of Eden Camp. Miss Goggin's group played a game called 'Get that Fort' where we ran to each of the watch towers and whichever team had the most people on the towers gained a point. The girls won seven times.

We would recommend Eden Camp because there are lots of facts and pictures to look at. The smoke and sound really take you back to WW2. In our opinion, it is a great place and it was definitely one of the best school trips so far. If you go to Eden Camp make sure you are wrapped up warm and you have suitable footwear on because it is very muddy. You must also watch out for the creepy mannequins!

By Amelia Bellerby and Harriet Roberts.



Space Seeds Return

The 2kg of rocket seeds that went into space with Tim Peake for a stay on the ISS and held in microgravity are now back on Earth. Our allocation will shortly be arriving, and on Wednesday 20th April they'll be being planted in school as we take part in the nationwide experiment. Jennie Hibbard will be coming in to plant them with the children and will also be helping to take the correct, regular measurements, which will be entered into a bespoke micro site so that the nation's results can be analysed! Exciting times!



PRIDE Time – goes French

Well done to everyone in school for achieving our next PRIDE time total. We collected well over our target of 5000 gold slips to earn the PRIDE time treat which this time is a play by a French Theatre company called Theatre sans Frontières. The play is called Les Aventures de Lapin and we hope that everyone will enjoy the opportunity to be entertained and learn some new phrases too.

Henry V Performances

Our drama group will be performing Shakespeare's Henry V play, alongside other schools from the Honley Partnership this weekend at Honley High School. Thank you to the children for representing school and to Mrs Apostolakis for all her hard work in organising the performance. We wish them all well!

Reminders

Sumdog Competition

The Sumdog maths competition is underway so please encourage your child to participate to help improve their maths and help our school achieve well in the results tables. Good Luck Honley Juniors!

Easter Service

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our Easter service in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 22nd March at 10:30am. We do hope you can celebrate with us.

Easter Raffle

Tickets on sale from today and the draw will be held on the last day of term.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
21.3.16	Mystery Mayan Monday – Y5 at 3pm
22.03.16	Easter Service at St. Mary's 10:30
23.03.16	French Theatre Company
24.03.16	School closes for Easter and Easter raffle
11.04.16	School reopens –Summer Term
13.04.16	Year 3 Viking visit to Tatton Park
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18.4.16 And 25.4.16	Parents'/Carers' maths workshops
27.04.16	FOHJS Film Night for Y3&4 (revised date)
w/c 09.05.16	Year 6 SATS week
10.05.16	Pentecost Service at St. Mary's 10:30
18.05.16	Swimming Gala 4:30 – 6:30
24.05.16	Leavers photograph
26.05.16	School closes for INSET day and half term
06.06.16	School reopens
w/c 20.06.16	Olympic Sports Week
12.07.16	Transition day
19.07.16	Leavers Service at St. Mary's 10:30
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays



Clubs

Please make sure that you have returned the slip to join clubs next term even if you are an existing member. We have had some returned with no name – so please ensure it is clear who is applying.

Mystery Mayan Monday

Year 5 are holding Mystery Mayan Monday afternoon on 21st March from 3:00-3:45pm where the children will be showing off their enquiry-based learning work about why the Ancient Maya disappeared. Each group has focused on a different theory and will present in their own unique way.

E-mail addresses

In response to Parent Forum's idea, we would like to move to a more paper free way of sending letters home and have appealed for e-mail addresses to help us do this. Please let us have your e-mail address if you would like communications sent in that way.

Hot Food

For health and safety reasons, please do not send hot meals as a packed lunch item. The school kitchen provides freshly prepared meals each day for those pupils who prefer to eat a hot meal.