

Newsletter
Thursday 6th October 2016

Year 4 Roman Visit



Y4 went on a trip to DEWA in Chester to learn about the Romans. Here is Olivia Pearce's account of how the Romans kept themselves clean.

Roman Baths

After a battle, Romans would go to the baths to relax and clean off all the mud and dirt they got covered in in their fight. When they first got there, a slave came and undressed them. Then they covered them in olive oil but before they got in the bath, it had to be scraped off with a curved stick called a strigil. The water in the baths was heated by fires underneath them. This system is called the hypocaust. When they got in the baths, they chatted with their friends and cleaned themselves if they were dirty. In Roman times, toilets weren't tiny cubicles like they are today. They didn't even use toilet paper like us! Their toilets were large rooms that lots of people went to the toilet together in. Instead of toilet paper they used a sponge on a stick that they all shared!

Pennine Sports Partnership Celebration Evening

The annual PSP celebration evening was held on Monday 3rd October at Huddersfield Town Hall where many pupils from all schools within our partnership were recognised for their sporting achievements. There were many dignitaries there and the guest speaker was Jamie Jones Buchanon (Leeds Rhinos) who talked about how he came to be a professional rugby player and the key values and qualities a person must have if they want to be successful in sport and life.

It was wonderful to see our school represented by Hermione and Sonny in Year 6 who were awarded for being gifted and talented in PE and sport. Also, Charlie Morgan, now in Y7 at Honley High School, was recognised for his outstanding sports leadership.

I was so proud of our children and it was great to celebrate the achievements of so many pupils from so many schools.



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Cross Country

We had a fantastic turnout (57 children) for the cross country competition at Honley High School last week. The Year 4 boys, Year 4 girls and year 5 girls teams have all qualified for the Kirklees final to be held on 12th October at 1pm at Leeds Road Playing Field. In addition, Harrison in Year 5 has also qualified to run as an individual. In the Year 3 races our boys finished first and the girls' team were second.

Girls' Football

Our girls' football team went to Deighton Arena where they played against Christ Church, Reinwood and Helme schools. They drew one and lost two matches. Miss Tombleson was extremely proud of them as they showed great sporting attitudes throughout the competition. All the girls gave their best effort and had lots of fun too. Well done to the team; Nell H, Alice B, Aimee H, Eva M, La-Sharn S, Kacie S, Abigail L, Mae A and Frankie M.

Year 3 Road Safety training

This week our year 3 children have had been learning about keeping themselves safe when out and about near roads.

Apology

Miss Goodall would like to say sorry to Logan Waters as she accidentally missed him from the Year 6 football team list in the last newsletter. Poor Logan was a winning goal scorer too!

NSPCC

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme on 2nd November. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

We have chosen to support the NSPCC and the valuable work they do by taking part in a mathematical fundraising event, and I would really value your support and encouragement. More information will follow the visit to our school about the sponsored event we will be holding later this term.

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe.

Latest News from FOHJS

Our first 100 club winning numbers are: 14, 49, 25. The lucky winners will be notified so they can receive their winnings. The prizes are 1st = £10, 2nd = £5 and 3rd =£2.50.

Our Fashion Show is on Thursday 13th October at 7pm. Tickets are on sale via school or Chainreaction costing £5 and including a glass of fizz!! Also this year we have a variety of pamper/treat stalls too.

Our AGM is taking place on Tuesday 18th October at 6pm. We will also be arranging our upcoming events; November disco and Christmas Fair. If you would like to be involved in either event please come along.

Book Fair

We will be holding our book fair from Wednesday 11th until Tuesday 18th October. Please come along as there will be a good selection of books for all ages and you might find some Christmas present bargains. The fair also supports school as we receive a contribution of books depending on the numbers sold.

School Photos

Individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 10th October.

Flu Vaccinations in Year 3

There is an online video by the NHS for parents and carers to access regarding the flu vaccination for our year 3 pupils. It is available on this link <http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx> and it is suitable for parent and children to watch together.

School number change notification - Our new school number is 663696.

Uniform

Thank you all our parents/carers and pupils for making such a big effort with school uniform. We are just tightening up around the edges now with reminding children about:

- no jewellery apart from plain silver/gold studs for earrings;
- black school shoes/boots;
- removal of nail polish after the weekend.

Playtime snacks

Please ensure your child has a fresh piece of fruit / veg or dried fruit, (nothing processed), if they wish to have a morning snack. Packed lunch children may also need reminding about not dipping into their lunch at break time too.

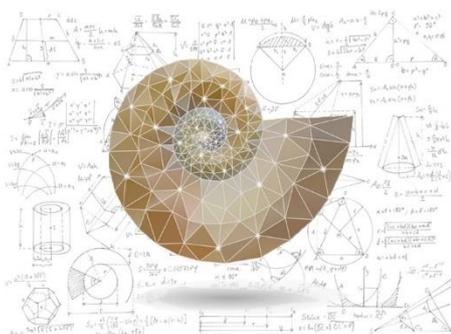
Deanery Synod Meeting

We had agreed to host the Deanery Synod meeting here in school but due to an increase in numbers expected at the meeting, the venue for next Tuesday's meeting, where the speaker will be Richard Noake, Director of Education at the Diocese of Leeds, has been moved to St Mary's Church Honley - 7.00 p.m. coffee, 7.30 start. This is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend.



The Big Draw

During the month of October many 'Big Draw' events are taking place nationally. As our main school improvement priority is maths this year, our focus for our Big Draw event will be, 'Mathematics in Nature and Art'. So next week we will kick off our 'Big Draw' with an assembly to inspire some super mathematical art ideas. Then, during both parents' and carers' evenings there will be an opportunity for everyone to have a go at their own mathematical art drawings. We do hope you'll join in and have a go!



Harvest Celebration Invitation

You are warmly invited to our **Harvest Celebration at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th October at 10:30am**



We are collecting donations in school for the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield to distribute to those who need them. Items such as toiletries, dried and tinned food, Kitchenware etc. For a full list of items, including those they are really short of, please visit their website:

<http://thewelcomecentre.org/support-us/current-shortages/>

Diary Dates

Date	Event / Activity
Friday 7th October	INSET day school closed
Tuesday 11th October	Parents'/carers' evening
Wednesday 12th October	Parents'/carers' evening Book Fair begins closes Tuesday 18th
Thursday 13th October	FOHJS Fashion Show 7.00pm
Tuesday 18th October	Harvest Festival St Mary's church 10.30am
Thursday 20 th October	Year 6 Greek Feast 10.30-11.30am
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	School opens