

# Woodthorpe Primary School

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*Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Firstly, can I say an enormous thank you to all of our families who joined us for sports day this week. It was amazing to see our school community join together in such a positive and enjoyable way. The children's behaviour was fantastic and we are always so proud of everybody's sportsmanship. As ever, the parents and grandparents races were a real highlight but special mention has to go to our first ever great-grandparent race!

Within this newsletter you will see our incredible mathematicians who managed to come first in a York school's competition. We were blown away by the boy's speed and determination- true ambassadors for Woodthorpe!

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July we are inviting parents to come to our afterschool drop in (3.30pm till 5.00pm) where you will be able to see your child's work from throughout the year. Classrooms will be open and class teacher's available between these times, we look forward to seeing you there.

## Rock on!



On Saturday, all of Mr. Crilley's school bands performed at Poppleton's annual Beer Festival, which is a huge event with a large professional stage and sound equipment. One band that stood out from the rest was Woodthorpe Primary School's very own Rock n Pop band!! They kicked the show off with Green Day's Basket Case cranked up to 11 and had everyone singing to the Foo Fighters for the grand finale! A very proud moment for Mr. Crilley, our resident music teacher!

For more updates on Mr Crilley's work around schools in York, you can find him on Twitter: @RNPTutor

## Woodthorpe Primary School Summer Fair – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

This year we are very excited to reintroduce our summer fair! On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be offering families the opportunity to join us at our school summer fair which will be running from 3:30-5:00pm. You will be able to enjoy many different stalls and activities including tombola, raffle, cakes, sweets, ice-creams and so much more!

We would very much appreciate any donations of the following for our Summer Fair stalls: sweets, chocolate, toiletries or bottles of wine. If you do think that you can help with any of the donations above, please hand these into the school office before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – thank you.

All money raised from the fair will go into our school funds to help us to provide even more wonderful opportunities for our school community.

Many thanks for your support & we hope to see you there.



## Maths special!

### York Primary Maths Contest

Last week, a group of incredible mathematicians headed out on an extra- special trip to St.Peters to compete in a maths competition against the other schools from across York.

The morning started out with a poster round where the teams were able to combine their mathematical skills with their creative flair. As the morning progressed, the team then moved into a series of quick fire rounds finishing top place in every round. By the end of the morning, the team had scored 51/55 points and therefore were the overall winners.

We are so incredibly proud of the boys that took part and it was absolutely fantastic to see our children fully immersed in the wonderful world of maths.





## Nursery

Summer is finally here and the Ducklings class have been loving the warmer weather and beautiful sunshine. We have had lots of fun playing in the garden, exploring in the forest and getting creative in our classroom. However, our absolute highlight of the past couple of weeks was our wonderful sports days! We were all so speedy and such fantastic team players. It was so heartwarming to see everyone cheering on their friends and being proud to show off their skills in front of their special grown-ups. Thank you everybody for making the days so magical and memorable!

### Awe and Wonder in the Forest!

Our favourite part of our week is always our forest adventure. It feels full of awe, wonder and magic in the forest; especially when the sun is shining through the trees and the fairies are out to play. When we arrive, we are quick to start challenging ourselves by climbing up the trees and balancing on different logs and planks. There is nothing better than hearing little voices shouting "look at me!" and "I can do it," and our smiles are simply the best! We definitely thought it was time for some more photos from the forest... look how high we can climb now!



### Cardboard creations

In Nursery, our creativity and imagination shines through in everything we do! In the art studio we love exploring different mediums, such as clay and paint, but one of our favourite things to do is junk modelling. Not only is it so much fun, but it is very good for our planet too. We know that being environmentally conscious and recycling the things we no longer need is very important and this has led to us transforming many cardboard boxes and pieces of packaging into extraordinary models and creations.



### Shoutouts

We would like to give a huge shoutout to all of our Ducklings children this week for their amazing participation and enthusiasm during our sports days. You are all incredible - well done!



## Reception

### Weather Reporters!

We have loved our new learning all about the natural world. We have enjoyed exploring the different types of weather this week and what this means. Outside, we have created our very own weather reports whilst inside we have been writing all about the weather!



### Doubling!

In maths, we have been learning all about doubling and double facts. We learnt that double means twice as many and have loved practising doubling numbers in many ways, from learning a doubles rap to spotting doubles of our giant Numicon hiding around our outdoor area. What super mathematicians we are!



### Reception Visit the Allotment...

As we have been learning all about plants in Science, we took a trip down to see Mrs Percy in our school allotment – it was amazing! Mrs Percy showed us all the fantastic things that are growing there. We loved looking at the strawberries and spotting potatoes, beans and courgettes as well as smelling the beautiful lavender! We then finished our visit in the cosy polytunnel where our plants are kept warm as they start to grow. Mrs Percy read us a wonderful story all about Percy the Park Keeper. Thank you Mrs Percy, we can't wait to come and visit again soon and see how much the corn has grown and maybe even taste some of our homegrown produce!



### Shout outs - Cygnets

### Shout outs - Goslings

A huge shoutout to everyone in Cygnets and Goslings for the most fantastic sports day! You were all amazing and showed such super behaviour and sportsmanship the whole way through. Each and every one of you tried so hard and it was lovely for our grown ups to be able to come and watch us. Thank you for making it such a brilliant experience. We are really proud of you! Well done Reception - you are all winners in our eyes!

# Year 1

## Kingfishers- PSHE

As part of our new PSHE topic, 'Changing me' we are looking at how our bodies change as we grow older. We split our whiteboards into three different sections and drew ourselves as a baby, a toddler and a child. This made it super easy to spot the difference between each milestone! Have a look at some of our drawings!



## Hummingbird - Science-The power of a seed...

In our Science topic, 'Plants' we have explored different ways in which plants can grow! We first learnt about chitted potatoes. These are potatoes which have already sprouted their roots prior to planting, it helps to speed up the growing process! We then discovered broad bean plants which can begin their growing without soil! This is because the seed already contains nutrients to support sprouting. We have now transferred the beans into the soil as the roots and shoots are established! We wonder what we may find at the top of our beanstalk...



## Kingfishers- Sports day

A huge well done to Kingfishers on our sports day, we had such a lovely day! There was so much enthusiasm and cheering for our team mates. We loved watching our parents and teachers race!



## Hummingbird - PSHE - How have we changed?

As part of our PSHE topic, 'Changing Me' we discovered how our bodies change on our journey from baby to child. We discussed different changes we experience such as losing baby teeth, growing more hair and changing face shape. We were all outstated to learn that infants are born with approximately 300 bones, however, as they grow, some of these bones fuse together! We decided to compare our baby photos to discover what changes our bodies have already made! We have all definitely grown lots more hair!



## Shout outs - Kingfisher

Connor- In our recent R.E lesson we looked at why giving to charity is important. You inspired the classroom by retelling a time you gave something to charity. This is really lovely Connor!

Joshua- For your enthusiasm whilst reading, you came into school with your book already open, eager to show me something that had happened in it. This love for reading is truly amazing!

## Shout outs - Hummingbird

A huge well done to Kyle, Beth, Emily and Samuel for creating such a wonderful dinosaur kingdom! I was so impressed with your brilliant teamwork skills. I think the Dinosaurs will absolutely love to roam in this land!





## Year 2

### Hedgehog Tunnels

Last week, we were very lucky to have some visitors come to school and talk to us about hedgehogs. After learning about why hedgehogs need our help, we set up a hedgehog tunnel with some food inside to see if we have any in our school grounds. The next morning we were desperate to see if we had had any visitors and were amazed to find lots of hedgehog footprints in our tunnel!



### Geography- Observational Weather Drawings

Our new Geography topic sees us looking at different weather conditions where we live and making predictions based on current weather conditions. We were lucky enough to spend the afternoon making observations and drawing what we saw. Tuesday's weather included sun, cloud and a slight drizzle!



### Smashing Sports!

What a fabulous morning we had! We were incredibly proud of all the children for their wonderful efforts during their sports day. It was lovely watching the children complete the different activities and showing their incredible sporting skills. The encouragement and positivity they showed to their peers was lovely to see too!



### Shout outs - Finch

**Freya** - for working so incredibly hard with your writing! You have really challenged yourself to include some fantastic vocabulary and different techniques. Your writing has been a real joy to read!

### Shout outs - Robin

**Sophia**- for catching up as though you've never been away. You have been doing some amazing reading recently and I have been super proud of your writing too. Well done!

**George**- what a fantastic piece of Geography work you produced this week George! You thought in so much detail about the different weather conditions in each capital city in the UK- I was even learning from you!

## Year 3

### Marvellous magnetic game

In Science we finished our Science topic about magnets by making our own magnetic fishing game. We used various materials to create our own fishing rods and tested which magnet attracted to the fish the best.



### Sports Day

This week we competed in Woodthorpe's Sports day and took part in lots of different sporting events such as javelin, sack racing, long jump and lots more! We were really proud of all our children for taking part. Well done.



### Shout outs - Woodpecker

**Angus** - For being awarded the 'best sportsman' of Woodpecker class on sports day. You were cheering your team on the whole morning and tried your best in all the activities. I am so proud of you Angus!

**Sam and Amelia L** - You both made a huge amount of progress in your maths arithmetic test this half term! Well done to both of you and thank you for all of your hard work.

### Shout outs - Magpie

**Marius**- For your outstanding construction of your Science fishing rod game. You ensured all your team was involved in making the game and caught the most fish in the Magpie class well done.

**Buddy**- for having the confidence to work by yourself in Maths this week. I am so proud of you for all of your outstanding work and your knowledge of time is going from strength to strength



## Year 4

### Science- Testing Ear Defenders

To conclude our science topic based on sound, Year 4 were challenged to design and create our very own ear defenders that children could wear to a loud musical concert! We set up our very own fair test, considering a range of different variables and decided to experiment with the type of material that would be the best insulator and consequently the best at absorbing sound waves! After testing out cotton wool, newspaper, tin foil and air, we realised that cotton wool would be the best material to make our ear defenders out of because it was the best at insulating the sound vibrations!



### Computing- Creating Websites

Over the last few weeks, we have begun our new computing topic based on creating media. We have been challenged to construct our very own web sites on google sites! After discussing what the purpose of a website is, we have had great fun in experimenting and challenging ourselves to be able to embed web links, create new pages, change the header and even change the layout of content blocks! We cannot wait to continue with our websites over the next few weeks!



### PE- Sports Day

This week, Year 4 absolutely adored taking part in our KS2 sports day! We are really proud of how every single person participated in the races and we showed some great teamwork and sportsmanship skills throughout the morning! We had great fun competing in every single one of the races. Some of our highlights were the sack races and trying to get into the sack without falling over, beating our peers in the 20m sprint, throwing the javelins whilst trying not to hit our family members in the crowd and completing the obstacle race faster than the other houses! Our favourite part of the day was definitely the parent races though! We are already looking forward to next year.



### Shout outs - Owl

A massive shout out to Louie! We have been absolutely blown away with your efforts and achievements over the last few weeks! You have made incredible progress in your assessments and you have approached all of your work with such a positive attitude! We are incredibly proud of you, Louie!

A huge well done to Alisha! We are so impressed with the effort and perseverance that you showed during our sports day activities. You tried your absolute best in every single race and it was so lovely to see you cheering your teammates on! Well done, Alisha!

### Shout outs - Osprey

**Evie K** - Evie, you have been an absolute superstar recently with your amazing efforts towards all your learning. Your behaviour is always fantastic and you are a role model to others in Osprey. You made great progress in your reading assessments so keep it up! Well done Evie!

**Gabija** - You have completely blown me away with your amazing efforts in your learning and you have made incredible progress in your assessments. I was so happy to see how proud you were of your results. It is all down to how hard you work - keep being a star!



## Year 5

### Sports day

3,2,1....GO! WOW! What an amazing day Year 5 have had during this year's 2022 sports day event! There was some excellent sportsmanship displayed by everyone that participated and we could not be prouder of everyone!



### Millionaire readers!

Year 5 are so dedicated towards their reading and are always striving to finish the class reading challenges. We are delighted to announce that we have another millionaire reader in Year 5 with a word count of 1.18 million words - Well done Oliver!



### Sundials in science

Our recent science topic of Earth and Space has allowed us to study how the earth and all the other planets in our solar system orbit the sun. To prove and investigate this we have made sundials and measured the movement of the sun throughout the day and its effect on the shadows

that are cast. We also discovered how the Earth is split into meridian lines and how this is why different countries have different time zones. We used our atlas skills to work out what time it would be at different points of the globe.



### Shout outs Kites

Harry - for being an inspiration to us all. You have shown such determination and resilience throughout our assessment week and all of your hard work has truly paid off. Harry, you should be incredibly proud of yourself and everything you have achieved. You are a star, never stop shining!

### Shout outs Falcons

Mia - I have been so proud of how hard you are working at the moment Mia and how positive and resilient you are when faced with challenges. Keep being you Mia and keep shining - you're a star!



## Year 6

### Roots to Success - York St John

As part of their Roots to Success programme, we were invited to visit York St John University where we had the chance to experience life on campus and chat to Student Ambassadors about their experiences. It was an amazing opportunity to visit a University at such a young age and have discussions about our futures.



### Forest School

This half term, Year 6 are lucky to have a Forest School session every Tuesday. We absolutely adore learning more about our environment and how to live safely in harmony with it. This week, we enjoyed learning how to light a fire. It was great to learn how the flint is made of magnesium which is a metal that catches on fire very easily.



### Sports Day!

Year 6 loved participating in our annual Sports Day. It was amazing to be able to have parents spectate again this year so we could show off our brilliant sporting skills. We were also really proud of all of the children's sportsmanship - cheering each other on, supporting adults and helping younger pupils with their Sports Days. Well done Year 6!



### Shout outs - Eagles

Nora - Your artwork this week has impressed us all. You take so much time and care with it - one day we'll have to pay to view it! Your behaviour is also always outstanding; you are a true Year 6 role model. Well done Nora, keep it up!

### Shout outs - Hawk

Maddison - Your work and behaviour this week have simply been amazing! I am so proud of you for reading so much at home and also, you are now so independent and resilient when doing your work in the classroom. Keep going Maddison - you are making incredible progress.

### Shout outs - Harrier

Paddy - I have been so proud of how hard you have worked in English and art. The amount of progress you have made is admirable. I loved reading your diary entry as it was full of wit and very cleverly written. Well done!



### Diary Dates

30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 church visit
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Geography Trip
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 French café day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent drop in (3:30 - 5:00pm)
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Harlow Carr trip
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to be sent home
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Burnby Hall visit
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Askham Bryan Wildlife park trip
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up from school

### PE Kit expectations

Sport is a core value at Woodthorpe and our PE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum. Please make sure your child is ready to join in, by ensuring they have the correct PE kit with them. Our PE kit consists of the following items:

- Plain, white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Dark coloured jumper and jogging bottoms

For safety reasons, hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Your child will be asked to wear spare kit if theirs isn't in line with our school expectations.

Pictured are examples of our kits for warmer and cooler weather throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PE kit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school office.



### Woodthorpe wrap-around care

We are delighted to be able to offer full wraparound support for our families. This starts from 7.50am and continues until 5:45pm daily. Our offer includes care for all of our children, from nursery to year 6. *Nursery pupils must book wraparound care sessions through the nursery as, due to the childcare funding, they receive, the charges are different.*

**Breakfast Club:** (7.50-8.50am) **£4/session £3/siblings.** Children have a wide range of breakfasts and also have the chance to play games with their friends or take part in a morning physical activity to really help wake them up.

**After School Club** (3.15-5.45pm) **£8/session £7/sibling.** At after school club, children start the session by having a snack and completing a 'circle' activity. From this, pupils then have the option to complete activities with their friends, take part in physical activities or relax with a book or film.

**If you are interested in our wrap-around care options, please pop into the office and ask for our wraparound care administrator, Caroline Young.**

### Childminders

Within our local area there is also a number of Ofsted registered childminders, a full list of these are available via the YorOK website: <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Childcare/childcare.htm>

The school also holds an up-to-date list of local childminders who are able to offer 15 and 30 hours care, please contact the school directly for this information.

### Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office ([admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:admin@woodthorpe.southbank.academy)) or call in person to discuss 01904 806464. **You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:**

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

For further information and support, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



### Message for parents of children in Years 4 & 5:

From September, York High School are running after school **recreational football** sessions at Energise, in conjunction with York City FC Foundation, for any students who may be considering attending York High School who are **currently in Years 4 or 5**. Registration is open now; places are limited and subject to availability.

If any children are interested, parents/carers can complete the registration form at the following web address:

**Current Year 5**, going into Year 6: <https://forms.gle/j98CnoDPrY8y65Aa7>

**Current Year 4**, going into Year 5: <https://forms.gle/ejdMYRYL88xpLSTF9>

Alternatively parents/carers can email [reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy](mailto:reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy) with the subject "Year 5 / 6 Football", or call us, or visit our reception.

Kind regards,  
York High School



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# Summer fair

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01904 777 777 [stleonardshospice.org.uk](http://stleonardshospice.org.uk)



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Sunday 10th July 2022

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