



# Fishergate Newsletter 16

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Dear Parent/carer,

Wow! What an amazing event the Fishergate Star Wars marathon was – I think it might have to be an annual fixture! We even made the Press – a link to the article is on the website. There are so many people to thank! The school council and Erika Deverall for their brilliant organisation of the event, the teaching assistants and parents who ferried children backwards and forwards, the parents who ran, the teachers who came to keep us company (and run!) during their planning time or lunchtime, Amy Jordison for taking fabulous photos (we will publish them on the website soon), Emma Butterworth for giving out medals and keeping the office running smoothly, Darren Pridden, Helen Deighton and my friend Claire for running the whole marathon with me and most importantly the children. A huge thanks, as well, to each and every one of you who has sponsored either me or your child. Your support for a charity that is so close to a lot of people's hearts will definitely keep me going when the going gets tough on the 28<sup>th</sup>! As soon as we have a final figure for the amount raised we will let you know. Continuing the running theme; Ben Smith started and ended his 254<sup>th</sup> marathon at Fishergate on Wednesday. His assembly was inspirational and the children who were chosen to run a mile with him came back into school buzzing. Well done Sarah Wilson and Anna Roberts for doing a lot of hard work to make sure that our children were able to experience this. Fishergate truly is a remarkable school filled with wonderful people!

I would just like to say how proud I am of our Year 6s and their teachers! I am sure that you have seen the items in the news about how much more difficult the tests were this year. Our children rose to the challenge brilliantly; working with focus and determination. They really embodied our growth mindset culture! Well done Y6s your secondary schools are very, very lucky to be getting you. Dani, Josh, Amy and Andrea have done such a good job of fitting a huge amount of new curriculum into a small amount of time and teaching it in an inspiring and imaginative way. On the same note I would also like to mention the Y2s and their teachers. They have also managed a much more challenging curriculum with a calm positivity. I know that you all appreciate how hard Sahar, Lauren and David have worked to keep the stress away from your children and would like to thank those of you who wrote or emailed to let me and the governors know that we had your full support on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Finally, I thought that you might like to know that we are having a mock 'Ofsted' inspection on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We have arranged for two independent consultants (one of whom is an inspector) to come and verify our judgements. They will be around and about, talking to parents at dropping off time. I know that I can count on you to welcome them with your usual warmth and good humour.

Tina Clarke

## Minster Magic

As part of our summer term learning the whole school is involved in an exciting art project based on the iconic building in the heart of our city, York Minster. We wish the children to explore this magnificent building through visiting and sketching its shapes and patterns. This will be the basis of an art focus week, with all children in the school developing their sketches into print, using a range of print methods. The print activities will take place in the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. All children in KS1 and 2 will visit the Minster to sketch in the weeks preceding this; details will follow from each class. Each class will need volunteers to support small groups so that they can explore the minster, inside and out. As all children are York resident there will be no costs involved with this project. However, if the weather allows children may spend the whole school day on their visit, picnicking in the Dean's Gardens at lunchtime and will therefore need a packed lunch on their visit day. The York Mystery plays will be running at the same time as our visits, so access to the nave will be restricted but not impossible. This will make our visits a little more exciting but it will not lessen the experience. At no point in the visit is it intended to participate in any religious service, though services may be on-going during the visit. The intention is to explore the magnificent art and architecture that the Minster is, and contains. If you require any more information, have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time to help, either on the visit or art days, please see your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Glenys Engleman (Art Leader)



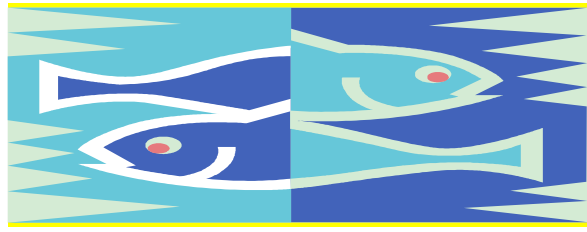
*Little Princess Trust*  
A charity to provide real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss

Mia Layne in Mrs Engleman's class is raising money for the Little Princess Trust (a charity that makes wigs for girls and boys that have lost their hair). For every £10 she raises she's having an inch cut off her hair.

You can help Mia Layne raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising [http://fundraising.justgiving.com/fundraising/MiaLayne-hairchopppeeeeeeeek?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=MiaLayne-hairchopppeeeeeeeek&utm\\_campaign=pf-email](http://fundraising.justgiving.com/fundraising/MiaLayne-hairchopppeeeeeeeek?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=MiaLayne-hairchopppeeeeeeeek&utm_campaign=pf-email).

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust. Many thanks

# Friends of Fishergate School Newsletter



Many congratulations to all who ran in last Wednesday's running extravaganza and I'm glad that our Star Wars medals went down so well - they were well deserved. Good luck from all of us to Ms Clarke for her Ultra Marathon at the end of May.

Many thanks to the parents (Mums so far) who have been helping us clear the John Lally garden at the back of the playground. This is the garden at the far right end of the playground, with the mosaic tiling on the wall. It sadly doesn't get much use at the moment and the hope is that once cleared and a few changes made the children will have a quiet(er) area to go to during play and lunchtimes. We're aiming for an open access area so the children can enjoy being in a pretty garden and we really hope they benefit from having a place to sit and be. We could really do with some strong helpers (Dads??) and anyone with bricklaying and handy skills. Please if you'd be able to help out for half an hour or so morning of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, please do let us know - we really need some more help on this before half term! Just email Kate Ravilious on [kate@ravilious.net](mailto:kate@ravilious.net)

We are now looking ahead to our big summer event the Fishergate Summer Fair which will be on Saturday 18th June 2-5pm. It's looking like it'll be a great afternoon with the official opening of the Forest School and various activities from the Gurkhas including the obstacle course, a Kukri dance and to round the afternoon off a tug of war! Not only is the fair one of our most fun events it also raises vital funds so that we can subsidise the children for their end of year trips, among other things, so please come and support it and bring your friends, family or neighbours....

To plan the Summer Fair further we will be meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 18th May in the Seahorse Pub - we'd love to hear your thoughts if you'd like to join us?

Any questions, thoughts, ideas on fundraising activities or what we should be spending our money on please email me at [selenaw321@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:selenaw321@yahoo.co.uk)

See you on the 18th  
Selena