



Fishergate Newsletter 17

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Yet again we seem to have got to the end of a half term, I am really not sure how we seem to get to them so quickly. We have had a really fabulous half term filled with learning, running and performing. Thank you for the many, many ways in which you have supported your children and Fishergate. Yesterday we were treated to a performance of the spoken and written word courtesy of Key Stage 2. A huge well done to all of the children and teachers who entertained us – you are a talented bunch, and a special thank you to Rachel Teale who masterminded and produced the whole afternoon. We were so pleased with how the afternoon went that we have decided to make it an annual event.

Another annual event will be Fishergate Star Wars marathon. The school council will choose a charity that they would like us to run for. This year the children raised £1324.59, pushing the total amount that I am sending to SANDS to £2332.59 – absolutely incredible. Please send me positive thoughts on Saturday 28th – I start at 6:30am and hope to finish somewhere between 9pm and midnight.

Our mock Ofsted went really well and I am delighted to tell you that our visitors were very impressed with our warm and welcoming school. They saw lots of great teaching and learning. They also thought that the children were beautifully mannered, as well as picking up how much parents value Fishergate and the partnership that we build with you. I would like to thank all the staff; it is a very stressful process to go through and each and every one of them did us proud!

Have a lovely half term. We have a training day in Monday 6th and are looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th June.

Rocket Biologists Rocket into Action

On Monday 18th April, two seed packets of rocket arrived at Fishergate! One of which had been stored in space for three months with Tim Peake and the crew on the ISS.

Over the last month, the team of Yr 3/4 rocket biologists have shown faultless dedication and total commitment during their lunchtimes to look after these seeds and make specific observations at different stages in their growth. As well as watering and rotating trays by 180 degrees every two days, the maths involved- calculating percentages and measuring skills has really put learning to the test and in a real context.

This week the team have presented their mission and results so far to the rest of the school in an assembly where every child had a chance to vote which packet they think was stored on the ISS, from looking at data collected so far. The eight seed trays have been stored in Miss Solanki's room upstairs. Please come and have a look with your child at the end of the day.

Di Ekers (science co-ordinator)



**GROUP CLASS PHOTO'S ON
FRIDAY 10TH JUNE 2016. THESE
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE
NORMAL SCHOOL DAY**



This week our woodwind teacher, Rosie Lynch, came in to entertain our children in assembly on a variety of woodwind instruments. Rosie already has a number of pupils in school learning the recorder, clarinet, saxophone and flute and is available to take on more pupils in September on any of these woodwind instruments. If your child is interested in starting to learn please contact Rosie directly by email rosielynch1@googlemail.com or speak to Miss Teale in school.

FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term and I can hardly believe we're hurtling towards the summer already. Next month (gulp) is our Summer Fair and it's never too earlier to think about what you'd like to do to help. We need people to look after the class stalls in half hour slots and people to help set up and tidy away – whatever you can do is much appreciated.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th June - Summer fair poster competition – please return your child's poster on the first day back to school.

Thursday 9th June – non-uniform day and we would kindly ask that the children start bringing in toys for the fair (no books please - too heavy to carry to the field); tombola prizes; filled jam jars (these can be filled with anything – be creative – sweets, crafty things, games, whatever you can fit in a jam jar) and bottles. This year we are also having a plant stall so if you have any plants you could pot up and bring along either on the 10th or on the day of the fair then that would be appreciated.

Friday 17th June – any parents who could stay for an hour after drop off to help sort donations out in preparation for the Saturday would be wonderful.

Saturday 18th June – gates open at 2 and to give you a sneak preview we have the official opening of the Forest School, the Gurkhas will be there, several children will be performing – it's set to be an action-packed afternoon. If you can help for an hour in the morning to get set up then that would be just brilliant.

BIG SHOUT OUT for the fair – do you have a gazebo or an event shelter that could be used for the fair please?? We're also after any spare bunting that you might have that could be borrowed for the afternoon?? If so to either of these then please do let Emma in the office know – they really make a huge difference.

York Press Community Pride Awards as School of the Year.

Several parents have said they would like to nominate Fishergate for the above award. The award is given to a school which 'has had a positive impact on its pupils and the wider community' and we think that describes Fishergate pretty well.

We're asking parents to send us their experiences of the school and the many ways staff have supported their children. We'd also like examples of Fishergate staff and pupils making an impact on the wider community.

So that you can see what we're talking about the link for the awards is here:

<http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/communitypride/>

Please email any contributions for the award submission (even just one or two lines) to msclairegibb@gmail.com no later than Monday 20th June. Any photos that you would like to submit to support the entry would also be useful.

Have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you in June

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OUTSTANDING LUNCH MONEY

Please could you ensure that your child's lunch account is up to date before we break up for half term. There are numerous outstanding accounts and school cannot be responsible for covering these. Please call into the office to make ASAP. Many thanks.