

Fishergate Primary School Newsletter

2.5.2025

FISHERGATE HEROES

I would like the first newsletter of the summer term to begin with a huge well done to six of our fabulous Y6s. They came to me to ask if they could run a stall to raise money for charity and I am very glad that I said yes! They advertised, crafted, baked and generally worked really hard, with no adult support, to make this happen. They raised a very impressive £150 that is being split between the RSPCA and the RSPB. Anwen, Amber, Henry, Hester, Xanthe and Grace we are all very proud of you.

I am going to put my annual reminder about sunny weather in now – safe in the knowledge that it will result in the disappearance of any heat. Please remember that we have very limited shade on the playground and field so make sure that you have applied sunscreen and that you send your child in with a hat and their water bottle!

DATES

Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday – no school

Future dates:

May 12th Y6 SATs week

June 7th York Pride

June 12th KS2 Eisteddfod

July 3rd KS1 Sports Day

July 4th Y3/4(am) and

Y5/6(pm) Sports Day

July 5th Summer Fair

July 10th – Transition Afternoon

July 18th Leaver's Show

July 22nd Leaver's Assembly

FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

The next Friends of Fishergate School meeting will be on Thursday 15th May at 9am at Busk coffee shop, to start planning the Summer Fair. Meetings are open to all adults with children in our school. Please come along!

Ali, who is a year 6 Mum and currently Secretary on the committee said,

"We are looking to build a larger planning team for this event and it is even more important this year as several active members will be finishing up in school this term as their children move on. It feels like it is essential to 'pass the baton' on, so the future fundraising for our school can continue. We NEED you! ❤️ You will never be asked to do anything beyond your means but it is only through a collective that these events can happen."

If you are able to get involved with the Summer Fair planning (or future events) please join us at the meeting or alternatively send us an email at friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com to receive the meeting minutes and be kept in the process loop.

PHASE UPDATES

EYU – This week we enjoyed the sunny weather when we spent our time in the forest. We found a snail with a smooth, shiny and swirly shell, a feather that we were going to use to do some writing with when we were back in school and lots and lots of sticky weed.

Year 1/2 - Key Stage 1 enjoyed a fantastic start to their recycling topic with a visit from Becky Butler and some of her sixth form students to give us some amazing ideas about how to design and make our own recycled clothes. Hopefully you'll all be able to see the culmination of these efforts in our KS1 fashion show at the end of the term. We followed this up in our English work by writing instructions about how to recycle.

Year 3/4 - Another week of glorious weather but we noticed how desperately the plants in forest school are needing water. Yr 3/4 have been doing a spot of weeding in the hunt for tap and fibrous roots. Ask your child what two jobs roots do for a plant. Keep practising those times tables. Yr 4's have the opportunity to go home with a unique password so they can log onto google classroom to practise using the official site for the multiplication check. Passwords are generated daily and we will practise on Friday lunchtimes in times table club.

Y5/6 - We are using the chromebooks to word process our own stories. Some of them will be novels when they are finished! In maths Year 6 are revising learning from this year while Year 5 are cracking on with fractions. We have also started our history topic of Ancient Greece, using a mysterious death outside Athens to start our investigations...

Sports for Champion Event: Wednesday 18th June

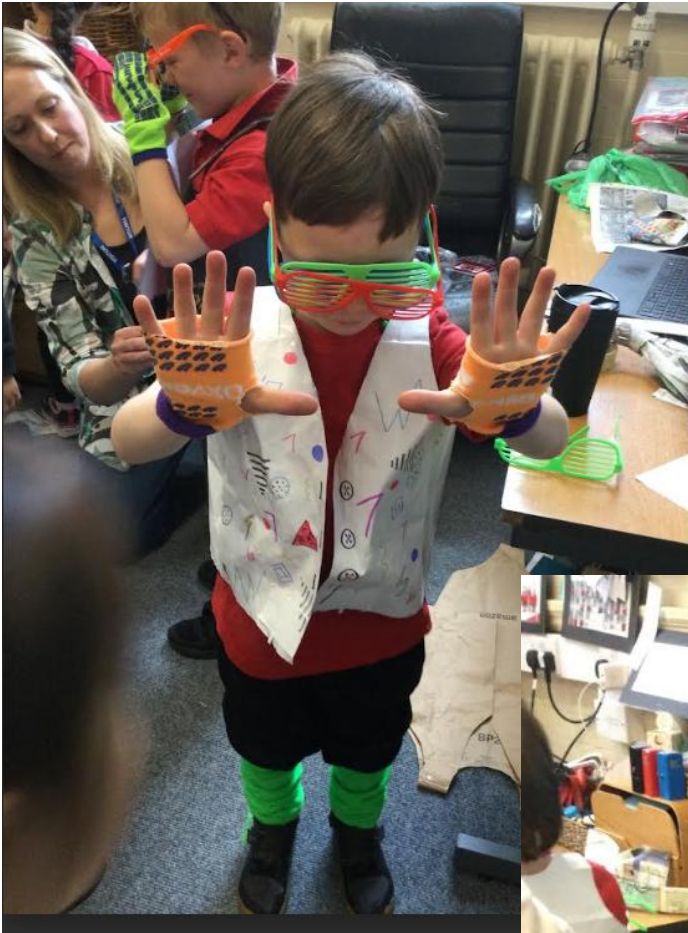
This summer our school will be hosting a Sports for Champion event. We will be having an athlete visit the school on Wednesday 18th June. This replaces our May 4th Star Wars marathon this year.

We have just been informed that the athlete coming to Fishergate is the Team England gymnast Liam Jury. Liam will host an assembly for the pupils and then each class, from Early years to Year 6, will take part in some sporting activities with him.

There is a crowdfunding page set up for this visit:

[SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS CROWDFUNDER](#)

Money raised by our school will go towards supporting this athlete in his career and also raising money for our school sports. More details will be sent out next week.



Year 1 recycling fashionistas

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others: remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

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