



Head teacher's note

We are very excited by the fact that our OPAL journey has begun - maybe you can tell by the fact that it featured in last week's newsletter as well!

We are starting with four 'quick win' areas - one being a mud kitchen. Please could you bring in any pots, pans, whisks, sieves, colanders, baking trays and metal utensils that you have going spare. Nothing with sharp edges though please. If you drop them in the office or with Caroline Burt we will take it from there.

I have noticed that we have some children who are routinely late and are brought in through the front door. This caused a safeguarding issue this week as one of our new little ones slipped through the door, that was being held open by a parent, and ended up in the entrance foyer. Please make sure that you are at school in time to drop your child off in the playground - we expect the children at 8:45am.

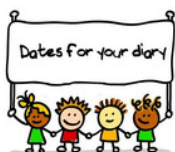
Dates

Mon 19th - OPAL grounds meeting

Thurs 22nd - Y3/4 writing workshop for parents
9am

Thurs 22nd - Y5/6 group Panathlon

Fri 23rd - Over and Above Treat



Friends of Fishergate

Evening meetings for the win
What a fantastic night! We are still buzzing from the success we experienced by shifting our meeting time to the evening. The Novotel bar was just the right blend of warm and cosy, and we're thrilled to welcome our new and lovely members. Your contributions were fabulous and we see more fun times ahead! Meeting minutes are being prepared and we encourage you to email friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com if you haven't already to stay in the loop.

Dates for your diary

Bake Sales:

Year 5/6 – Monday 2nd February

Year 3/4 – Monday 9th February

Year 1/2 – Monday 2nd March

Early Years – Monday 16th March

Pre-Loved Uniform Stall: Monday 26th January

Spring Disco - details coming soon!

Phase group updates

Early Years This week, the children have been developing their maths skills by subitising, confidently saying how many they can see without counting. We enjoyed reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear and, in Drawing Club, chose and drew our favourite animal from the story while focusing on finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. At Forest School, the children loved exploring a frosty forest, using their imaginations and engaging with the winter environment. Check out our Tapestry page for some of this week's highlights.

Year 1/2 have enjoyed a fantastic week and have been continuing their Arctic topic. They've been learning about the Arctic Ocean and which countries are within the Arctic circle. Year 2 have been researching Arctic animals and learning about Inuits, whilst Year 1 have been continuing their 'Poles Apart' story.

Year 3/4 have been learning about the 5 W's of a newspaper report (Where, when, who, what, why) ready to write one together next week, based on a robot saving the headteacher at Fishergate. We are looking forward to having parents in class on Thursday to help write this.

Year 5/6 - the children might have aching hands after finishing their fantastic newspaper articles. They are really well developed - there are definitely some future journalists in this cohort! We will put their writing in a class newspaper so all their friends can read their work. Please feel free to pop upstairs and have a read once these are ready. In Maths, Year 5 are developing their understanding of prime numbers while Year 6 are converting fractions, decimals and percentages. The children loved building circuits with different components in Science.

Bodhi Corner

Hello everyone, it's me, Bodhi! I just wanted to say a huge thank you to our very kind governor and his wife, who went out of their way to collect a lovely free sofa especially for me. It's pawsitively perfect for relaxing after a busy day of school visits, listening and tail-wagging.

When I'm a little calmer and have definitely learnt not to chew books, our KS1 children will be able to use it to sit and read to me – which I'm really looking forward to. Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown... I promise lots of careful listening (and only a little snoozing!).

