



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter



Head teacher's note

It has been a busy half term, full of fun, learning and new experiences! The children have worked hard and have shown our values of kind hearts, curious minds and one community in so many ways. Thank you to our staff and families for all your support.

If you are having a clear-out over half term, we would love your help to add to our OPAL play resources! We are looking for plastic dressing-up accessories that can get wet, such as hats, crowns, helmets, handbags and bangles. Our mud kitchen could also do with more pots and pans, baking trays, mixing bowls, jugs, colanders and sturdy spoons. We would love some more wheels too, including scooters, trikes, balance bikes and sturdy ride-on toys.

There will be a green donation bin in the downstairs hall during the first week back for smaller items. Larger items can be left with the office. All donations should be in good, safe condition, with plenty of play left in them. Thank you for helping us give the children even more opportunities to create, imagine and play together!

I wish all our Fishergate families a happy half-term holiday. I hope you enjoy some time to relax, recharge and have fun together, and we will see you all after the break!

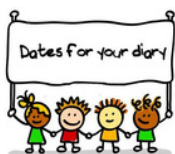
Dates

Mon 2nd November - 1st day of new half term

Tues 3rd - KS1 parent writing workshop 9am

Fri 6th - Y6 bikeability

Fri 6th - Over and above treat



Friends of Fishergate

Dear Families,

We hope your ears, muscles and brains have recovered from the screaming, dancing and intensity that was the Halloween Disco last week! It looked like the children were having the best time, and it was hugely successful financially too, raising a record-breaking £807.33!!! Thank you all for coming, and to the 21 volunteers who came to help, you are the BEST!

Before we mention the C word, there's one more Halloween thing to tell you... Hooded Owls, the fancy bubble bath company, is offering all Fishergate families a special 15% discount on their Halloween kits and Fishergate will receive a matching 15% donation for every kit purchased! Simply visit

www.hoodedowls.co.uk and use our exclusive code at checkout: FISHERGATE. Offer applies to The Boil & Bubble Halloween Potion Making Kit OR Boil & Bubble Potion Making Party Pack. Offer ends 31/10/26.

Christmas is coming of course, so no doubt you will have started your online shopping. Please, please remember to sign up to Easyfundraising. I know we keep going on about this, but it really is a no-brainer. Over 8000 retailers including eBay, Argos and M&S will donate to Fishergate Primary School for FREE once you're registered with Easyfundraising. These donations really help us and all you have to do is order the things you'll be buying anyway. If you use the app, that's much easier than registering on the website, because the app will alert you to which websites do Easyfundraising. Our 'cause' is called 'Fishergate Primary School Friends - York'.

Phase group updates

EYU - We have had a great final week of the first half term, we have been reading 'Together We Can' and drawing our favourite things we like to do with our friends. In Maths, we learned about number 5 and different ways to make 5. As part of Black History month, we have enjoyed reading stories by Black authors such as Trish Cooke, author of 'So Much'. We have also really loved our daily song time, listening to music of black artists. Some of our favourites have been Whitney Houston, Usher, Patti LaBelle and Louis Armstrong.

Year 1/2 - This week, KS1 have been celebrating Black History Month by creating their own black and white artwork based on the art of Charles McGee (you can see the children's amazing work on the new display in the Key Stage 1 hall). Year 2 have also been inventing their final stage of their 'Funnybones' Talk4Writing, whilst Year 1 have been working on the book Tiddler in 'Drawing Club'.

Year 3/4 - Over the past two weeks, Yr 3/4 have been learning about many British and World black icons within sport, music and even the youngest Lord Mayor of Sheffield. We have talked about diversity and embracing our differences. Many children have already handed in their 500 Word writing challenge and we look forward to seeing the rest of the year groups after the half term. It has been a busy half term so we hope our Fishergate families have a chance to recharge the batteries!

Year 5/6 - We have enjoyed hearing some versions of Viking myths about Odin, Freya, Thor and Loki in English. In Maths, Year 5 have been developing their number sense to decide if calculations should be solved mentally or using the inverse operation; Year 6 have been developing their understanding of prime, square and cube numbers. In Science, we designed our own investigations to explore the effect of exercise on our heart rate. Please come and have a look at our new display of artwork inspired by black artist Alma Woodsey Thomas on the Year 5/6 stairs.



Bodhi Corner

Woof, everyone!

If you've spotted my enormous yawn in the photo, you'll know exactly how I'm feeling at the end of this busy half term! All those greetings, walks and time spent with my Fishergate friends have left me ready for a snooze.

But I have a half-term adventure ahead! I'm going on the train to Reading to spend time with one of my favourite dog friends, Lewis. I'm hoping for plenty of walks, playtime and a good sniff around together.

Perhaps I'd better have a nap on the train so I'm ready for all the excitement!

Have a wonderful half-term holiday, everyone. I'll be back after the break with a wagging tail and some holiday adventures to tell you about!

Love and woofs,

Bodhi 🐾



OPAL

Well done to our golden welly winners this week - they made the midday supervisors jump out of their skins!! Great pranking Mallory, Claudia, Daisy, Tasha and Connie.



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THE SMARTPHONE LOWDOWN

FROM  SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Got questions about kids and smartphones?

Take 10 minutes to discover the facts and find out how we can make things better together.



Let's go →

Based on the SFC Parent Talk, shared by parents
over 2,000 times in schools across the UK.

A team at the University of York are running a research project called 'Safer Schools'. This project aims to explore teacher, parents/cares, and pupils' experiences of challenging behaviour that can be characterised as 'harmful gendered practices', including sexist and sexualised language, and reference to misogynist influencers. As part of this work, we are running two surveys. One is for DSLs and PSHEs leads in primary schools, and the other is for parents/carers of primary-aged children.

2) Parent/Carer Survey

It will take around 5-10 minutes to complete and will be running until the end of November.

If you have any questions about the project, or either survey, please contact Dr Abby Gilsenan (abby.gilsenan@york.ac.uk).