



3rd February 2023 NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

Wb 6th Feb - Safer Internet Awareness Week with the theme, 'Want to talk about it?'
6.2.23 - Tim Pinto online safety workshops in school and for families after school **15:45 & 18:30**
9.2.23 - Class 2 Trip to York Chocolate Story
21.2.23 - Pancake Races
22.3.23 - Infant Agility
1.3.23 - Make a Difference Day (School Council Campaign)
2.3.23 World Book Day (Start planning your costumes!)
6.3.23 - Kwik Skills Hockey (Y3/4)
17.3.23 - FOBLs Someone Special Gift Day
23.3.23 - Netball Festival

Next Week...

Tuesday: Lunchtime Books & Buns (Mrs Leader)
Boxing After-School Club (Mr Irving)
Wednesday: Lunchtime Art Club (Pupil-led)
Lunchtime Performance Club (Mr Stace)
Thursday: Rev Robb in school for Collective Worship
Sunshine Yoga After-School Club (Karen)
Lotus Learners Chinese Language & Culture Club (Mrs Cummings)
Friday: Celebration at St Leonard's Church @9:15am; PE kits Class 2, 3 & 4; Forest School Y5 Forest School (Y5)

Inspire, Believe, Respect, Achieve Together We Shine



Congratulations to...

Layla: for fantastic, careful iPad work Layla! You used the paint tool skilfully to draw a fabulous picture of George Stephenson's "Rocket".

Isla H: you have been trying so hard in all our learning activities and have presented your work super smartly. What a great week you have had! We are so proud of you!

Sophie: for being utterly engrossed in your maths learning. You are able to work wonderfully with numbers and have excelled in our multiplication topic!

Millie S: WOW! Everybody needs to channel their inner Millie Steele! You have the most incredible learning behaviour and you are an exemplary role model for everyone in our school.

Lexey: for a fantastic start to school - effort levels are through the roof, and you have been putting yourself out there in Maths and English. Absolutely smashed it!

Joey: for incredible work across the board. Such high standards for yourself; you've worked so hard in evaluating your own work and seeing what needs improving and taking action accordingly. A fantastic attitude!

Amelia: for being amazing at percentages!

Richard: for being amazing at percentages!

This Week's News...

Some amazing learning at our incredible school this week... Our Collective Worship theme has focused on well-being and we have been exploring how we can look after our mental health - both physical and mental.

Class 1 have been learning about the life of George Stephenson - his incredible inventions, including 'The Rocket'. They have translated this through their computing work, creating the most wonderful pictures using their iPads.

Class 2 was 'buzzing' this week - our Y2&3 pupils were putting their scientific skills to the test in their electricity work. They have also been creating willow patterns in art in preparation for their work with ink next week.

Class 3 have continued their fraction work, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. They've typed up their newspapers and will be publishing them next week with the finished product!

Class 4 have been busy working on percentages, recapping features of rivers, publishing newspaper reports on their iPads and developing and refining gymnastic routines. Finally, our Y4, 5 & 6 pupils had an incredible learning experience at Young Voices this Thursday. Please see below for more detail about this incredible event!

Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Updates

Online Safety

On Monday 6th February 2023 Tim Pinto is visiting school to deliver a number of age-appropriate workshops to pupils in school. These workshops will cover a range of current online safety challenges for pupils and will give our pupils the knowledge they require to navigate the online world with confidence.

Tim will then deliver a workshop after school for parents. Parents have the option of attending either at 3:45 or 18:30. We have asked Tim to offer two times in order for working parents to attend and to allow for the organisation of childcare. We urge all parents to attend, if possible. Tim Pinto has worked with our school before and his workshops and parent sessions are full of a wealth of information to support all members of our school community. As I have mentioned before, it is essential that schools and parents keep up to date with this ever-changing and fast-paced world, in order to support and keep our children safe.

Mental Health & Well Being

North Yorkshire County Council jointly with the NHS have created a website called 'The Go-to' to help support mental health within young people. The website is dedicated to helping children and young people find mental health support in North Yorkshire. **The Go-to** is a portal or 'single point of information' for mental health support services offered by different agencies in the county. With lots of useful tips, information and signposting the site has specific 'young person', and 'parent/carer' tabs for easy navigation.



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School Council News...

The School Council met with Mrs John earlier this week, who offered some fantastic advice for their forthcoming 'Make a Difference Day'. They discussed ideas for the creative element of the day and have some great plans for not only creating art from recyclable items, but also with sustainable outcomes.

We are still in need of the following please:

- plastic milk bottle tops
- crisp packets (lots please)
- cardboard kitchen roll tubes

The council also met with Mrs John to discuss a community project with the Church. The council are looking forward to working with the Church to not only raise funds for repairs, but also to campaign to raise awareness of the future. Watch this space...

Children-led Church Services

There are great opportunities for all at the children-led services at both St Leonard's and St John's at Bishop Monkton. At the last service pupils from Burton Leonard shared their musical talents, shared prayers and stories from the Bible. It was amazing to see such confident communication and observe the children do such an amazing job of leading the service. Super proud! The next children-led service is on the 12th February at St John's Church. If your child would like to take part please let Mrs John know - everyone is welcome!

Children's Collective Worship Committee (CCWC)

Following pupil voice feedback we have developed our Collective Worship to now include a Wednesday Worship session which will currently be led by our CCWC. They did a fantastic job this week and delivered some thoughtful reflections and thinking around this week's theme of well-being.



Young Voices - What have you done today, to make you feel proud?

What a night it was! After months of singing practice with Mr Stace, our Class 3 & 4 pupils made the journey to Sheffield this Thursday afternoon and performed in an arena full of 5,025 people! They were absolutely incredible! The afternoon consisted of singing practice with the other schools in attendance, as well as the amazing acts also performing, who included Heather Small, The Beats Collective, the awesome dance crew Urban Strides and not forgetting the incredibly talented violinist Anna Phoebe. After finishing our packed tea we got ready for the performance of a lifetime - the lights, audience and atmosphere was out of this world and a fabulous time was had by all. Burton Leonard pupils danced and sang their hearts out, whilst our Burton Leonard banner proudly displayed above us!

Our pupils' hard work paid off and we are incredibly proud of the perseverance the children have shown in their music lessons in advance of this event. Thank you to parents for supporting this trip and to those who were able to come and watch the performance. I would also like to say a special thank you to all the staff that made this trip happen, and an extra special thank you to Mr Stace, who put so much time and effort into teaching and preparing the children for their performance.

Pupils say...'It was amazing!'...'I loved every minute of it!'...'I never imagined I would sing in front of so many people!'...'I loved being with my friends and singing together!'...'I was nervous, but it was worth it!'...'Everyone should go to Young Voices - it is the most amazing thing ever!' This week's Blue Peter featured one of the Young Voices performances, which can be watched on I Player. Don't forget... if you attended the Young Voices performance you can apply for your Blue Peter music badge! Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge> for more information.