

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 7th November 2014



Y5/6 Poppy Artwork with Pannal and St Peter's Primary Schools

On Wednesday 5th November, 10 children from Y5/6 were chosen to make 3D poppies as part of our WW1 topic. Four pupils from St Peter's and four from Pannal Primary School, along with Mrs Wood and Mrs Gray, helped us along the way.

When we were making these poppies, I (Ellie Peagram) met two new friends called Katie and Connie. Katie from Pannal said, "It was really fun; I enjoyed being at Western".

I (Naomi Lonsdale) enjoyed making these poppies. The remaining Y5/6 pupils made stained glass window effect poppies in the classrooms which look really beautiful. Overall, we had a fantastic morning and enjoyed doing Art with new friends.

By Ellie Peagram and Naomi Lonsdale.

Y6 Royal Hall Trip

On a spectacular Friday, the year 6 children went on an outstanding trip to the Royal Hall. We went on a tour around the 360 degree corridor, known as an ambulatory. While we were walking around, we had to investigate the facts and history of this amazing building. One of the intricately decorated rooms we saw was the stage area. Did you know all of the gold leaf surrounding the edges was placed by hand? Overall, we had a brilliant time. By Naomi Lonsdale and Imani Amanullah.

Girls' Football Success!



On Tuesday 4th November, 9 Year 5/6 girls took part in a Football Tournament at Rossett High School. They performed brilliantly, showing great attitude and team work. Having won all their matches and winning their 'pool', they lost 1-0 in the final. Congratulations to Emma Marlow, Sophie Ball, Freya Levine, Kate McCartney, Lucy Thompson, Rosie Simmonds, Phoebe Hall Jones and Emelia Bland. You made Western very proud!

KS1 Infant agility event

On Wednesday, 10 children from Key Stage One took part in the infant agility event at Harrogate Grammar School. Schools from across North Yorkshire took part in various events, such as balancing, aiming, speed jumping, sprinting and jumping. A huge well done to Evelyn, Tommy, Immy, Freya, William, Calvin, Freddie, Isabella, Esme and Charlie D, you all worked really hard to do the best you could at each event and worked really well together as a team to represent Western.





Children in Need Friday 14th November

Children are invited to take part in Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Foundation Stage children (Nursery and Reception) can come to school in their PJs with outdoor shoes and the rest of the school can wear an outfit or accessory in their house colour. Donations will be collected in class.

Bake a difference

We are also holding a whole school cake bake after school so please bring your cakes and treats to sell next Friday.

Beanie Hats for sale



Abi Sorrell will be selling handknitted beanie hats her grandma has made under the pergola. She has chosen various colours and there are 2 sizes. Each hat costs £3.50. Stock is limited but she hopes to have enough to go around!

All money raised from these events will go towards making a difference to the lives of children in need in the UK and abroad.

Year 3/4 Parents

We are preparing for the Christmas Fair. If you have any sweets surplus to requirements from Halloween, please could you send them into school. Also, please send in as many cardboard tubes as possible to enable us to prepare for our cracker making, thanks.



Board Games Club

If anyone has any unwanted board games, please donate them to our Board Games Club which runs on Tuesdays after school. Thank you.

Early Arrivals

During the last few weeks, we have had a number of children arriving at school unaccompanied before 8.45am. There are no members of staff in the playground until 8.45am and so children are not allowed to be unaccompanied in the playground before this time. If you need to drop your children off earlier than 8.45am, Kids at Heart run a before and after school club. You can contact Kids at Heart on 01423 862182.



Improving Family Life - a 3 week programme designed to offer practical solutions to everyday parenting problems.

After half term, led by staff from Harrogate Children's Centre, we will be offering a 3 week programme entitled Improving Family Life.

Lasting an hour and a half, each week's session will cover core areas of parenting and family life and will offer practical support and strategies to tackle them. Topics covered will include setting boundaries, routines, behaviour management and being a positive role model. Each session is designed to offer support for families with children of all ages.

The first session will start in Room 13, above the canteen at 9.15am on Tuesday the 18th November, followed by a session on the 25th November and the final session on the 2nd of December. We aim to finish each week by 10.45am and refreshments will be available. The programme is free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Please register your interest by emailing Clare Woolaston on woolastonc@western.n-yorks.sch.uk. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive further information or any of the session material, please let us know. All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for this half term (until 19th December 2014) is **£73.50**. Could you please pay online at www.parentpay.com.



Free school meals and Assistance with Residential Visits

Free school meals and assistance with residential visits (such as Bewerley Park and East Barnby) are available to children whose parents receive certain benefits.

These include one or more of the following:

- income support;
- income-based Jobseekers' allowance;
- income-related employment and support allowance;
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit;
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four-week "run-on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work fewer than 16 hours a week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

If you meet the above criteria, apply by using the  [application form \[56kb\]](#). Or collect a copy from the school office. Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. We will also be notified. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. We may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed.

If you have moved to North Yorkshire from another authority area, your entitlement to free school meals does not automatically transfer. You will need to re-apply using the above application form.

Free school meals - frequently asked questions (click for the answers)

- [If my child is at nursery or sixth form, are they still entitled to free school meals?](#)
- [What will my child receive as a recipient of free school meals?](#)
- [What do I need to do if my circumstances change?](#)



New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As well as the core free 15 hours per week, we also offer additional sessions during the day, at lunchtime and before and after school. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.





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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 13th November – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 20th November – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 27th November – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 4th December – Miss Taylor's class
Thursday 11th December – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 18th December – Miss Taylor's class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16th September – Tuesday 9th December – Mrs Coatesworth's class
Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser Smith's class
Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett's and Ms Smith's classes

Awards

House Point Winners:

Lupton House

Key Stage 1 Awards

Ethan Gibbs
Iris Barry
S Jay Spence
Vendel Sipos
Annabelle Gording
Jack Burnside
James Fox
Alfie Norman
Aaron Sansing
Madison Towers
Will Magill
Sophie Rees

Key Stage 2 Awards

Key Stage 2 awards will be notified next week.



Lunchtime Awards

1st Place Wallbank

2nd Place Askew

3rd Place Lupton

4th Place Croft

Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 11th November – Y3/4 Terrific Tudors Event 1.45 and 2.30pm

School Holidays

Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19th December at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm

Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

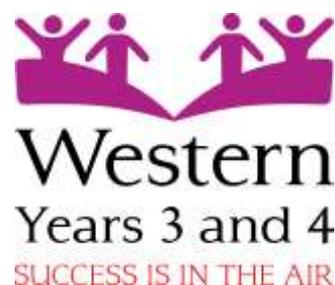
Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm

Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**



Western Cycling Group Friday Mornings from Prologue



If you have a bike and are wanting fresh air, exercise, good company, hints and tips about getting the most out of your riding style and great coffee and cake, then come and join us, Friday mornings setting off from outside Prologue Cycling, located at the bottom of Cold Bath Road.

No lycra required, but we do set ourselves a challenge. We have previously cycled out to Fewston and back along Penny Pot and last week was a ride out to Boroughbridge - somewhere I would have only driven to in the past!

We meet outside Prologue for 09.15 setting off at 09.30, usually out for 2 hours. If you would like any more information, please get in touch with Kirsty Leedham on 07800 756818 or catch me in the playground, children are in years 4 and 6, or just turn up next week. Although we won't be going out if the weather is really bad!!

PTA News!



Upcoming Events

27 th November (Thur)	Family & Friends (PTA) meeting
28 th November (Fri)	Quiz night
6 th December (Sat)	Christmas tree sale
10 th December (Wed)	Christmas Fair

Hot Dog & Glow Stick Stall

We hope you enjoyed your hot dogs and fun glow-sticks on Bonfire Night! We raised a fantastic £127. Thank you to all those who made donations and gave their time to make this event a success.

Quiz Night – Friday 28th November

Our school Quiz Night will be held on Friday 28th November in the school hall. The evening will consist of a fun quiz plus a fish & chip supper. Tickets will be on sale after school next Friday, at a cost of £7.50 each. Please contact Sally on sallyhaslewood@gmail.com to find out more, or see attached poster.

Cake Bake Dates:

When it is your children's class cake bake, please leave cakes under the pergola on Friday morning, ready for the cake bake after school. Thank You!



Friday 7 th November	Y3/4 – Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 14 th November	Whole School Cake Bake for Children in Need
Friday 21 st November	Y5/6 – Mr Broad/Mrs Wood
Friday 28 th November	Y2 – Miss Jones

Well Done to Mrs Thomas' class who raised £50.40 in the week before half term.