

Newsletter Friday 20 May 2016

SATs week

We were very proud of all our Year 6 pupils for applying themselves tirelessly to the new style tests last week. All the papers have been sent off for marking and we are expecting the results back at the start of July.

In-school assessments

The whole school will be sitting standardised tests in English, Maths and Science during the week beginning June 13th. These tests are to support class teachers' ongoing (Age Related Expectations) assessment judgements which will be reported at the end of the year for parents and carers.

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday our super swimming squad went off to Huddersfield Sports Centre to compete in the annual Swimming Gala. The whole team showed tremendous courage swimming in such a big competition and excellent sporting spirit for their team mates and other competitors throughout.

There was a huge amount of excitement and lots of nail-biting finishes. Many children were successful in their heats going through to the finals. Our finalists were: Sol and Baily in the boys' backstroke ; Hermione in the girls' backstroke; Tess in the girls' breaststroke race, Nathan in the boys' front crawl and Aiofe in the girls' front crawl. Well done too to our relay team of Nathan W, Alfie T, Aiofe K and Hermione B who also made the finals.



Well done to the team who were; Baily Mc, Sol K, Hermione B, Jasmine W, Joe H, Tom H, Jocelyn W, Tess S, Nathan W, Alfie T, Georgia H and Aiofe K.

Thank you to them all for representing school so admirably and for being such good sports people.

Neiley Races

The weather just managed to hold off for the second Neiley Race on Wednesday afternoon. Although many of the Year 5 and 6's were at the swimming gala, there was still a good turnout and all the children performed brilliantly, showing determination and sportsmanship. Special mention to Olivia Langford, who showed incredible resilience when running with an injured ankle! We are looking forward to the final race in June.

Jeni and Billy



On Wednesday Jeni and Billy came to school for their second visit, all the way from the Appalachian Mountains, to compose songs with our Year 6 pupils and perform their amazing music for everyone.

Jeni and Billy's music dovetails really well with the Year topic of North America. The children worked with Jeni and Billy in class through the whole process of composing the lyrics and music for their very own song about an area of America.

Jeni also performed some traditional slide dancing. Her red dancing shoes were a point of conversation as she'd decorated them herself with pictures of her great great grandmother, Sarah Catherine Margaret Nipper Hylton, and her second cousin Charley Smith, or as Jeni calls him, Baby Charley, the Lightning Boy!



It was great to see Year 6 performing their songs and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert and singing along to Chicken Ridge again!

For more information check them out on Facebook as you might love their music just like we do. They are performing concerts around Yorkshire and their Linthwaite show is especially for families. See their website for details www.jeniandbilly.com

Thank you to FOHJS for funding this wonderful experience.

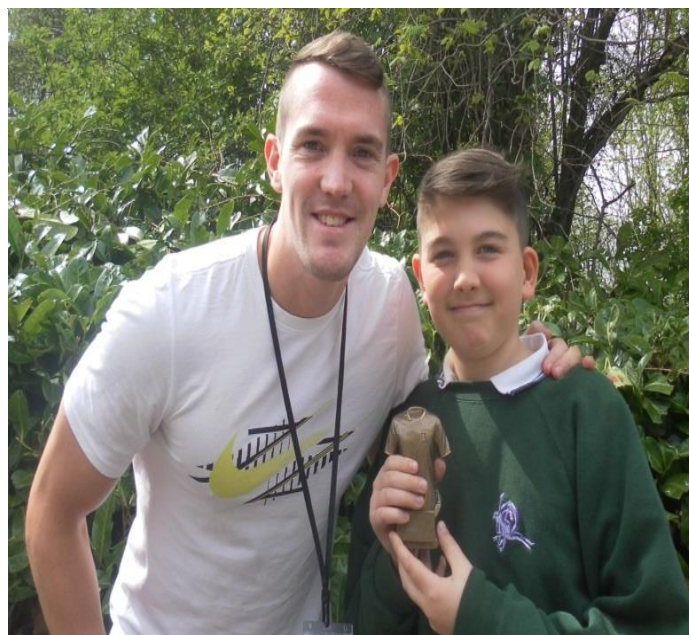
New Badminton Club

Mrs Moir, Teaching Assistant and badminton enthusiast, is starting up a free club for interested Year 6 pupils. It will run for 6 weeks starting from Monday 6th June until Monday 11th July (3:30-4:30pm). Numbers are restricted and places will be awarded on a first come first served basis so if your child is interested please encourage them to return their letter as soon as possible.

Charlie's – Leadership in Sport Award

As part of the Pennine Sports Awards this year we have chosen Charlie to receive our Leadership in Sport Award. Our reasons being that Charlie is consistently enthusiastic, is keen to involve everybody in lessons and is generally very able in each sport covered. Charlie is also part of the Year 6 football team, representing the team as captain on a number of occasions. Mr Hind stated that 'the visits to my classroom, asking if training is on, have been humbling and show his consistent positive approach to sport. He always displays the right attitude and his 'above and beyond' efforts have enabled him to win our trophy this year.'

The Pennine Sports Partnership Awards presentation evening takes place in October and we can't wait to see Charlie on stage at the Town Hall receiving his award.



Tennis Tournament

Eight children from years 4 and 5 took part in the Mini Red and Orange tennis tournament this week, at Thongsbridge Tennis Club. Competing against local schools in the area, our teams displayed a fantastic set of tennis skills but also their super sportsmanship! They had a lovely afternoon taking part in the competition, which is run by the Pennine Schools Sport Partnership and certainly did themselves proud.

Well done.



Water aid

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a visit from a spokesman for Water Aid. As a former Yorkshire Water employee, the speaker really engaged the children and ignited more interest in this term's learning question 'Where in the world is our water?' He shared some fascinating facts with the children to help them consider their own water usage. Did you know that brushing your teeth with the taps on uses 5 litres of water? With the tap turned off, usage is only 1 litre. The children discovered that washing dishes by hand only uses 6 litres of water, yet the dishwasher on one cycle, can use up to 30 litres. They were also able to understand how difficult it is for some of the world's population to access clean water, and followed the story of one little girl who walked 4 miles to her water source, and four miles back, carrying water weighing 25kg.



Space Seeds

Most of our precious seeds are now sprouting and growing into established young plants. However, quite a number of them did not germinate or flourish. Could these be the real space seeds that have been killed off? We will keep you informed!

Diary Dates	Event
24.05.16	Leavers' photograph
26.05.16	Hand to Mouth – collective worship
27.05.16	School closes for INSET day and half term
06.06.16	School reopens
10.06.16	Parent Forum 2:30pm
w/c 13.06.16	Whole school assessment week
15.06.16	Neiley Races
w/c 20.06.16	Olympic Sports Week
24.06.16	FOHJS Non-uniform (Bottle Day)
25.06.16	Summerfest
29.06.16	Showcase Assembly
29.06.16	Year 4 – Huddersfield Sports Barn
05.07.16	Holmfirth High School – Transition Day
06.07.16	Year 6 - Hand to Mouth – Moving on journey
11.07.16	New Parents' and carers' meeting
12.07.16	Transition day including Honley High School
14.07.16	Year 6 Leavers Disco
18.07.16	Year 6 Music Hall Performance
19.07.16	Leavers' Service at St. Mary's 10:30am
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays
06.09.16	School opens