

THE FOREST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER-May 2016



SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be held on 5 July at 1.30pm.
More details to follow.

FAIRFAX CENTRE

Just a reminder that the Thursday Teen Session is running during May half term. Thursday 2nd June 4.30 - 7.30pm at Fairfax Community Centre. Open to 10 - 19 year olds Booking **essential**. Also, following their coaching at the teen club, Harrogate Spa Tennis Centre are offering Tennis Coaching. Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd June, 3.00 - 4.30pm at their new site on Claro Road. Participants can attend one or both days. The charge is £5 per session. Again, booking is essential as places are limited.

Please either email, text or telephone to book your place/s.

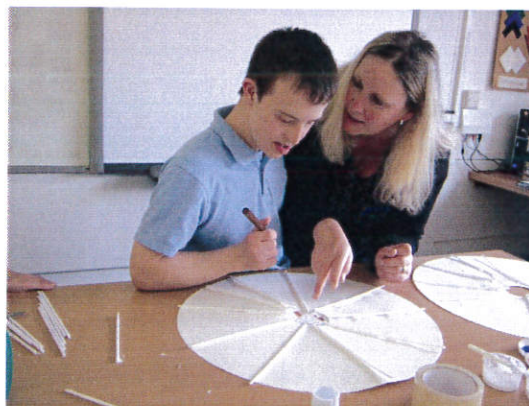
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PHOTOS FROM ART CLASSES

A national kitchen company is organising a staff sponsored bike ride visiting each of their showrooms. The final destination is the Tom Howley showroom in Harrogate. This showroom has nominated our school for a share of the money they raise. They asked if our children could provide some artwork to display in their showroom for the final day of the bike ride, and here you can see some of our children creating some beautiful pieces of art.





MORE GARDENING SUCCESS FOR THE FOREST SCHOOL



*! I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine:
There sleeps*

Titania sometime of the night,!

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Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
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There sleeps Titania sometime of the night,!*

(A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act 2, Scene 1))

Visitors to the Spring Flower Show in Harrogate may have noticed an array of Shakespearean themed displays.

Along with many other schools in the area, The Forest School took part in a "Grow a Meadow Theatre" competition.

Inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream, Mrs Watson, Mrs Savage and pupils from KS4PO produced a display representing the Queen of the Fairies asleep on her little hill.

Pupils helped grow the meadow grass and other plants in a trough, and helped decorate the rest of the scene.

In recognition of their hard work, the school received First Prize from the Yorkshire Horticultural Society.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Pupils have completed their practice expedition and are building up their experience ready for their Assessed Expedition at the end of June. They had a wonderful time and demonstrated some excellent navigation skills. Camping was a great success too.





The group who have been volunteering at Brimham Rocks have succeeded in collecting a lot of litter. They sorted it out and made a tally of what they collected. Items included 60 plastic bottles, 33 cans, 47 bottle tops and 245 wrappers/crisp bags. Also 5 dummies, a toothbrush, toy bat, false nail, comb, 3 tennis balls, 5 socks and 7 gloves amongst many other items.

The litter was brought back to school and the pupils created a sculpture in art with Mrs Savage. The sculpture will be part of a display at Brimham Rocks.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs and a whole school photograph were taken recently and proof sheets sent home. Please note the final date for orders to school is Friday June 10th.

THREE PEAKS SPONSORED WALK

A group of staff recently took part in the three peaks challenge to raise money for the childrens cancer charity Candlelighters Trust. Candlelighters are supporting the daughter of a member of our staff, so the charity is very close to our hearts. Thank you to all parents who raised sponsorship money or sent in donations. We raised £610.00 for the charity. In addition, some members of staff organised online giving and they managed to achieve a similar amount in online donations. A great team effort - well done to everyone

Dyslexia: supporting your child

Wednesday 25th May, 6-8 pm

Thirsk Library (new Meadowfields site)

or

Thursday 16th June, 7pm

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, Colburn

Jill Swinhoe

dyslexia specialist teacher

An overview of the issues: for parents, carers and professionals

Free but booking is essential

Tel: 0845 22 60 240 or 01325 718139

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LONDON RESIDENTIAL TRIP YEAR 11

For the sixth year running, Year 11 pupils at The Forest School have visited London for their annual residential trip. In May, 8 pupils and 5 staff took to the roads to drive to Rotherhithe in London where we stayed at the Thameside Youth Hostel.

On arrival, we acquainted ourselves with our accommodation and the local area. We took a stroll through Rotherhithe and found it to be a peaceful and quiet area near to the Thames between Tower Bridge and Greenwich. We loved feeding the ducks at Surrey Quays and walking along the canals between the modern flats. After dinner we went to a bowling alley where the pupils were able to take on the

staff. After drinks, we returned to the hostel for a well earned rest.

On day two we visited the Maritime Museum in Greenwich where amongst many other exciting activities, we were able to pilot a ship in the Bridge simulator, load cargo using a crane and fire cannons to sink a ship. After lunch we walked up the hill to the Greenwich Observatory where we observed a fantastic panoramic view of London. A few of the group visited the observatory while others enjoyed an ice cream refreshment stop. Soon after we were back on our journey along the Thames to visit the Tower of London where we saw the Crown Jewels and spent some of our money in the gift shops. To complete our very active day, we dined out in style at Frankie and Benny's, a great end to a great day!

After breakfast on day three we took the Thames Clipper boat along the Thames to the London Eye. We loved the views from the London Eye which were stunning despite the low cloud and damp weather. After the London Eye we took a tourist walk through Whitehall to see Downing Street and Horseguards Parade. We continued on to St James's Park where we had our lunch before visiting Covent Garden via Trafalgar Square. Once at Covent Garden we saw the matinee performance of Charlie and



The Chocolate Factory at the Drury lane Theatre which was magnificent. The icing on the cake was meeting one of the lead actors who arranged to meet us at the stage door after the performance

On Thursday we drove back to Knaresborough. During the journey, we reflected on the great experience we all had. After stopping for our lunch, the journey became much quieter with 8 very tired but contented pupils. The teachers were very proud of our pupils who behaved so well and were great ambassadors for The Forest School. Well done year 11.

SAPLINGS VISIT THE DONKEY SANCTUARY



This term our weekly donkey riding sessions have been a little different.

We are now learning about how to care for the donkeys. We have been shown what they like to eat and how they need to be groomed.

If the weather is fine, we ride the donkeys in the fields or along the sensory path. We have the opportunity to listen to the bird song and look at the lambs and bluebells in the woods as we ride. Sometimes we lead the donkeys around the arena using a lead rein. We are enjoying these new sessions.

HALF TERM BREAK

Just a reminder that school closes on Friday 27 May at 2pm. Children are expected back in school on Monday 6 June

Peter N Hewitt
Headteacher

Your support for your son/daughter's education is crucial to their progress and wellbeing. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to help you support them, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages, wheelchair access, explaining things over the phone or a discussion with a colleague of the same gender.

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May 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to let you know about a new opportunity to be involved in the work we do for children and young people age 0-25 with SEND, their parents, carers and families.

We are committed to working alongside parents & carers to meet the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We have established very strong and positive links with NYPACT, who have over 1000 members, and we now wish to extend our ongoing involvement with more parents & carers of children / young people across the 0 – 25 year age range.

Having seen considerable success in using a virtual reference group to develop one of the strategies within North Yorkshire Children & Young Peoples and Adults service, we are proposing to create a similar group within the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 0-25 (SEND) Service.

We understand that people are very busy however we would like to involve as many people as possible in developing our services, and our Local Offer. This is a way in which you can be involved and have your say without attending lots of meetings.

We plan to be in touch occasionally via email to give you updates on work that is happening and any new developments such as:

- Updates on opportunities and up & coming events
- Consulting with you on specific areas of work so that you can influence developments
- Providing an opportunity to speak to OFSTED / CQC inspectors on how we are doing (we will be inspected every 5 years)

You can then respond with feedback and comments which we can capture and consider in taking things further.

Members of this group will be entirely voluntary and the details will be kept completely separate from any other information and used solely for the purpose of this group. I hope that you will agree to become a member, in which case please email me to confirm your agreement. If you don't respond we will assume that you do not wish to take part in the group. If at any time you wish to remove yourself from the group you are free to do so.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries. If you are aware of anyone else who would like to join the group, please feel free to pass this information onto them.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Planning and Development Officer

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22 April 2016

Dear Head Teacher

The Hydro is host to Harrogate District Swimming Club and an integral part of the club is the Hot Shots Disability Programme.

Hot Shots has had phenomenal success in the form of 7 national and 5 international swimmers winning medals and awards for disabled swimmers.

Our aim is to increase our pool of swimmers and work towards building a dynamic high achieving swimming group.

I am lead disability coach and would like to extend an invitation to attend an open evening that will showcase our disability scheme form learn to swim through to the competitive programme.

We are seeking to raise awareness of the service we provide and with your help and vision hope to recruit new talent that we can nurture and develop towards each swimmers full potential.

The open evening will be held at the Hydro on 26 June.

I would appreciate if you could confirm your attendance to Richard.hesleton@harrogate.gov.uk

I look forward to seeing you at the open evening.

Yours sincerely

Richard Hesleton
Lead Disability Coach
Harrogate District Swimming Club

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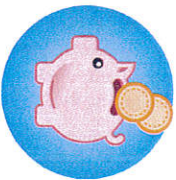
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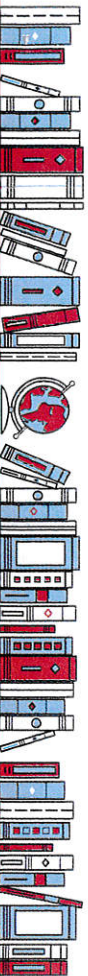


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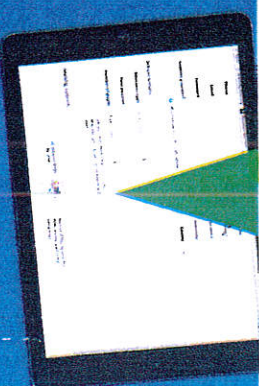
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