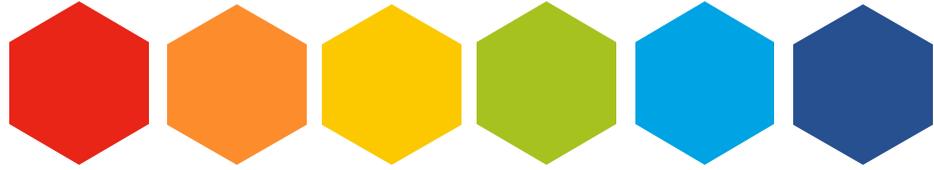


Curriculum News

April/May 2014



Exciting developments in the Foundation Stage Outdoor Area

We are working hard to build a fantastic new outdoor play area in our Foundation Stage. This bespoke, naturalistic area is being carefully designed by Miss Stewart and her team to appeal to young children's imagination and be used in a wide range of play activities.

We expect the area to be re-opened in June - children have LOTS of other areas to play in the meantime...



Beautiful, creative and exciting: the sculpted chunks of tree trunk outside Nursery will provide a wonderful imaginative and active play area.



Mr Wilson, our site manager, has created this fantastic 'Mud Kitchen' that will form part of our new outdoor area.

Web site and blogs

Our new website - www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk - seems to be a success and we welcome comments on news items. Please also make a note of our new phone number: 0113 2058130

We are delighted with parents' engagement with our class blogs; please pay them a visit - and leave comments - from the links on our main website.

Training Days

The forthcoming Training Days are:

Monday 2nd June

Monday 1st September

Wednesday 24th September (jointly with other Farsley schools)

Friday 21st November (jointly with Priesthorpe)



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Staffing News

We have welcomed Jane Morgan (Y1), Chris Sharp (Y3) and Michelle Webster (Y5) to the staff as Learning Support Assistants. Brian Carr has joined the school as its new groundskeeper.

Natasha Singleton, Gemma Dormand and Amanda Stephenson are all leaving the school this summer. We would like to thank them all for their contribution to the school over a number of years and we wish them the best of luck for their future careers.

Two new teachers will be joining us in September: Stuart Tiffany from Whitecote Primary School and Beth Sedman from Churwell Primary.

Sports News

Lots of children have been representing the school in sporting competitions: we have taken part in netball, cycling, cricket, rugby and football competitions already this year. We have won the local tournament for netball for the first time and have been crowned West Leeds football champions. Daisy and Sally won under 9 girls schools team regional roller competition. Well done everyone!



Residential for our older children

Year 6 have enjoyed a very successful recent residential in Northumberland. They visited Kielder Forest and Bird of Prey Centre, Hadrian's Wall, Roman sites and Beamish open-air Museum. Many thanks to Mr Cooke and the staff team that worked so hard to provide a memorable experience for the children. Year 5 are due to go on residential to the Yorkshire Dales at the end of the month.





Trips this term...

We have lots more exciting trips planned for this term including visits to Manchester Sea Life, Rodley Nature Reserve, Ribbleshead, Malham, Calverley Woods (cycling) and, perhaps, a trip to Bridlington. More details soon. Please be assured that we do everything that we can to keep costs to a minimum.

Pudsey Civic Hall parking

We have had 34 applications for a parking permit for the Pudsey Civic car park. Most applicants will therefore be successful. The project has been delayed slightly as the person that we were dealing with has left the authority, but we hope to be able to proceed with the pilot soon. Thank you for your patience.

Sylvia Smart retirement

Sylvia Smart has begun a well-earned retirement after twenty years as a lunchtime assistant at Farfield. Sylvia has been a wonderful member of staff, with such an infectious sense of fun, and we wish her all the best for the future.



Pop-Up Restaurants Success

The Y4 Business Enterprise restaurant project reached a very successful finale with 'pop-up' restaurants doing a great trade in the Studio. A range of dishes - including fajitas, noodles, curry and pizza - were prepared to order and the restaurant was very busy. The project raised £250 profit for St Martin's Hospice. Congratulations to Ms Stephenson and the Y4 children.



"I want to be a business woman when I grow up mum"

MS comment on the Y4 blog



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Conservation Area

Our infant Conservation Area is being accessed more than ever thanks to the PTA and the efforts of staff and parents.

A Saturday morning of work in the Spring time enabled us to raise the canopy of the woodland area, clear encroaching shrubs and pick up litter. The PTA has funded a grill for the pond which was also cleared and benefitted from additional planting.

The Conservation Area is now being accessed by KS1 children during morning playtimes and they are particularly enjoying seeing all the tadpoles developing. It is a lovely, peaceful space, and it will be enhanced by further seating soon.

The area is no longer locked so it can be accessed before or after school, but please do not allow children play there without adult supervision. This is intended to be a quiet, reflective space - it is not a rowdy playground.



Demolition

The old green modular building has been demolished and will be replaced by a final new classroom for our expansion. Work will begin in the summer and the classroom should be finished by this September. The classroom is not actually required for a class until September 2015 but will be used for intervention groups in the meantime.



A Huge Effort for Sports Relief

With amazing team effort and huge determination from every child and adult, together the children ran, walked, cycled and scooted an incredible 693 miles for Sports Relief! That is the equivalent of going from Leeds to Bordeaux, smashing our original goal of doing the milage from Leeds to Paris.

The school raised an incredible figure: almost £4000! Many thanks for your support.

