

# Curriculum

# News

November 2013



## Children in Need £1300 raised!

We were very proud of all our children, families and staff for their amazing efforts for this year's Children in Need appeal. Dressed in spots and stripes, we managed to join the North and South buildings with a fantastic line of pennies and other coins. We also baked so many buns and enjoyed 'tea parties' in both buildings. There were lots of maths challenges around the quantities of coins needed to join the buildings, and the shared baking at home is, of course, very educational. Thank you so much for your support for these days - our efforts even got a mention on Look North!



See photos of all the fun and good citizenship on the KS1 bog: <http://ffks1.primaryblogger.co.uk>

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## New minibus brings the fleet to three..

We have recently taken delivery of our 'new' minibus (rear, right) courtesy of the fantastic fund-raising of the Friends of Farfield PTA. Having three minibuses will give us even more flexibility in delivering exciting curriculum opportunities off-site at reduced costs to the school (and parents). This third bus has been purchased in partnership with

Calverley Parkside Primary School with whom we will share this bus. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the PTA in the past year - it is much appreciated!



## Fantastic OFSTED for Children's Centre

Our Children's Centre, superbly led by Sue Warwick, had a hugely successful OFSTED inspection last half term. Over four days, every aspect of the centre's work was scrutinised and they received a VERY good report. The level of users' engagement was outstanding and very moving. Well done to the team and many thanks for the messages of support.

## Bouldering is added to KS2 PE

We are always looking to add to our PE curriculum, and this term we are delighted to be sending our first group of children to 'The Depot' on Richardshaw Lane for a six week introduction to bouldering. As well as Judo and Gym Magic off site, we will, later in the year, also be working in partnership with Rawdon Tennis Club.

## Commendations on standards

During this term, we have an important evaluation meeting with the authority based on the school's assessments in the summer and comparisons with schools across the country. Once again, we have been judged to be a good school and we were particularly strong in the number of children attaining above average 2A+ standards in writing at age 7, above average KS2 level 5 reading and our record of achieving high level 5 standards in mathematics with children in the middle band for prior attainment.



Our Average Point Score is above national average at age 11 - an important element of preparation for high school. Progress was above average in all areas except some boys' writing - an area for further focus. We also want to increase the numbers of children attaining level 3 at KS1 and the overall performance of our children on free school meals.

## Poppy Appeal 2013

We are delighted to report that the school raised £360 for this year's poppy appeal. Years 1-6 learnt about Remembrance Day in assemblies and the meaning of poppies was discussed in every class. We are already involved in planning for the 100th anniversary of WW1 next year.



## Barclays Volunteers

Last week, we welcomed Lindsay Wallwork and ten of her colleagues from Barclays for their third 'Make a Difference Day' of the year. This time, they helped us to make the new chicken area fox proof and laid all weather paths to the coop and around the shed. As well as their volunteering, they were able to bring with them £1000 of funding. Many, many thanks.



In the summer, we also welcomed volunteers from TD Direct Investing organised by Kevin Sim. They have provided us with lots of new raised beds on the farm; next year's strawberry harvest could be even better than this year's bumper crop! Great work and many thanks to them too!

Does your company support these sorts of days? Please get in touch if they do!



Toffee, a young Barnevelder cockerel, could be the next addition to the Farfield Farm collection of animals. He is currently living in a residential street in North Leeds, but he has just learnt how to 'cock a doodle do!' We are going to introduce him to our ladies and see how they get on.

Cue interesting questions...

## New Logo

Governors have agreed to a new logo for the school to be gradually introduced. Incorporating the school's new learning hive and its traditional motto, we hope that parents agree that it is modern, fresh and meaningful for our school.

New grey uniform with this logo will be available in 2014 from Uniformity and other suppliers. The burgundy colour and the old logo will gradually be replaced, but parents can be assured that we will never put any pressure on families to prematurely replace existing uniform.



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## Indian Visitors

We were delighted to welcome Meena and Ranjou to our school in October. Meena and Ranjou are from our partner school in India and they spent the week as our guests. They visited lots of classrooms and shared some teaching with us. During one afternoon, they were honoured guests of the mayor and were welcomed to the historic Civic Hall in the centre of Leeds.

This partnership work is coordinated by Mrs Charlesworth and Miss Stewart and was organised in collaboration with Crawshaw High School.



Meena and Ranjou visited a Gurdwara on Leeds Road



## Other curriculum highlights so far...

Our new Reception children had a fabulous day with their teddies at Blackhill Woods. Year 4 have all visited the National Media Museum in Bradford and Years 5 and 6 had a fabulous World War 2 day with Dave Thirwell, including having to 'deal with' a burning incendiary in the car park! KS1 are all off to the theatre this month and there are lots of exciting trips and visits planned for the new year.

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