

Robert Wilkinson Round-Up

*A half-termly round up of events and activities
at Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy*



Foreword from Sarah Wright, Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our new half termly newsletter format which I hope you enjoy reading.

Our aim in changing the format from weekly to half termly, is to provide the opportunity for us to celebrate and share with you some of the key events that have happened across the whole school during the September-October half term. This half-term's edition includes contributions from across school; ranging from exciting curriculum news to celebrating children's achievements and finally some important notices.

Our ParentPay system will continue to be used on a regular basis to share more immediate updates and information.

Key Dates

30th Nov	Year 3 School Trip	National Railway Museum – more details to follow
30th Nov	WHOLE SCHOOL (Evening)	Christmas Fayre in School 6.00 – 8.00pm
12th Dec	Bookable on ParentPay	Christmas Dinner Day (info to follow)
12th Dec	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Nativity Performance – 5.30 – 6.30pm
13th Dec	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Nativity Performance – 1.45 – 2.45pm
17 th Dec	Christmas Carol Services	Information to Follow
18 th Dec	FS1	Christmas Stay and Play 8.30 – 10.00
21 st	WHOLE SCHOOL	BREAK UP – END OF TERM (12 Noon)

Half Term Awards

The following children all enjoyed a lovely Principal's Afternoon Tea with Mrs Wright and Mrs Seabourne:

Elsie Golding	Joey Cousins	Lucy Carr	Megan Bowling	Aidan Hoorelbeke	Samuel Kirkbride	Cameryn Fennessey
Louie Scaife	George Foster	Joshua Pybus	Daisy Brabbs	Vali Sadozai	James Haworth	Callum Brown
Emily Pilgrim	Rosie Pilgrim	Antonia Evans	Mollie Skillbeck	Sofia Haigh		

Certificates

Curiosity	Confidence	Enthusiasm		Resilience	Independent Learning		Problem Solving
Leah Berwick	Oliver Fogerty	Alexander Kettlewell		Noah Heels	Alfie Goodchild		Elliot Allon
Jack Hardcastle	Leo Fleming	Daniel Charles		Olivia McManus-Acaster	Amelia Haworth		Evie Sharp
Collaboration	Music	Sport	Spanish Y1	Spanish Y2	Reception Star	Reception Star	Reception Star
Beri Almond	Emily Groom	Lewis Simmons	Layton Fielden	Tilly Halpin	Elise Shaw	Sienna Bradshaw	Dexter Watson
Brendan Gorlay	Evie Pharaoh	Jack Jones	Lucy Malcolm	Eden Fleming			

EYFS Forest School News

Our Early Years children have made really good use of the Forest School last half term, enjoying bonfires, autumn poetry and making art installations out of natural objects to name but a few.



Year 1 Super Hero Day

Super hero day was a big success!



Year 2 – Autumn Adventure

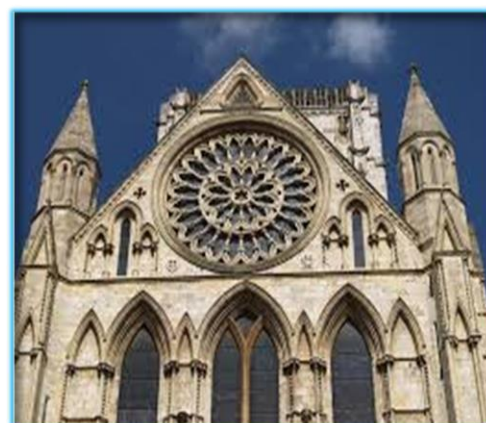
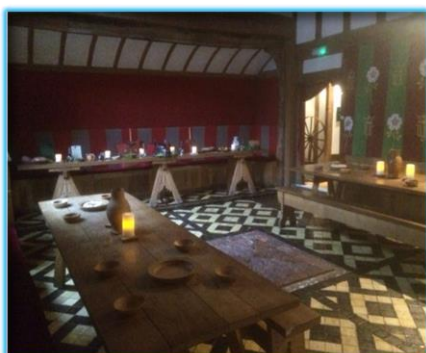
During the last week of half term, Year 2 went on an Autumn adventure in the Forest School area. We went on an Autumn hunt and made pictures with the natural objects we found. We also collected vocabulary to use in our Autumn poetry. What a great adventure we had!





Year 4 – Barley Hall

During the 1st half term, we have studied the Tudor period in England, looking at the kings and Queens and gleaning what everyday life must have been like. We have used many ways to find our information: Books, internet research, paintings, artefacts and videos alongside a visit into town to Barley Hall and many Tudor sites around York. We are very lucky to have this rich history on our doorstep. Here are some photos of our visit which included a workshop on 'Tudor medicine' and listening to some ghostly stories. The children will tell you which their favourite part was.



Year 5 – Beamish

Year 5 went on a school trip to Beamish to support their learning about the Victorians. To make the experience even more authentic, the children and adults dressed up in traditional Victorian clothing. Throughout the day, children had opportunities to go down a real mine, experience a real Victorian school lesson, see the farm and visit the fairground. The main town was a hit with the children as they could spend their final pennies in the traditional sweet shop and the scrumptious bakery!



Year 6 – Dreamcatchers

In Year 6, as part of our Wild West topic, we have looked into Native American beliefs. As part of this, the children researched 'Dreamcatchers' and their purpose. Afterwards, the children designed and made their very own Dreamcatcher.

The children had a great time making them and the end results are impressive!

Year 6 Team





Cook School News

In Cook School we have been cooking with the Year 6's, making some Cowboy Beans and Oven Baked Corn Fritters. They proved to be popular, even for a few non bean lovers and the Corn Fritter side dish samples always disappear at the end of the tasting session. The children made a big pot of Cowboy Beans as a team - we had a few tears from the onion choppers but it is a great recipe and it contributes to our 5-a-day too. They then went on to make the Corn Fritters with their partners. We discussed how The Pioneers cooked and sourced their food on their epic journey! Year 2's have also been busy with their 'healthy eating' cook school sessions. We have been making a recipe, which is quite versatile as a snack, a lunch box item or part of a main meal and contains no sugar or added salt! We made Mac'n'Veg slices which are a great item to bulk make and keep in the freezer. We thought about other ingredients that we could substitute in the recipe, adding some of our favourite vegetables that were different to the recipe and looked at why it is important to keep eating a healthy diet.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council 2018-2019 - Year 5 & Year 6

A big well done to our newly elected Year 5 school councillors- Nola, Enya, Louis, Minnie, Sofia and Joshua. School council have already had a number of busy meetings to discuss our agenda for this year. We would like to share with you all the amazing things we have planned for Autumn term:

- A Children in Need fundraiser
- Pensioners' Christmas tea party
- Running stalls at the Christmas fair
- Organise and deliver an anti-bullying assembly
- Launch a school values poster competition

As always, we are open to ideas so please speak to a School Councillor if you have any exciting fundraising or event suggestions.



Our New Pastoral Team



We would like to introduce our new Pastoral Support Team. This is a team of staff that gives help and support to our pupils as well as providing information, advice and guidance. Our aim is to identify any concerns or issues at the earliest possible opportunity and remove any barriers to learning which may be preventing our pupils from reaching their potential.

We pride ourselves in knowing our children well and working alongside the teaching and support staff we aim to develop positive relationships with them and their families. We respond as quickly as possible to any issues and ensure that difficulties are discussed and resolved in the best possible way.

Our main focus this half term has been helping all the children settle into their new classes.

Some of the things the children have learnt and said whilst working with our pastoral team this half term

"How to be friends with people."
"To always be kind no matter what."
"To be nice to people even when we don't agree with them."
Year 2 children

"Chats help to calm me down when I am sad or angry."
"Colouring is fun to do in the mornings, after break or after lunch, when I come in calmly." **Year 2 child**

"I have learnt about my Meerkat brain and how to keep calm when I am worried."

Year 3 child

"I have made a bracelet for me and a matching keychain for daddy when he is away. It helps me feel closer to him and not get as upset."

Year 4 child

"We learnt how to work together better and to talk to someone if we can't control our emotions."

Year 6 children

Our team can offer support in a range of ways for the pupils while they are in school in the following areas:

Helping to recognise emotions
Strategies for managing emotions
Restorative Approaches
Behaviour support
And many more.....

As well as supporting our pupils, our team are also here to support the whole family. This can be done through a variety of ways.

Tips and techniques for behaviour management
Managing anxieties
Parenting courses
School attendance programme
(supporting families with their child's attendance)and more.....

Madrid Partner School

We have begun our TEAM MADRID sessions on a Friday afternoon for the pupils who have signed up for our Madrid exchange this year. Pupils from Asunción Rincón School in Madrid will be visiting Robert Wilkinson in April with some of our pupils then visiting their partners in Madrid during the Summer term.

Also this year, we are going to be linking the Year 1 classes with the infant classes at Asunción Rincón, sharing photos, videos and our work in both English and Spanish. We look forward to making new friends and finding out more about children in Spain!

THERE BUT NOT THERE

We are honoured to be a part of the nationwide campaign 'THERE BUT NOT THERE' – a poignant tribute commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War. As part of the campaign, the Tommy figures have been produced as a keepsake image to remember those who lost their lives in the 1914-1918 war.

As well as our impressive 6ft Tommy, named after a former pupil Harry Blanshard Wood, we have six Perspex figures in school representing those young soldiers from our community who lost their lives in the 1914-1918 war.

We raised a wonderful £414.56 towards the funding of the figures during our whole school non-uniform day.



Former Robert Wilkinson Pupil, Cpl. (L/Sjt.) Harry Blanshard Wood M.M. No. 16444

Awarded the Victoria Cross for Gallantry in 1918

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