

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

What a fabulously busy half term that was! A very short but incredibly productive 4 weeks with SAT's, shows, sports and super successes!

We are looking forward to the final half term of this academic year and sharing all of our news and achievements with you soon.

I hope you are enjoying our new format Newsletter. Please sign up to ParentHub if you haven't already – please contact the school office if you are having any problems.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Summer term.

Kind regards, Mrs Wright

We are supporting the Strensall Community Carnival again this year by holding a **non-uniform day** on Friday 21st June. We would be grateful if you could you bring a bottle (of anything) as a donation towards the tombola raffle to be held on the day. There will be collection points in each classroom.

On the day of the Carnival – Saturday 22nd June – there will be a parade from Hurst Hall. There are also competitions and events planned at the Village Hall and it promises to be another great community event!

Please visit the Carnival Facebook page for more information at
<https://www.facebook.com/StrensallCarnival/>



Summer 1 saw lower Key Stage Two take centre stage with the PE team, as a focus on competitions for years 3 & 4 came about almost weekly. First up was the tennis competition, which saw us taking part against 9 other schools from across York. Taking two boys and two girls, we took part in four group games, where every point we scored was added together to give our school a final total. We emerged for our group the winners, which saw us take on Dunnington Primary School in the final. Four individually hard fought matches saw us come out top with a score of 30-28! As a result of everybody's brilliant performance, we now get to represent York at the school games on the 7th of July!!

A week later saw us taking part in the Tri Golf competition alongside 13 other schools. With lots of history in this competition, we knew competition would be fierce. Robert Wilkinson started the competition well on a retrieval station, managing to collect all of our cones with time to spare. As the competition went on we managed to continue working hard, with not only some fantastic golf shots, but also combining this with excellent sprinting to make sure we had as many turns as possible! When all the scores were added up, we again managed to qualify for the North Yorkshire school games on the 7th July! This may cause a selection dilemma for the PE team, but is certainly a nice dilemma to be faced with!



Our last competition for the half term saw us take two teams, a year 1/2 and a year 3/4 to our second "Quadkids" competition of the year, this time outside at Vale of York. Both competitions saw the children taking part in four small athletics competitions in long distance running, sprinting, jumping and throwing. This time we didn't manage to finish in the top 3 with either team, however both Mr Clark and Mr Dyson had lots of fun working with the children, and were pleased to hear some of the children talking about joining an athletics club!

Alongside our competitions, the PE team had lots of fun teaching a variety of lessons. The short half term provided an excellent opportunity to play a variety of different games across KS2, from exciting indoor Dodgeball and Bench Ball matches, to outdoor Touch rugby and Rounders matches. KS1 had the first experience using tennis rackets to strike balls. Finally EYFS had this first experience at school of gymnastics, using lots of different equipment to practise their jumping, balancing, travelling and rolling!

Next half term we are looking forward to many things such as; our busy competition calendar, working with York City Knights, our first Early Years Sports Club for the year and many more things!

Finally we have our school **Sports Day** on Tuesday, 25th June. The timings for the day are:

- Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) – 9.00 - 10.30
- Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) – 11.00 - 12.30
- KS1 (Years 1 and 2) – 13.00 - 14.30

EYFS have their separate sports day on Thursday, 27th June. More information will be available shortly.

Music

Year 3 children are learning to play the ocarina. They are reading rhythms and notes from a music stave, and can play the notes high D, B and G. The ocarinas are rainbow colours and sound really good with the CD backing.



In Year 4 we are looking at pentatonic music. We are singing pentatonic songs from Canada and Africa and adding our own accompaniments. We have also been improvising pentatonic melodies on chime bars, xylophones and metallophones.



Year 5 are learning about Benjamin Britten's 'Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra'. We will explore instruments and their families, and gain an insight into their main sound characteristics with listening maps like these. We are planning other exciting things too!



In Year 6 we are exploring traditional folk music. We discovered how music and folk songs change when they are passed down from generation to generation in the aural tradition. We have compared old and modern folk songs identifying the story, the morals and teaching about life found within the text. We have listened to folk songs and instrumental folk music and discussed its instrumentation. We needed to identify phrase lengths in order to create our own group ceilidh dances. Jo May, the percussionist, came to work with year 6 in an action packed workshop on folk music and taught us all to play the spoons.



Summer Concert

The orchestra, choir, rock band, and smaller ensembles all contributed to our Summer Concert in the last week of half term. This year the young musicians not only performed twice to parents, but also to their friends and teachers in our school. It was a real celebration of all the musical opportunities at RWPA. Thanks go to all our instrumental teachers for their weekly support.

Choir will not be running this half term, but Orchestra will continue as usual.

The orchestra will perform a concert to parents at 2.15pm on July 8th.

All KS2 children are able to join the orchestra on percussion as they are all capable of reading notation learned in class music lessons. Come along and join the team!

Key Dates for the next half term

JUNE		
3 rd – 9 th	Madrid Exchange	Dates for RWPA visit to Madrid
10 th	WHOLE SCHOOL Class Photographs	Class Photograph Day
w/c 10 th	KS1	Phonics Screening Week
17 th	Year 6 Trip	Trip to Scarborough
17 th	Group Members	Parent Forum Meeting 2-3pm
17 th	Foundation Stage 2	Father's Day / VIP session in FS2, 2.00 – 3.00pm
17 th	Madrid Families Only	Madrid Fiesta 3.30 – 4.30pm
18 th	FS2 New Starters	New Starters (Sept 2019) Open Evening
19 th	Year 6 (Huntington)	New Entrants Evening Huntington Secondary School 4.30 – 7.30
21 st	Foundation Stage 2	Music and Spanish Showcase, 9.00 – 9.30am
21 st	Year 2	Celebration Assembly 2.15-3.00pm
21 st	Woodwind Day	Invitation Only – more information to follow
25 th	KS1 and KS2	Sports Day
26 th	Year 6 (Huntington)	Transition Day RWPA Year 6 to Huntington Secondary School
26 th	WHOLE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP	School Shop – Uniform Supplier in school 2-4pm (Brown Hall)
27 th	KS1 and KS2 (RESERVE)	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
27 th	WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN DOORS	Arts Week Open Doors from 2.15pm
TBC	Invitation Only	SEND Parent Consultations
28 th	WHOLE SCHOOL	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
JULY		
1 st – 5 th	Year 6	Residential Trip – Hawkhurst
4 th	Year 6 Parents (Joseph Rowntree)	Open evening for Parents of Year 6's going to Joseph Rowntree
8 th	Orchestra Concert	2.30-3.00
9 th	Year 2 Trip	Yorkshire Arboretum
9 th	FS2 Parents	Transition meeting for children moving up to Year 1, KS1 2.15
9 th	Pupil Concert (NO ORCHESTRA)	Invitation Only – More Information to Follow
9 th	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Parent's Evening (3.30-6pm)
10 th	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Fun Day (9.30-12 noon)
10 th	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Parent's Evening (3.30 – 5pm)
11 th (or 4 th)	Year 2 Parents	Transition meeting for children moving to Year 3, LKS2 2.15
11 th	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Parent's Evening (3.30 – 5pm)

11 th	Foundation Stage 2	FS2 Sports Day (12.30 – 2.50pm) (AMENDED DATE)
11 th	Year 6	Sex Education Lessons in School – more information to follow
12 th	Year 5	Sex Education Lessons in School – more information to follow
12 th	Year 3 TRIP	Jorvik Centre – See ParentPay for further details
11 th	Whole School	Summer Disco CANCELLED
15 th	Year 6 (Joseph Rowntree)	Social Evening (Children Only) See transition letter
17 th	Year 4 Parents	Transition Meeting for children moving up to UKS2 2.15
16 th	Pupil Concert (NO ORCHESTRA)	Invitation Only – More Information to Follow
Tues 16 th Weds 17 th	Year 6 School Show/Graduation – invitation only	16 th afternoon performance - 1.45 start 17 th evening performance and graduation – doors open 5.30 See ParentPay for tickets
19 th	WHOLE SCHOOL	Last School Day of Term – WE FINISH AT 12.00!
22 nd	WHOLE SCHOOL	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, 3 rd September	WHOLE SCHOOL	Return to School

Please note that the SUMMER DISCO is CANCELLED.

EYFS

To link with our topic of 'Under the Sea', the children in FS2 went on a very exciting trip to the Deep Sea life centre in Hull. We travelled on a coach and saw many sea creatures such as sharks, turtles and jellyfish. During our workshop, we learnt all about the importance of looking after the animals by not dropping litter and polluting the sea. We sketched small shrimps, sorted the recycling and then had our lunch over-looking the harbour. It was such a great day!



Year 1



The children had a brilliant time at York Chocolate Story! The workshop told the story about the history of chocolate. During the workshop, the children wore hairnets and gloves so they could make chocolate wallpaper. They could flavour the chocolate wallpaper either bubble-gum, raspberry or custard flavour!

In the Chocolate Story, the children learnt about how chocolate is produced and how York is the city of chocolate. They tried a range of different chocolate from raw chocolate nibs, a chocolate drink, quality streets to chocolate truffles.

The children were very polite and well behaved; they were a credit to the school.



Year 2

This half term, Year 2 really enjoyed learning about The Secret Garden. We listened to the story and created beautiful artwork inspired by the garden (look out for it at the Art exhibition!) Year 2 also worked really hard on their maths and reading skills to show us what they have learnt this year. We are very proud of all the children for their effort and determination this half term. We celebrated their success with games and ice creams in the sun! What a lot of fun we had!

Year 3 – Vikings in Town

Another busy half term with some rather unusual visitors who have travelled in time to visit RWPA! We were lucky to spend the day with our three visiting vikings who led a rather lively assembly introducing themselves and some unusual habits and antics. We then returned to classes where the children took part in viking workshops around the theme of: sagas, medicines and battle tactics. It was great to see the children so enthralled and excited about the topic which we will be continuing and concluding with a visit to Jorvik and Dig on 12th July.

Here's what our children thought...

"The sagas were great because they talked us through what happened during the viking times. They were very nice and haven't put me off meeting a viking!" Oscar 3RW

"The battle tactics were funny but brutal!" Martha 3JB

"I liked the medicines where we got to learn about what they used. I didn't know that they used cobwebs to help heal wounds." Freya 3RD



Year 4

In Year 4, we have begun to learn about World War 2 during the first half term of the summer. So far, we have learnt about how WW2 started, who the main leaders involved were, what the Blitz was like and how the people of Britain responded to the war. The children have been incredibly engaged, and loved our trip to Eden Camp at the beginning of the term. We got the opportunity to explore a wide variety of 'war experiences' with some of the favourites being the U-Boat, The Blitz, The Great Escape and seeing some of the authentic vehicles used during the time. They also loved a good sing-a-long with the Puppet Show - it really gave them an idea of how spirits could be kept up even in such tough times!



Year 5

This half term our topic is Grow it! Cook it! Eat it! The children have been learning about the life cycle of plants and we are growing our own broad beans in class!

The children have written some amazingly persuasive 'Frog Estate Agent' brochures - encouraging local frogs to come and live in our newly refurbished RWPA pond habitat - and since then, we have noticed lots of tadpoles have arrived and are growing and changing every day!

We have enjoyed our tennis sessions and are hoping to hold an interclass tennis tournament in the second half of the summer term.

We have certainly packed a lot into such a short half term.

We are hoping to organise a Year 5 trip next half term to link to the topic- watch this space!



Year 6

Year 6 had an interesting Half Term. The children completed their SATs and enjoyed a well-earned rest on the Friday playing board games whilst enjoying a couple of slices of pizza!

Afterwards, we introduced our Summer Term topic - Ancient Egypt. The children created some fabulous 3D representations of the River Nile with important geographical landmarks. We look forward to continuing this topic throughout the term.

Spanish

We are looking forward to our Madrid Exchange to visit Colegio Asunción Rincón in June – look out for updates on Twitter and we will have lots of news in the next Newsletter.

Wrap Around Care (Breakfast and After School Club)



This term we have really enjoyed planting in our allotment patch. We have planted a teepee of sweet peas, tomatoes, broad beans and peas. We also made a wild flower bed for the bees and the butterflies. We have been hunting for mini beasts in forest school, doing lots of fun arts and crafts and doing some water play outside in the sunshine. We have lots more exciting activities planned for next term.

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