

Paradise Primary

In the pursuit of excellence

Dear Respected Parents:
Assalamu alaikum and welcome to our
March 2018 Newsletter.

Batley Homeless Project

The Batley Homeless Project delivers aid for the homeless and needy across West Yorkshire. They provide hot food and drinks, tins, fruit,

bread, toiletries, clothes, blankets and anything else the homeless might require to ease the hardship they are facing. They are an inspiring example of community cohesion and goodwill to ensure homeless individuals don't go hungry and are not forgotten.

Paradise has been supporting the Batley Homeless Project's food bank drive and was delighted to receive overwhelming support from parents and staff. A big thank you to all for donating food items for the food bank and supporting this worthy cause which will help in making a difference in our local community.



World Down Syndrome Day



Paradise children and staff participated in celebrating World Down Syndrome day on Wednesday 21st March by wearing odd/striped socks for the day to mark the occasion.



£200 was also raised for the 'Downs and Special Friends' group based at the Young Batley Centre. They are a local support group set up and run by parents to provide support, guidance, organise activities and meet-ups for children, siblings and parents of Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and other life limiting diagnosed or undiagnosed disabilities.

A big thank you to Jacky and Akhtar, co-chairs of the group who came to talk to the children and help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. Another big thank you to our special guests Ayub who beautifully recited Surah Fatiha for the children, Leena who said hello to the children in 6 languages, Raees and Saarah. Jzk to all the parents as well for their support..



Reception class also learnt about children with Down syndrome; looking at similarities and differences and found they had more similarities than differences! To gain a better understanding of how Down syndrome children would feel and struggle with certain tasks, Reception children tried writing with a sock and found it quite challenging!

National Story Telling Week

Paradise children enjoyed celebrating National story telling week through participating in various activities. Children in Years 4, 5 & 6 paid the Early Years children a visit to entertain them with stories. The younger children received them with delight and were excited to see their apas join them in the audience and let the older children take over the class! KS2 children were also pleasantly surprised to be met with a very enthusiastic, engaged and captive audience and loved the experience of taking over as a story teller!



A writing competition was also held for KS2 children to immerse themselves in, and let their talent and imagination flow onto paper to create the most attention-grabbing stories. The winning children had the opportunity to share their creative imagination with the elderly residents of Barnfield Care Home. They spent the afternoon entertaining the residents with their enthralling stories and serving refreshments. Well done to all the competition participants who demonstrated great imagination and creativity!



Safer Internet Day (SID)
2018 was cele-

brated on Tuesday, 6 February 2018 with a theme of "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you". In order to ensure a safe and better digital experience, children were made aware of the dangers lurking in the online world and playing their part in creating a positive internet experience by using technology responsibly and respectfully.

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CROSS CURRICULAR DAYS

Looking After Our Bodies

On Cross Curricular Day, children across the year groups explored the important topic of 'Looking after our bodies' and were reminded about our responsibility to look after it, as it is entrusted to us by the Almighty.

To nourish our bodies, the children looked at different types of healthy and unhealthy food, played interactive games about healthy eating and created a healthy eating plate whilst understanding the importance of eating a balanced diet.

Alongside healthy eating, the importance of regular exercise as part of our healthy mind and body was also highlighted.

The children enjoyed listening to their heartbeat before and after exercise through a stethoscope.



Which of the favours of your Lord would you deny?

Children were fascinated to learn about different foods that resemble various body parts/organs that they're good for. They looked at sliced carrots resembling an eye and how they are excellent for the health of the eye, tomatoes which resemble the heart due to the shape, colour and the fact that it has 4 chambers, and are very good for the heart. They also looked at mushrooms resembling an ear and how they improve hearing and celery resembling bone structure and how celery specifically targets bone strength.

The children also delved into learning about what the Quran teaches us about being healthy and the many fruits that are mentioned in the Quran to help us keep fit such as figs, olives, and pomegranates. They looked at hadiths that mention



various foods like dates, figs, olives, honey, cucumber, garlic, black seed and melons, pomegranates, vinegar etc and how they are part of the Sunnah as the Prophet (S.A.W.) enjoyed eating these beneficial foods. They researched how science has explored all the positive ways each of these foods affects the body. The children had a great time sampling the different Sunnah foods.

Another aspect children explored was the topic of Mental Wellbeing and Happiness. The children discussed what happiness meant to them and carried out several activities to make them aware about their feelings. They also had a brief discourse upon the significance of salah to the worshiper both from physiological and psychological points of view. They looked at how each prayer movement provides a very remarkable and positive influence to the health of our bodies and how it can also have an effect on uplifting your spirits.



Influential Women

During the Cross Curricular topic 'Inspirational Women', children learnt about various influential and successful women, both contemporary and from Islamic history.

Children learnt about Hazrat Aisha (RA) and her commendable and inspirational thirst for knowledge and intelligence. The children were amazed to discover that she narrated and compiled thousands of Hadiths and taught great companions of the Prophet.

Children also looked at the resilience of the famous writer J K Rowling who was rejected by 11 publishing companies before her success as the world's richest author.

Another figure the children looked at was Rufayda Al Aslamiya, the first female muslim nurse, who founded the concept of



nursing in the 7th century. They also looked at Mary Seacole, the Jamaican nurse who saved the life of many British soldiers in the Crimean War. Children learnt about the famous artist Frieda Kahlo and the several hardships she went through in her life and what makes her paintings unique. As Frieda was known for her self-portraits, the children made some of their own self portraits by drawing things about themselves. The children also looked at the American poet Maya Angelou and the various things she accomplished in her life as well as reading and interpreting some of her famous and inspiring quotes.

Children learnt about Emmeline Pankhurst, who was a leader of the suffragette movement and how as a political activist, she was involved in securing rights for women.



Children took part in activities designed to pay homage to Emmeline Pankhurst and the sacrifices she made. Children studied the lives of Aasiya (RA) and Rosa Parks and the different ways in which they made a difference to women around the world, and how both women stood up for women's rights as they both faced oppression in their time. Aasiya (RA), who was married to the King of Egypt, Firown, sacrificed herself for the sake of Allah as her husband could not accept her beliefs; he believed himself to be God and severely oppressed his wife but Aasiya did not surrender to him. Rosa Parks on the other hand, stood up for black women's civil rights in America at a time when African American women were treated as lower class citizens during their time and even had to give up their seats on the bus for a white person!



British Science Week

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Science Week, Children across all years participated in various exciting and enjoyable activities and experiments in order to gain a greater understanding on the importance of science in everyday life. Class 2 children had lots of fun mixing ingredients such as washing up liquid, baking powder and vinegar to make an erupting volcano! Year 1 children had great fun helping the Gingerbread Man stay dry. They investigated which materials would ensure his umbrella was waterproof so that he would not get wet. The children were very enthusiastic in making predictions and conclusions during the investigation and also ensuring that the Gingerbread Man remained dry! Year 4 children enjoyed creating electrical circuits by testing different materials and investigating which materials were conductors and insulators. Year 5 children explored the galaxy and its magnificent planets. They travelled into space and ended up staying there, becoming residents of their chosen planet! They had a great time researching and exploring their planet in detail, appreciating the majesty and magnificence of our Creator.



Climate zones and biomes

In Geography, Year 6 children explored the different climate zones and biomes around the world. They learnt about how the Earth has many different environments, varying in temperature, moisture, light amongst other factors. This topic gave the children an amazing insight into how the Almighty has created a magnificent world and how the earth has been intricately designed for human life with plants and animals harmoniously adapting to their environment and habitat. As part of the topic, the children explored 'the Eden Project, and looked at the famous artificial Biome in Cornwall. They took inspiration from the project and had great fun creating their own biomes!



The children and Apas had a great time dressing up in the colours of a fruit or vegetable

for our Food Fun Day. The children learnt about healthy eating and how and where the foods are grown. The children brought some fantastic information from home about their chosen food, which they shared with the class. Children in the Reception class particularly enjoyed tasting different fruits and vegetables from around the world.



World Book Day –

Drop Everything And Read!



To further enhance and entrench the reading culture in the school, World Book Day was once again celebrated by all. At 10:00am everyone in school dropped everything and assembled in the hall to read their favourite book in silence for 30 minutes. It was great to see everyone reading with absorbed concentration and heads buried deep into books. The only noise that could be heard was the turning of pages! Children were also reminded that the first surah revealed to our prophet (saw) begins with the word 'Iqra' - 'read' and that it still remains to be the underlying message of the Quran. The first aayah of the Quran to be revealed enjoined reading which is fundamental to gain knowledge. "Read, in the name of thy Lord who created, man from a clot. Read, for your Lord is most generous, who teaches by means of the pen, teaches man what they know not," (al-'Alaq: 1-5) The importance of reading was emphasised through various activities in and around the classroom to encourage lifelong readers and to understand that education and civilisation rests upon the ability to read.

Year 3's trip to India

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children have been very excited and enthused about their learning journey to India; a country with links to many of our children whose families have originated from that part of the world. In geography they explored the geographical layout of the country, the diverse landscape, climate and famous landmarks. Children were fascinated to compare their own day to day life and homes with that of children in rural India. In art, they were given the opportunity to explore the colours and patterns associated with India by looking at the design of the Indian flag, mehndi patterns, rangoli patterns and much more! The children had great fun bringing together all the different skills they had learnt and producing an excellent final piece of artwork. The results were wonderful!

In History, Year 1 children had an exciting time researching their family history and traditions. They celebrated the diversity and uniqueness of class members through taking part in a Breakfast feast. They looked at different breakfasts eaten around the world and started the day with a hearty breakfast, enjoying the delicious scones, puris, eggs, sausages, beans and much more!



Hi5 Netball - Yr 5/6

Well done to our netball team who played extremely well in the Netball Qualifier competition at Batley Sports Centre. They played against six other Kirklees schools in a league format; winning 3 games out of 5, securing 3rd place! The children displayed excellent skills, enthusiasm and determination and scored some good goals. A big well done and cheer for the Paradise Netball team!



Yr 3/4 boys Football Tournament

Our Year 3 & 4 boys football team secured 3rd position at the football tournament at Batley Sports Centre. The team played seven matches with great enthusiasm and fervour to triumph over very competitive oppositions; enjoying three victories, three draws and experiencing only one defeat. A superb team performance with some strong defence and great goalkeeping. Well done boys!



All Stars cricket KS1

The ks1 children received an engaging cricket coaching session which helped to develop their fundamental movement skills to build a strong cricket foundation. The children had a great time learning new skills and developing their skills of batting, bowling and fielding in a fun and active way.



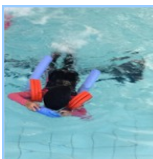
Change 4 Life Festival - In order to

encourage and build confidence building skills, Reluctant PE Participants were selected to attend the C4L festival at Batley Sports Centre. The children were given the opportunity to interact and experience different types of sports games with children from other schools. Overall it was an encouraging experience for the participants who had a good time engaging in various bean bag, running, jumping, throwing and team work activities.



Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 children have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at Batley sports centre where they have learnt different techniques of moving in water such as the breast stroke and front paddle. They are significantly more confident in the water and have been working hard to practise their skills. Some have made tremendous progress and have moved on to the deep end! Well done Year 3!



Bikeability Cycle Training

The Bikeability Cycle Training course has once again been a huge success at Paradise. Year 6's were given the opportunity to gain hands on cycling experience and to boost their confidence through mastering new skills and becoming safer cyclists. The children were challenged to practice their skills on the main road which helped to develop their road sense, understanding and awareness of varying traffic conditions including identifying hazards. Well done to the Year 6 cyclists who demonstrated fantastic road awareness and achieving a level 2 award and certificate!



Paradise Karate and Gymnastics Club

As part of the school's extra-curricular activity and promoting PE beyond the curriculum, a Karate and Gymnastic session has been introduced to run over the weekend. If you would like more details about the club, please contact the school.

Pyjama Day

On Pyjama day, Nursery children came dressed in pyjamas ready for bed and then waking up to a breakfast feast! Children had a fun time learning the etiquettes/duas of eating and sleeping through role plays. They were encouraged to participate in a little role play where they pretended to go to sleep, wake up, brush their teeth and get dressed. They learnt some sunnahs such as dusting the bed three times and praying the sleeping and waking up duas. After waking up, they were treated to a breakfast treat which they thoroughly enjoyed with their peers including praying the eating duas together.



PARENT ASSEMBLIES—
Jzk to all Parents who attended their child's class assembly. Well done to the children for their outstanding performances!

Everyone at Paradise would like to wish the Year 2 & Year 6 all the best in their forthcoming SATs exam. We pray for your success!