



Tollerton Primary School Newsletter



June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is the penultimate Newsletter of the year. It feels like summer has finally arrived in Tollerton, and long may it continue!

Here is a round up of these past few weeks in and out of school.

In school this month

Our month started with Environmental Arts Week. Children spent lots of time outside in our natural environment, gathering materials for sculpture, creating artwork for our sensory garden and outside spaces and observing and recording the beauty of nature. There was a focus on reusing, recycling and sustainability in the lead up to World Environment Day. Exploring our school values of Respect and Take Care, children learned the importance of looking after our world both locally and on a more global scale. As part of this week we had a visit from Dave Draws who along with our pupils has created a wonderful piece of art which is displayed in our hall. The children had to think about places mostly locally but some further afield that are important to them, and with Dave's support added them to an enormous doodle. It looks fantastic!



As always there have been lots of fantastic learning opportunities in all of the classrooms. Our topics have had a Geography focus, with work on 'Habitats', 'Our local area', 'Rivers' and 'Tanzania' among the areas studied. Staff have been working on re-writing our Writing Curriculum for September with lots of new and exciting texts for children to study. We are really passionate at Tollerton about exposing children to as many high quality texts as possible. Once our text lists are finalised we will share them with you in case you'd like some reading recommendations for your child!



Out and about

We really enjoyed taking part in the Village Flowerpot Competition, and were even more thrilled to be the winners with our Giggly Squat Farm entry. The children loved looking at the creations outside of school on their way in each morning.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Village Fayre, it was a lovely day and we are already looking forward to next year.

Year 6 and Year 4 Residential

In the first week of June our Year 6 children went to Newby Whiske on their residential. The itinerary was jam packed and they returned looking ever so slightly more tired and disheveled than they left! Danny S said it was the best (and first residential he'd ever been on. An overwhelming message was the caliber of the food. Freddie Walker told me the breakfast was the best, except for the beans. In terms of their activities both boys said watching Sunnie climb the wall was a real highlight. They couldn't believe how quickly she 'darted' up the wall to earn herself the 'Spider girl' title. A great time was had by all!

As I am writing this our Year 4 children are returning from their residential at The Mill. They have all had a fantastic time but we have really missed them in school!

These trips are not possible without the efforts of the staff, so huge thanks to Mr Isted, Miss Sandells, Miss Massie, Mrs Gordon, Miss Malhotra and Liv.

Sporting Endeavours

On 7th June I took a group of Year 5s to the Equals Trust Ultimate Frisbee Competition. This is not a sport we'd tried before, but we had a blast! What I couldn't believe was how quickly the children went from complete beginners to playing fast-paced matches. We came a very respectable 4th place out of 12 teams, and we also came 3rd in 'Spirit' which was voted for by all of our opposition. The children did us proud as always with their behaviour and attitudes.



On what was the hottest day of the year so far a team of Year 6 keen cricketers took part in a cricket competition at Platt Lane. They had a fabulous day and worked brilliantly together to come 2nd out of 17 teams. The accolade for most wickets was given to Freddie Walker who put in a real stand out performance. Well done guys, another sporting triumph for Tollerton!!



The extra curricular offering has been as diverse as ever with Netball, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag Rugby and Racket Sports among others. Thankyou Mrs White for your hard work in this area. I have absolutely loved running the Tag Rugby Club, the rules can be complicated for our littlest pupils but I have a fantastic team of Year 6 rugby enthusiasts who are such a fantastic help in running the drills and supporting the matches.

Fundraising

A huge thankyou to anyone who has contributed to our Bake Sales this term. Whether you have bought, baked or sampled you've helped us raise a significant amount of money. These funds are being pooled by all of the classes in order to improve our hall technology. Our current equipment is old and can be temperamental and so updating it is going to make such a difference to many of the activities we do in school. Thanks again!!

Sports Committee

You may remember in the previous newsletter that we are setting up a parents sports committee to support at different sporting events where possible. I have had a lot of responses so far, the Whats App group is set up, and volunteers are in the process of being DBS checked. Should you wish to join us, please reach out to me on dojo or catch me on the gate and I can add you to the team.

Behaviour in school

The behaviour at Tollerton is mostly of a high standard, however we are always striving to improve and to ensure consistency of expectations. We have noted recently some derogatory language being used in school. This is being challenged by staff whenever it arises, and parents contacted where necessary. As part of our commitment to creating a safe, tolerant and respectful environment the theme for the next bank of assemblies will be on Protected Characteristics and equality. One of the areas of focus this term for the Senior Leadership Team has been relationships in school. As part of our journey to becoming a truly relational setting we are re-writing our Values and Behaviour and Relationships Policy. Please keep your eyes peeled for updates.

What's coming up?

Next week the bulk of our Year 6 children will be heading to Southwolds for their transition sessions. We will also be having our new Reception children joining us for visits. On the afternoon of Thursday 4th and Friday 5th your child will move to their next class for some transition activities. A letter will come out prior to this explaining the staffing arrangements for each class.

Teachers are busy working on your child's end of term report. The plan is currently for these to be handed out on Friday 12th July.

On 17th July there will be a Parents' Smartphone Workshop. Details are on Dojo and a Zoom link will be posted closer to the time. I for one am looking forward to attending as a parent as well as a Headteacher to keep myself informed with the most up to date information in this area.

Looking ahead – Dates for the diary

Date	Event	Details
4 th -5 th July	Southwolds Transition days	
	School transition afternoon	
8 th July	Sports Week	
10 th July	Sports day (am)	
11 th July	Class 1 Assembly 2.30	
12 th July	FoTS Summer BBQ 5pm	
18 th July	Class 4 Assembly 2.30	
22 nd July	Year 6 Production 2pm	
23 rd July	Year 6 Production 5.30pm	
26 th July	Class 6 Leavers Assembly 10am	
	LAST DAY OF TERM	

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Smith