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Phonics success!

Our Y1 children completed the 'Phonics Screening Check' earlier in June and we are now in a position to share the results... We are delighted to reveal that **88.2%** of our children achieved the pass mark of at least 32/40 – this is well above last year's National Average (80.5%) and also higher than the Peak Edge Trust average. We are very proud of them. As you may already know, we use the 'Little Wandle' scheme for phonics – visit our website for more information: <https://www.wharncliffeside.org.uk/english-and-phonics>

Summer Concert

Reminder: it is our **Summer Concert** on Wednesday evening. It starts at 6pm and children should aim to be back at school from 5:45pm (in uniform please). We are expecting it to finish shortly after 7pm. Parents who are staying to watch - FoWSS will be selling refreshments and we have some FANTASTIC raffle prizes* so please bring some extra cash along!

**Thank you to all who have donated these!*

End-of-year reports and Parents Evening

Our end-of-year reports will be going out this week. Following this, we will be holding our final Parents' Evening of the year on **Wednesday 9th July (3:30 – 5:30pm)**. This is an opportunity to discuss anything in the report with your child's teacher (or meet their new teacher if they are changing classes). As usual, we are not offering appointments for this – it is more of an informal, drop-in session – just come when it is convenient for you!

Sports Day

Thank you to Mr Hartley and his team of Y6 Sports Leaders who did an excellent job of organising our annual Sports Day/s last week. Great fun was had by all and the trophy was eventually claimed by **Africa** for the second year in a row (photos available on Reach More / Facebook).

Thank you to **FoWSS** for organising the refreshments and to parents / carers for coming to watch. I understand that many of you were disappointed by the change of date but we made the decision in good faith given the weather forecast. The grass was wet on Thursday morning and it would not have been safe to proceed.

Bus stops and gardens

Keep an eye on the local bus stop shelters over the coming weeks. We have been given permission by Bradfield Parish Council to paint them with our own designs. We are hoping these will not only look great but also provide some publicity for our wonderful school. Thank you to **Mrs Coulson, Mrs Lenton, Mrs Ashe** and all the children who are helping with this – we will share some photos when complete!

Meanwhile, our new 'Wellbeing Gardens' are taking shape – thank you to the team who have been helping with this. We are excited to reveal that the forthcoming **RHS Flower Show at Wentworth Woodhouse** will feature a wonderful display garden that will then be transported to school and donated to us FREE of charge – watch this space!

After-school club

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent after-school club survey. It is clear that there is definitely demand for this service within our community. I have a number of meetings lined up in order to try and get the provision established – we will keep you informed when we are able to share more.

Playworker vacancy

Finally, Nook Lane Junior School (one of the schools in our Trust) have a vacancy for a playworker (7.5 hours per week). If you would like to know more / apply, please see the job advert sent out alongside this newsletter and contact Nook Lane directly.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ We didn't have any **bronze** certificates last week!
- ★ **Silver:** **Felicity, Anastasiia, Ford** (Ash); **Henry J, Lacey** (Willow); **Ellie-Mai, Oscar B, Astrid, Leo** (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** **Iris, Holly, Savannah** (Rowan); **Millie-Mai, Enes** (Sycamore)
- ★ **EVERYONE** in **Oak** class for doing such a fantastic job of helping the Nursery children during their Sports Day.
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** **Hudson & Dexter (Seedlings); Dolly & Lucas (Saplings)**
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **96.1%** overall last week. The winning classes were **Ash** (KS1) with **95.8%** and **Oak** (KS2) with yet another **100%**! (They are really leading the way!)
- ★ **House Point winners:** **Americas** won the weekly house point trophy and **Africa** won the Sports Day trophy!
- ★ Well done to **Alfie R** who won a gold medal at the recent **Judo Spirit Championships**. He has worked so hard this year and emerged victorious with a 100% win record on the day!



This week's birthdays:

Leo W (10), **Kyle** (6), **Felicity** (6), **Jacob B** (11)

This week's '**School Standard**' is:
Push Myself

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are reacting to changes of amounts (up to 3).

Saplings are busy looking at fact books.

Ash are doing poetry based on African animals.

Willow are reading and following instructions in their English lessons.

Children in **The Learning Zone** have been welcoming some new friends this week - Thea and Rocco; who will both be joining us full-time in September. We will give them a warm Wharnccliffe Side welcome!

Rowan are planning and writing their letters of persuasion in English.

Sycamore are learning about negative numbers (Y5) and statistics in Maths (Y4)

Oak are making automata toys in DT. Meanwhile, the Y6s will be visiting their new secondary schools as part of transition week.

Children in ALL classes have of course been busy rehearsing for Wednesday's summer concert - we are looking forward to performing it for you.

