Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Across the school, we’ve had some excellent sporting success at football and cross-country running.

Oakworth did very well at our first cross-trust girls’ football tournament, with players from Years 5 and 6 taking part. Our Year 6 team finished 1st, and the Year 5 team finished 3rd.

We also had big success at the Keighley and Craven Cross Country. The school came first in Year 3/4 boys, 5th in Year 5/6 boys, 3rd in Y3/4 girls and 3rd in Y5/6 girls

Our Red Nose Day around the school proved a brilliant success, with both children and staff showing real creativity and imagination with their wacky hair and red costumes, all for a very good cause and we together raised £306.

Speaking of good causes, our Reading Challenge raised a total of £1,400 for library funds. Thanks to all the parents and carers who supported that.

We have been talking to all our year groups to catch up with all the wonderful things your children have been up to. Most of the content below has been written by the pupils themselves.

**Nursery**: Our main learning has been under the heading "What Else is out There?" linked to space.

The pancakes linked in through the topic of picnics - our first book baby bear had a picnic on the moon (Whatever Next) and the second book was called "Rabbits Pancake Picnic".

We are just moving on to our second space themed book - the children do not know what it is yet and they have only had clues.

Also in Nursery, some children have started the beginning part of the read write Inc phonics.

**Reception:** We have read lots of stories. We have been learning about what different people look like in the Goldilocks story like Goldilocks has golden hair.

We went on a walk to the park because it's our special place. We've been learning about full, nearly full, and empty.

**Year 1:** This half term we are looking at all creatures great and small. We have turned into Commander Classify to sort animals into their classes and group them by what they eat. We have used scientific words like herbivore, omnivore, and carnivore to talk about a range of animals.

We are very much looking forward to consolidating our science learning with our trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We have discovered our artistic talent by looking at the work of animal artist Steven Brown, recreating our own masterpieces! In computing we have been researching our favourite animal in preparation for our animal presentations.

**Year 2:** Our topic this half term is 'Healthy Heroes' and we have been learning about what makes a healthy mind and a healthy body. We made a balanced meal using all of the different food groups and we completed a fitness challenge in PE where each week we had to improve our score for each activity.

**Year 3:** Over the last few weeks we have been very adventurous by going into the woods for our forest school lessons and have learnt how to weave ivy to make stone age houses.

We also designed and made a stone age stew and most of us thought it was delicious. We are excited to begin learning about the Marvellous Mayans and compare their life to ours and those that lived during the stone age.

**Year 4:** Year 4 have just completed their Egyptian topic. As part of that, we carried out an experiment to show the effects of mummification on a tomato. We scooped out the insides and then salted it and left it in a container for two weeks. They completely dried out and weighed much less at the end of it. We also read the Egyptian Cinderella as our Year 4 book as part of this topic. We have just started our new topic, Wonderful Water. In maths we have been learning about fractions and decimals. In PE, we are doing netball outdoors and dodgeball indoors.

**Year 5:** We have been having lots of fun learning about Space!  We have made diagrams using Oreo cookies to represent the phases of the moon and learnt all about the Earth's rotation around the sun.

On the 14th March, we celebrated Mars Day, where we learnt lots of amazing facts about the planet Mars.  We joined an online webinar with some experts from across the world and participated in a Robokids show, which helped us see how robots and programming are used in space technology.

**Year 6:** This term our topic is World War II. We have learned about who started World War II. Was it Hitler or was it a result of the Treaty of Versailles at the end of World War I. We had many debates about whether the treaty was unfair on Germany. We also learned about the Blitz – the bombing of major cities in England. Recently, we learned our new Year 6 group book which is Goodnight Mr Tom, which is very interesting as it tells us a lot about World War II. In PE we have been doing badminton and hockey. Badminton has been good because we have learned how to serve the correct way. In hockey, we have been doing passing and controlling drills.

We hope you enjoy reading about what we have been achieving in school and in our year groups!

Best wishes,

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Headteacher.