



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your encouragement and support this week during **Green Week**. We have had a special week in school making sure children know how to look after the environment. We have been especially looking at improving the air quality where we live and go to school. In order to help families make sustainable travel choices we had a **special day of road safety and cycling activities** on Tuesday. Listed below are some of the things that took place:



A whole school assembly to make sure everyone knows the Green Cross Code: Think, Stop, Look, Listen and how walking, scooting and cycling can help with making the air cleaner.

- Reception enjoyed learning to ride balance bikes, Teddy Takes a Tumble and role play on using a crossing.
- Year 1 and Year 2 were very grown up and sensible when they did their training on Alma Road, learning to cross the road safely.

- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 also went out and about to practise road safety – but they all went on scooters (teachers included!)
- Children in Year 5 had the opportunity to learn to ride a bike so that when they do Bikeability in Year 6 they have the best chance of progressing all the way to going out on the roads.
- Year 6 worked with the road safety team and PC Adrian Riddington (Safer Schools Police Officer from Lawnswood) to conduct a traffic survey on Grove Lane. As well as counting the cars, (the drivers and their habits), they also had a Speed Indication Device to tell drivers how fast they were going.

As this goes to press on Friday afternoon, Year 4 are waiting for an environmental health officer from the council who is going to take them to the **kerbside air quality monitoring station** on the Otley Road to look inside and answer their questions. He helped us set up our own low tech air quality monitor which we have been using to study how many particles are in the air without us noticing. He will also be coming back on Tuesday next week to work with Year 6.

The staff in school have also been busy leading activities on an environmental theme. On Wednesday afternoon (**House Team Hobby Half Day**) the children enjoyed working in their house teams on a range of Green Week themed activities, including lots of crafts using reclaimed materials, dancing with a Rhinos dancer and playing the steel pans.

Year 1 have been leading the work in school on **surveying** our travel habits and seeing if we can improve them. We did amazingly well on Tuesday, our **No Car Day**. I was pleasantly surprised how many extra families made the effort to ditch the car and walk to school or – if they had to use the car – parked it a little further away than usual and walked the rest of the way. They were all rewarded by being greeted by **Kerby** – the incredibly cute, fluffy, (gigantic) baby squirrel.

Year 6 have been doing interesting work swabbing to check for particulates and studying the tar spots on leaves to see if the fungus is being killed by the air pollution. I have seen lots of lovely maths using data on health and air quality, I have seen children learning to reduce, reuse and recycle (and how to do it in French!). There is some lovely persuasive writing being produced, as well as great artwork. Every class has got involved which means there was plenty to talk about to **Councillor Lucinda Yeadon** (Deputy Leader of the Council and lead on the environment) when she visited school yesterday.



Our next steps are to work with **School Council** to use an online tool to record some of this good work and to see what other activities we can undertake. I will also carry on **gathering the views of parents** on the feasibility of a walking bus and/or Park and Stride scheme and see if we can set something up that supports families who are trying to walk to school. We are also happy to share this work with other schools who are interested in working on air quality and the environment.

Thanks are due to Andy Hickford and many, many officers at Leeds City Council who helped us pull together so many great ideas and activities.

Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join us for the **Year 3 Class Assembly** on Wednesday morning. I had to be at a cluster meeting, but I hear it was a very enjoyable demonstration of some of the things they have been learning recently. Thank you Y3!

Year 3 have been busy learning their times tables, and the teachers in school have been talking about what else we can do (apart from Maths Passport) to make sure the children leave primary school **knowing their times tables** off by heart, backwards and as division calculations. To make it easier to focus we have split the times tables into different year groups who will be trying to get all children to learn them off by heart.



Year 1 – counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2 – learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3 – a real focus on the x3, x4 and x6 times tables.

Year 4 – making sure they know the x7, x8 and x9 tables

Year 5 – 11 and 12 times tables

Year 6 – revision of all the facts

Times Tables 1 to 12

1 times table	2 times table	3 times table	4 times table
1 x 1 = 1	1 x 2 = 2	1 x 3 = 3	1 x 4 = 4
2 x 1 = 2	2 x 2 = 4	2 x 3 = 6	2 x 4 = 8
3 x 1 = 3	3 x 2 = 6	3 x 3 = 9	3 x 4 = 12
4 x 1 = 4	4 x 2 = 8	4 x 3 = 12	4 x 4 = 16
5 x 1 = 5	5 x 2 = 10	5 x 3 = 15	5 x 4 = 20
6 x 1 = 6	6 x 2 = 12	6 x 3 = 18	6 x 4 = 24
7 x 1 = 7	7 x 2 = 14	7 x 3 = 21	7 x 4 = 28
8 x 1 = 8	8 x 2 = 16	8 x 3 = 24	8 x 4 = 32
9 x 1 = 9	9 x 2 = 18	9 x 3 = 27	9 x 4 = 36
10 x 1 = 10	10 x 2 = 20	10 x 3 = 30	10 x 4 = 40
11 x 1 = 11	11 x 2 = 22	11 x 3 = 33	11 x 4 = 44
12 x 1 = 12	12 x 2 = 24	12 x 3 = 36	12 x 4 = 48

Finally, it seems a long time ago now, but we thoroughly enjoyed our **bonfire** on Saturday afternoon. The fire glowed as it got darker and darker, children played on the field, adults had a chance to chat. Liz Craven and Carmel Turner sold out of their hot food and everybody followed the safety code when using sparklers. It was an event with a lovely atmosphere, which we intend to repeat. Thanks to Edie E's mum and James W's uncle for the lovely photos and thanks so much to FOSOPS parents and staff for all their hard work making it happen.

5 times table	6 times table	7 times table	8 times table
1 x 5 = 5	1 x 6 = 6	1 x 7 = 7	1 x 8 = 8
2 x 5 = 10	2 x 6 = 12	2 x 7 = 14	2 x 8 = 16
3 x 5 = 15	3 x 6 = 18	3 x 7 = 21	3 x 8 = 24
4 x 5 = 20	4 x 6 = 24	4 x 7 = 28	4 x 8 = 32
5 x 5 = 25	5 x 6 = 30	5 x 7 = 35	5 x 8 = 40
6 x 5 = 30	6 x 6 = 36	6 x 7 = 42	6 x 8 = 48
7 x 5 = 35	7 x 6 = 42	7 x 7 = 49	7 x 8 = 56
8 x 5 = 40	8 x 6 = 48	8 x 7 = 56	8 x 8 = 64
9 x 5 = 45	9 x 6 = 54	9 x 7 = 63	9 x 8 = 72
10 x 5 = 50	10 x 6 = 60	10 x 7 = 70	10 x 8 = 80
11 x 5 = 55	11 x 6 = 66	11 x 7 = 77	11 x 8 = 88
12 x 5 = 60	12 x 6 = 72	12 x 7 = 84	12 x 8 = 96

9 times table	10 times table	11 times table	12 times table
1 x 9 = 9	1 x 10 = 10	1 x 11 = 11	1 x 12 = 12
2 x 9 = 18	2 x 10 = 20	2 x 11 = 22	2 x 12 = 24
3 x 9 = 27	3 x 10 = 30	3 x 11 = 33	3 x 12 = 36
4 x 9 = 36	4 x 10 = 40	4 x 11 = 44	4 x 12 = 48
5 x 9 = 45	5 x 10 = 50	5 x 11 = 55	5 x 12 = 60
6 x 9 = 54	6 x 10 = 60	6 x 11 = 66	6 x 12 = 72
7 x 9 = 63	7 x 10 = 70	7 x 11 = 77	7 x 12 = 84
8 x 9 = 72	8 x 10 = 80	8 x 11 = 88	8 x 12 = 96
9 x 9 = 81	9 x 10 = 90	9 x 11 = 99	9 x 12 = 108
10 x 9 = 90	10 x 10 = 100	10 x 11 = 110	10 x 12 = 120
11 x 9 = 99	11 x 10 = 110	11 x 11 = 121	11 x 12 = 132
12 x 9 = 108	12 x 10 = 120	12 x 11 = 132	12 x 12 = 144



Headingley Pre School (the nursery that use the front of our Early Years building) have a special birthday coming up and have also expanded into the former St Agnes nursery building. They write: **It's our 35th Birthday!** We are very excited to be 35 years old this year, so we are inviting

you to come along to our new site to celebrate with us!

We promise there will be lots of tea and cake and some lovely refreshments for the little ones. Oh and of course... crafts galore! Please feel free to come down, pop in, say hello and celebrate with us!

Come and join us between 2- 5pm, Saturday 19th November.
Headingley PreSchool, 25 Burton Crescent, Headingley, Leeds . LS6 4DN

FOSOPS write: FOSOPS are **applying for funding** in conjunction with Hyde Park Source to create an outdoor learning space (in the Nature Garden) as well as creating a covered calm area in the main playground, that can also be used as an outdoor classroom and a place for parents to wait on rainy days. We are looking for volunteers, to help with the design process -working on a stall with families at the Winter Festival of Fire, as well as any keen green-fingered families who would like to help when the project's up and running. We really want to integrate the different groups using the school grounds and to make the most of all the lovely green space at Shire Oak.

If you can contribute in any way please come along to a meeting on 17th November at 2pm in the Community Room. If you can't make the meeting just email fosops@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk or chat to Cassy (Skye in Yr 3's Mum) or Jayne (Noah Yr 6, Erin Yr 3, Rose Yr 1's Mum) for more info or to voice interest.

What a long newsletter – you can tell it has been a busy week! Have a great weekend.

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Tuesday 15 th November	Y6 visiting the environment monitoring station on Otley Road in the afternoon.
Wednesday 16 th November	Y5/6 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Thursday 17 th November *	Alice through the Looking Glass film trip to The Light Vue – film club
Monday 14 th November	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Prince Henry's school in Otley. 4.45-6pm. Monday 14 th Nov 4.45-6.00pm
Thursday 17 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 18 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 21 st November *	Maths All Day Day
Wednesday 23 rd November	Festival of Fire after school
Thursday 24 th November	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (TBC)
Friday 25 th November	d:side Internet Safety sessions for KS2
Mon 28 th Nov to Fri 2 nd Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 5 Fire Safety Talk
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities.
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Thursday 8 th December *	Carol singing at Grove Court
Friday 9 th December *	Carol singing at Victoria Court
Monday 12 th December *	Carol singing at Wheatfields
Tuesday 13 th December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch
Thursday 15 th December *	Carol singing at Wheatfields
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19 th Dec to Mon 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 2 nd February *	Tim Peake inspired science session in Y5
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school

