

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 29th March, 2019



The Day The Circus Came To Talbot! By Mrs Callaghan

The circus came to town in the form of Alex from 'Circusology'. He wowed the children across Nursery and Reception with his hilarious antics on the unicycle and brought great enjoyment to all. The children learnt how to throw and catch different juggling apparatus, spin plates and balance objects and themselves.

All of this supports muscle strength, balance and coordination, eye tracking skills, self-confidence and self-awareness; key aspects of the Early Years Curriculum.



This Month's Message From Our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 Children Supporting Better Online Safety Practice):

'Take care when live streaming; be mindful of your surroundings, don't wear your school uniform and make sure you are happy for people to see it. You can't redo it if anything goes wrong!'

One of the greatest joys of working in a school is seeing how children build on their skills to develop their confidence, ability and application of their learning over time. In March we have continued to see an abundance of this as well as continue our strong tradition of home-school collaboration. With your support, we ensured that the momentum and 'buzz' created around reading and science over the last few weeks culminated in some lovely parent carer events. Our 'Bedtime Stories' programme for Key Stage One is fast becoming a calm and peaceful 'staple' in Book Week and is made possible due to the Key Stage One team's commitment and the support of the PTA. A great occasion and a great end to the week and our World Book Day dress-up day. Thank you for your donations which successfully **raised £132.01** for **Book Aid International**. This was of course followed by **Comic Relief** day, which saw us all dressed in either red or white to raise an amazing **£400.27** for charity!

I am equally excited to be able to confirm that our current website, which has obediently fulfilled its duties for many a year, will finally be updated this week. **The new website will still be accessible through our existing address:** <http://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk/>. You will have received a letter this week outlining how you can access the new website and online App to ensure compatibility with your devices. One of the new features of the website is quicker access to key dates, events and information for your child's specific year group – so please do take a look. It also has the capacity to host Twitter feeds; thus a quick way to celebrate events across school. Encouragingly, the new website will also allow us to develop more efficient online booking procedures for parent's evenings, briefings and concerts – so watch this space for more updates in the future!

As detailed last month, we have begun a series of monthly reminders to support you with online safety. This month's top tip comes in the form of **Internet Matters App**. This App is designed to encourage parents and children to collaborate together to talk about key online safety issues and through the use of quizzes and games, ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. Please click on the following link to take you straight to the website: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/new-esafety-app-for-parents-and-children>

Thank you for your understanding in ensuring that children **do not play on the field before or after school**. This supports Health and Safety considerations and is making a difference.

Finally, with the Summer term just around the corner, we are of course looking forward to warmer days and summer uniform. Please can I ask you to consult our **school uniform policy** if in doubt, i.e. black shoes (**not trainers**) and named items. It is impossible to return countless numbers of unnamed items to their owners without their names on. Please [click here](#) to access a copy of the policy. I appreciate your support in maintaining our standards.

Regards, Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

Sports Summary Reports

Welcome to the half-termly Sports Summary Reports from Miss Ward and Miss Gilbert. We hope this provides an ongoing overview of our sporting achievements in school and in inter-school competitions.

This half term has been another very busy one for sport at Talbot. We have taken teams to represent school in; **Tag Rugby**, the Watson Rugby Cup, Mini Tennis and Cross Country. A group of Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Chapeltown Cougars to face other schools from North East Leeds in a Tag Rugby competition. The children all did extremely well in poor weather conditions to keep smiling and give 100%. We had some mixed results, but there was some fantastic rugby on show. In the first round of the Watson Cup the Year 5 and 6 contact rugby team travelled to Roundhay School to play their first fixture. The boys showed some of the best teamwork and sportsmanship I have seen; they looked organised, communicated well and all worked extremely hard. This resulted in a 12-4 win for Talbot putting them into the next round! The Year 4 and 5 **Tennis team** went to Roundhay School to compete in the North East Leeds Tennis Competition. They all played some fantastic tennis and showed lovely sportsmanship. Both year groups finished second in their competition and were unlucky not to qualify for the next round. Rafael in Year 4 went to Temple Newsam last month to represent both Talbot and Leeds at the **West Yorkshire Cross Country** Finals. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of his efforts.

It's been all go in **Early Years** this term. The Reception classes have been enjoying extra, exciting PE lessons taught by PE students from **Leeds Beckett University**. The children really enjoy these sessions and have played lots of new games based on moving in different ways and keeping healthy.

There has been a big focus on movement play across Nursery and Reception; the children are **climbing, spinning, crawling and tunnelling** their way into writing. Both year groups have got new Movement Play areas and equipment to support the children with key physical skills linked to strength for writing. Nursery are even venturing into the vast world of 'big school' and have weekly sessions in the Key Stage 2 Hall. The new confidence they show is amazing and we hope parents and carers have found the information booklets and 'stay and play' sessions useful.



Who's talking to your child online?

Who's making friends with your child online?

A five minute chat with your child about their online activity could save a lifetime of hurt

5 Minutes

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Update On PTA Spending



As outlined in December's newsletter, we are currently in phase one of our renovation and renewal programme for the outside areas. This includes:

- refresh and re-paint of the playground markings
- re-paint and refresh of the decking and play installations

I am pleased to say that we are on track with these measures. Some works have already begun, encompassing the Pirate Ship and trim trail and others are in their final stage of confirmation.

We are always insistent in securing value for money before commissioning contractors to complete any onsite projects, and as a result this can sometimes take a little longer than anticipated. We appreciate your patience.

WE CANN HELP

The Children's Additional Needs Network



West Yorkshire CANN Launch and Information Event!

Date: Thursday 28 March 2019

Time: 10:30am - 1:00pm, brief launch presentation at 11:00am

Venue: St Georges Conference Centre (St Georges Crypt), Leeds.

St George's Centre is situated on Great George Street, next to Leeds General Infirmary in Leeds city centre.

As a parent or carer of a child with additional needs, please join us for this information day and launch of West Yorkshire CANN. We'll welcome many of our member organisations for you to meet, ask questions and get information from and find out more about how we can offer support to you and your family.

All welcome and free to attend, simply turn up on the day.
Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Chris Eatwell, Chair of West Yorkshire CANN,
if you have any queries: chriseatwell@aol.com

Website available from 28 March



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