

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019



## Curriculum Showcases By Tom Youdan

Last week, Year 3 was the first year group to invite parents and carers into school for their 'Stone Age' showcase. This year we have put a greater emphasis on the Creative Curriculum showcases to allow the children the opportunity to really demonstrate their deeper understanding of the topic they have been studying.

This was clearly in evidence in Year 3, with all three classrooms buzzing with excitement, as the children demonstrated some of the skills they had learned. There was a range of activities taking place, including: cave art, stone age jewellery-making and writing in stone age numbers. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers being so 'hands on,' and to hear the children talking about their learning. Well done Year 3!

Please do see the year group pages on the school website for more information and events and curriculum showcases for your child(ren)'s year group.

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

*"Always keep your passwords private."*

Well I am not quite sure where the last half-term has gone!?! I hope that you have had an opportunity to come into school this week to meet with your child(ren)'s class teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new year groups and progressed. As part of the week, and as specified as one of the outcomes from the parent/carer questionnaire from the summer term, we would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete our progress questionnaire this week. The aim is to not only ensure you feel well informed as to how we report on progress, but also how we can do better. Thank you to those of you who have completed the questionnaire already. If any remaining copies could be sent to the office by the first week after half-term, that would be much appreciated. As ever, we will share the outcomes of the questionnaire with you once results have been collated.

If you would like to become a part of a working party of parents and carers to support a review of how and what information and guidance we share about the school, please get in touch via the school office. The group will need to be a representative of our school community and meet with myself and other senior leaders in early December. One way in which we are seeking to support parents is through the introduction of time-saving measures, such as our recent transfer to an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Volunteer for the group to develop more opportunities to shape our future provision!

A letter will have gone home via Parentmail this week, sharing information on the forthcoming Relationships education: Relationships, Sex Education (RSE) and Health Briefing for parents and carers after half-term, as part of our **PSHE 'market event'**. This briefing aims to share the new statutory expectations all schools are required to put in place by September 2020, as well as share with you how we support mindfulness, promote a positive anti-bullying culture, safeguarding and positive behaviour across the school. We look forward to seeing you at the briefing. Please remember that you can take a look at our website for any information on the curriculum and wider provision at school. This includes useful support and advice in regards to safeguarding. Alternatively, [click here](#) to access this page.

Thank you for providing proof of medical appointments prior to application for leave of absence for children. This has had a marked impact on the number of requests for absence during the school day and is ensuring that children do not miss out on essential learning time. May I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that **leave to attend family events will not be granted and will be recorded as unauthorised**. All requests are reviewed in detail and if any repeated requests are received, we will invite you into school to discuss the impact of unauthorised absence on your child's progress. Please take a look at the attendance policy available via the parent/carer tab on the school website before requesting leave.

We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.  
Regards, Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

# Additional Information



## PE Half-termly Newsletter

**I am very pleased to share the first of our half-termly PE newsletters from Miss Ward.**

We have kick-started the year this half term with some really exciting sporting activities. At the beginning of October a group of Year 6 children took part in a Netball Festival at Allerton Grange. The children played really well as a team throughout the event, and ended up scoring the most points out of all the schools taking part.

Year 3 went on a very exciting visit to Herd Farm to try out some outdoor and adventurous activities that we cannot normally offer in school. The children enjoyed climbing, assault courses, puzzles and seeing how high they could go on the big swing!

The second week in September was 'Challenge Week' in school. The children took part in team challenges during their PE lessons. Lots of children also took part in individual challenges during their lunchtimes. It was great to see all of the children encouraging each other and the Sports Ambassadors did a fantastic job of running the activities.

To round off the week, the children were visited by Bobsleigh champion, Nicola Minichiello. Nicola did fantastic assemblies for both KS1 and KS2 and really encouraged the children to challenge themselves and keep on trying. Some children were also selected to take part in special PE lessons with Nicola and had an extra opportunity to ask her questions about her experiences.

Just this last week, a group of Year 4 children took part in a Multi-skills Festival, organised by Active Schools. Throughout the events, children had the opportunity to try out lots of different sports and were encouraged to beat their personal bests. All the children went home with their hands full of certificates!

Finally, a group of children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the 'U9s Leeds United' football tournament. Despite this being their first time playing as a team, the organisers commented on how well the children played together and supported each other. They played really well and were unbeaten throughout the tournament only narrowly missing out on the top spot!

### Author of the Month

Each month we will be focusing on a different author in school, both in assemblies and in class.

November's authors will be Julia Donaldson for Key Stage One and Eoin Colfer for Key Stage Two. We hope that children will enjoy hearing extracts from a range of books and be inspired to read more of their books independently.

### Thought Bubble Comic Art Festival

4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November

### and Comic Con

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November

At Harrogate Convention Centre (Under 12s are free)

Visit: [thoughtbubble festival.com](http://thoughtbubblefestival.com) for more information and tickets

### Nursery Application Forms

The link below can be used to complete an application form to place a child on our nursery waiting list.

<https://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk/school-office/forms>

### School Meals and Packed Lunches

Our Dining Room Ladies have requested that we remind you that we are a nut-free school. Please do not provide nut and nut-based products in packed lunches.

This also applies to raw fish such as prawns and sushi which a number of children are bringing in as part of their lunches. For the well-being of children and staff members with (often) severe allergies, please be aware that these foods can cause serious reactions that can be detrimental to their health. Many thanks.