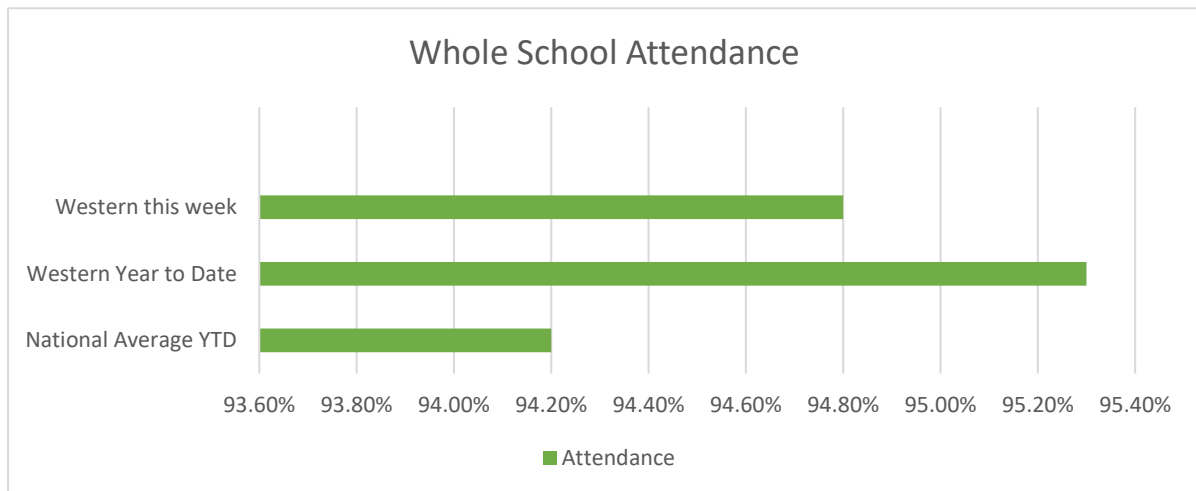


At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.

Western Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th April 2024



**Welcome back
to a happy and
busy
SUMMER
term!
Let's LOVE it!**

Many, many
thanks to
our



**WONDERFUL
P.T.A.**

for our little
hatchlings!



Green Room

Welcome back after what we hope was a wonderful Easter break.

To start this term we turn our focus to farms. We are looking at the different animals we might see there and who might work on a farm.



We started our topic by enjoying looking at all of the wonderful photos you uploaded onto tapestry of the children feeding baby lambs at the farms that you have visited during the Easter break- a much loved activity! The children love talking about their photos and telling us all about their family members. This is a great activity to develop the children's confidence when speaking in a group.

In our creative area we have, as always, been very busy making all kinds of masterpieces such as cows, chicks and also hens, using different types of materials.



We have used farm animals in Maths too, challenging the children to put the animals into the correct animal families and counting along the way.

We have all fallen in love with the new Purple Room guinea pigs who are named Rocket and Tatty. We loved having them visit Green Room and giving them a cuddle. We were also able to visit Reception who have had a very special delivery of ten little eggs. We can't wait to watch them hatch so that we can hold and cuddle a little chick.



Wow, what a super-busy week! We can't wait to see you all again next week for more learning fun.

Purple Room

Welcome back to pre-school and a very wet Summer Term! We have had a lovely first week back. We were very excited to welcome two new furry friends to our class - Tatty and Rocket. Tatty because the brown one has very exciting hair and Rocket because the black one is super-fast! We have been finding out lots of interesting facts about Guinea pigs, especially around what they can and cannot eat. This has prompted lots of sharing of snack. The Guinea pigs also enjoy a good cuddle and we have been more than happy to accommodate them in Purple Room!



We have also got chicks in EYFS. They have been living in Reception and we have been over in small groups to see them. It has been exciting to observe the chicks hatching and we have been talking a lot about the life cycle of a chicken. This has inspired our crafts, our maths and our writing this week.



The children have enjoyed talking about what they notice in Chat Time. We all noticed something completely different and have made comments on shape, numbers and colour as well as using our imagination to talk about what might have been happening and what might happen next.

This week we have started some gardening. We have our fingers crossed what we have planted will grow. We were fascinated to watch the compost expand as we added the water and talked about what plants need to grow. Keep thinking positive growing thoughts for us!



Turquoise Room

The children have had a lovely first week back and have been so happy to see each other again.

We have been learning about Spring and what we notice changing outside. Following the children's interests we enjoyed learning all about frogs and ducklings as our songs for the week were 'Five Little Ducks' and 'Five Little Speckled Frogs'. The children made frog head bands and sang 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', pretending to be frogs sitting on the log.

The children have been showing off their counting and subitising skills and we have also been learning about size.

The children have done lots of fine motor activities and have had a go at ripping paper, snipping with scissors and scrunching tissue paper to make collage frogs.

We have been to visit the chicks in Reception this week and our story next week is 'Noisy Farm' where we will be learning about baby animals.



Reception

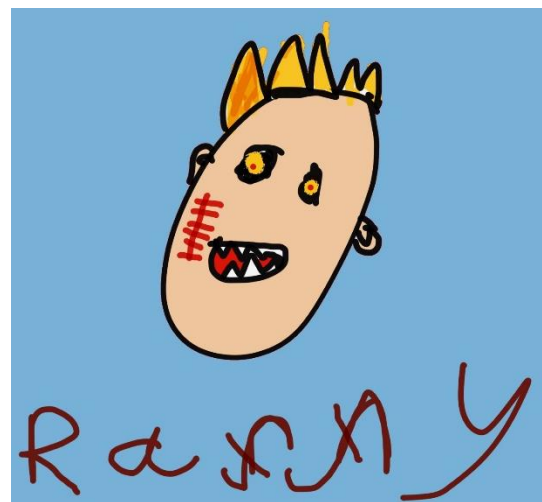
A warm welcome back to the summer term - let's hope the weather improves! However, until this happens, please continue to bring in a weather (waterproof) appropriate coat for your child and hats/gloves if needed.

We are very excited to have the eggs in our classroom - A HUGE thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting learning opportunity for us.



This half term we will be focusing on life cycles, Spring and mini beasts - please see the Curriculum letter for more details.

We have been working on the iPads to create self-portraits, using the sketches school app and mirrors to complete our portraits.



Year 1

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some Easter fun with family and friends.

We've got straight back into it this week and this half term's key question is 'How does your garden grow?' In science, the children learned about seeds and bulbs and planted some peas. They will record their plants' progress weekly and we will hopefully have some delicious peas to eat in seven weeks' time. Yum!





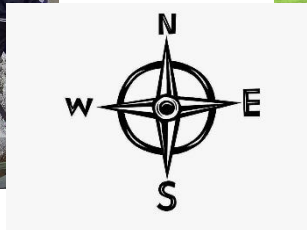
In English, the children were given some interesting creatures to look at. They came up with questions about what they wanted to know about them, ensuring they correctly punctuated their questions with a question mark. They found out that the creatures are in fact caterpillars and we will soon have beautiful butterflies in our classrooms. Thank you to the PTA for the very kind class donations. We used some of it to purchase the caterpillars which we wouldn't have been able to buy otherwise. Your financial support has enabled us to offer the children this experience.



Mrs Wheatley's class have spent some time getting to know one another and have had lots of fun playing games, listening to one another during circle time and creating some new class rules.

Year 2

We started the week with a fantastic morning of orienteering in Valley Gardens. Despite the wet weather, the children had a great time using their navigation skills, utilising the points of North, East, South, and West to find their way around. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to put their geographical knowledge into practice.

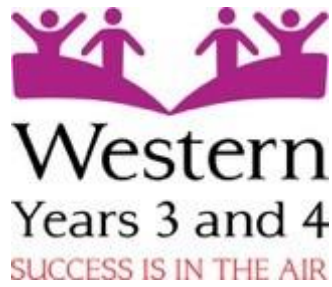


In science, the children planted their own sunflower seeds. This hands-on activity provided a real-life context for learning about plant life cycles and growth. The sunflower seeds also served as a fantastic stimulus for our English lessons, where we have been exploring the features of instructional texts. The children have been busy creating their own sets of instructions with great enthusiasm.



In Geography, we delved into the continent of Europe. Through virtual tours, the children "travelled" to various European countries, learning about their cultures, landmarks and geographical features. This immersive experience culminated in the children collaborating to create a Keynote presentation all about Europe. It was lovely to see their creativity and knowledge shine through.

It's been a busy first week back but we have been incredibly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the children.



Year 3/4

Year 3/4 kickstarted their new science topic this week with a fabulous workshop with Emma from Kiddy Cook. Emma taught us all about nutrition and the importance of eating a balanced diet. Then, in the morning, we all made a very healthy fruit cous cous salad and, in the afternoon, we all made an individual pizza, using the colours of the Italian flag. All in all, it was a very successful, fun and informative day!



In English, we are now working on writing a non-chronological report about a balanced diet. This week, we did some dual coding to help us remember and understand some important vocabulary:

minerals

the substance in food that helps our bodies to function properly e.g calcium and magnesium.



fats

can be stored on the body to be used later or, burned as fuel e.g: butter, avocado and oils



dairy

foods made from products from animals e.g: milk and eggs



carbohydrates

These give us energy e.g: pasta, rice and bread



protein

provides us with growth and repair
e.g: fish, meat, nuts and seeds



nutrition

important substance that we get from our food



Year 5/6

It's been a great first week back in Year 5/6. We have begun our new topic on Ancient Greece and how they have influenced how we live today. We have got really stuck into the story of the Trojan war with the children forming a conscience alley. In this, they tried to persuade the teachers, acting as Helen, whether to run away with Paris to Troy or stay in Sparta. We were impressed by their persuasiveness (and how scary they sound when they whisper!). We have also enjoyed getting back to the Valley Gardens for our PE sessions where we have started practising our tennis skills.

Reasons to leave with Paris and go to Troy	Reasons to stay in Sparta with Menelaus
Paris will give Helen a more exciting and thrilling life that she would never get with Menelaus, since he is elderly.	Helens hometown is Sparta and it will be very hard for her to leave her kingdom where she has been for her whole life.
Menelaus is too old for Helen to enjoy their relationship and does not fulfill Helens dream to have an enjoyable time with Menelaus.	Menelaus is loyal and will never leave Helen. He has never angered Helen in any way.
Paris is around Helens age and will have a long lasting relationship instead of living her normal, boring life with Menelaus.	Although they live a boring lifestyle, Helen should enjoy Menelaus for who he is, treating her with her correct needs.





PTA News



Next Thursday, 18 April is the Year 1&2 Party!

If your child would like to attend, please pay £5 by bank transfer (Western Primary PTA, sort code 05-04-54, account number 16945047). Please use your child's name as the reference.

In the event that a parent cannot contribute, rest assured that your child will not be treated any differently and they are still welcome to attend.

It's 3:30 - 5:00 pm, in the Western School Hall.

A snack and drink will be included in the price and there is a disco which is provided by Shuffles Entertainment

Coming soon we have a fun opportunity for everyone to get involved in... can you guess what it is going to be? Some of our volunteers already know as they're helping us to get ready! Here is a clue to help you work out what it might be..



Anyone for cricket?!

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2024.

Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 11th year delivering junior cricket programme. We operate 4 adult teams and have junior teams in every age group in the Nidderdale Junior League. For the first time we will have a girls' only team too!

We are now recruiting new players at under 9 (school years 3 and 4) and under 11 (school years 5 and 6).

Training starts on Friday 19th April and continues every Friday from 6.15-7.30pm until the end of the summer term. Matches will take place weekly, also until the end of summer term.

Training is led by ECB qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safeguarding training.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded training shirt and match shirt.

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.

For children in school years 1 and 2, Ripley are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. All -Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. The programme starts on Friday 17th May from 6.15-7.15pm and runs every Friday for 8 weeks. The cost is £30 and everyone will receive a personalised t-shirt. To book, please visit the ECB website and follow this link [here.](#)'

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At
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Something for all the family with an exciting range of speakers and interactive sessions aimed at school age children (primary and secondary).

Advanced booking is now open and can be found by scanning the QR code below or at <https://bit.ly/WellbeingDayHarrogate>




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Pannal Ash Junior Football Club

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*Would you like to Coach and inspire? We'll support your
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**Register for our free and fun 'Coach and player'
taster session at Pannal Ash Football Club on
28th April at 2pm.**

Contact: Sarah.pa@myyahoo.com / 07764450164

Cycling Training for Young Riders

Harrogate Nova Cycling Club are running a series of weekly youth training sessions on Tuesday evenings at the Harrogate Army Foundation College Hildebrand Barracks car park (just off Pennypot Lane).

The sessions start on April 23 and run through to July 16. There is a break over the summer holidays and then some final sessions in early autumn. All sessions are run by fully qualified [British Cycling](#) coaches. To cater for different abilities and ages there are two groups:

Group 1: entry level/younger riders (minimum age: 6). Tuesday evenings: 18.00-18.30. £50 for 17 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

Group 2: more experienced riders (typically age: 8+). Tuesday evenings: 18.30-19.15. £80 for 17 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

If you are interested in the sessions and would like further information or would like to go along and attend a free trial session please complete the enquiry form on the Harrogate Nova website:



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