

Old Earth Newsletter

Elland Cross Country Championships

Tuesday and Thursday teatimes saw the Elland & District Cross Country Championships take place. The Y3/4 championships saw our children harvest a field full of medals, see below.

The Y5/6 championships were a soggy affair with the course cutting up badly, however our runners gritted their teeth and put everything in to do as well as they could in the competition.

More medals (1st & 2nd places only) for the trophy cabinet !

See below for our medal winners.

So, what's next??? Well, the medal winners AND the winning teams from the Elland Competition (see below) now go forward to represent Elland in the Calderdale Championships. Successes there will see the children representing Calderdale in the Yorkshire Finals!

Year 3 Boys **	Leo F	1st		
Year 3 Girls	Holly W	1st	Martha T	2nd
Year 4 Boys **			Archie G	2nd
Year 4 Girls **			Alicia G	2nd
Year 5 Boys #	Morgan G	1st	Alfie S	2nd
Year 6 Boys #	Edward M	1st		

** The full team go through to the Calderdale Finals
Results not through yet

Great efforts from all our teams—well done !

Well Done everyone !!



Year 3 and Year 4 squads, above and the massed Y5/6 squads, below



Parents' Consultations

It was great to see so many mums and dads at this week's parent consultations.

The partnership between home and school is a vital one, putting children in a position to progress as quickly as they are able.

You have all filled in a sheet at Parents' Evening identifying areas where you would like to learn more about the education of your child. Staff are committed to helping out, and will be running workshops to help you, to help us, to help the children !!!!! If you've not returned your sheet, please do so asap next 1/2 term—thanks.

Watch this space for these opportunities.

A simple piece of research we have undertaken sees that there is a very strong correlation between rates of progress and whether or not the children read with their parents... no surprise you may think, but some of our children say they do not read at home, or only read occasionally... If this is you, please be aware that it really does help make a **BIG** difference to your child's academic progress **AND** is quality time with your child.

Nursery Welly Walk

The children in the Nursery have had a great time on their Welly Walks this week—we can all blame Mrs Ogden for booking the appalling weather—but perfect for puddles ! The walk completed the Nursery topic about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and it finished the walk with a picnic in the outside classroom.



Look on the website, on the newsletter tab, to zoom into these pictures

Parking

BJ 51 NFM - Silver Focus—Often parks on yellow lines and reverses into the school drive ...please don't! A granny and small child were hit by another car doing exactly the same thing last week—thankfully only a slight bump, but a high degree of shock. **Someone WILL be seriously hurt, or worse, if we're not more careful.**



Amazing Orchestral Experience

A group of our musicians enjoyed a great opportunity this week, spending the evening with the Huddersfield Philharmonic Orchestra at one of their final rehearsals.

The group were very well looked after and even had time to talk to the musicians and sit amongst the orchestra whilst they were rehearsing



Thanks to the Orchestra and Brooksbank's Music Dept for offering our children this wonderful and inspiring opportunity.

Perfect 5 Stars ... again!

Congratulations to Sharon the Cook and her team, who have attained the top award for health & hygiene for another year. The school kitchen has NEVER been less than PERFECT. The assessor said "There are very, very few establishments that have maintained this level of health & hygiene as consistently over the years" This is a fantastic accolade for the "Kitchen Crew" and reflects their fastidious approach to making sure our children are not only eating healthy and wholesome meals, but they are hygienically produced, too.

Improvements to the School & Grounds in the hols

It will be like a game of massive spot the difference when you return from the school holidays on 4th November.

School won a Security Grant last term and we are making the following improvements :

- A new fence adjacent to the houses on Grasmere
- A CCTV system around school, incorporating new fascia boards
- New gating systems for our main entrances

As these improvements have been sourced from Grant Funding, we are not compromising our funds that are earmarked for teaching & learning.

All improvements should be completed by the end of November

Noticeboard

HOLIDAYS : Have a great, and safe, holiday. Please set up your child with lots of bright and reflective clothing for the dark nights.

School re-opens on Monday 4th November at 8.55am.

DINNERS : The full half term's dinners will cost £59.50. Paying for the full half term, if you can, is our preferred option, thanks.

RUGBY TICKETS : We have sent off for 89 tickets for the Rugby World Cup Match at the Shay on Sunday 10 November. A great turn out from Old Earth families! These tickets will be in school after the holidays and we will send them home with your children. Keep practising the Haka on the You Tube link we shared a couple of weeks ago on the newsletter.

OLD FOLKS' LUNCHEON : This popularly named (?!?) lunch is prepared and served by the School Cook and the Year 5 children. It is followed by fun board games with the children. This is an early call for any family / friends from age 50+ to attend. Book via email or to the school office or Y5 classes. Over subscribed every year, book your tickets early !! (Weds 20th Nov)

MULTI SPORTS CLUB : This club has now hibernated for the winter. It will start up again after February half term.

MOBILE PHONES : School policy is that children should not bring mobile phones to school. However, if parents really wish their child to have a phone for the walk to and from school, the phone MUST be handed in to the school office at the start of each school day.

THIS WEEK

Monday : Nursery Welly walk

Tuesday : Year 3/4 Cross Country

Wednesday : Parents' Meetings

Thursday : Parents' Consultation Meetings; Nursery Welly walk; Year 5/6 Cross Country—see article

Friday : Spooky Dress Down Day; We break up for Half Term.

NEXT WEEK

Monday : School opens for business at 8.55am on 4th November—please make every effort to be in the school yard ready for the bell. Keep your child out of the 'Late Book'

Friday : Yoga Club for Parents and Children starts—this club was very popular, we may need to run a further set of sessions after Christmas.

WERNICK HIRE are proud to sponsor the Old Earth Newsletter

We have also donated a set of tables and chairs to school—Thanks Liam B's dad in class 1
So if you need mobile or temporary buildings consider us !!

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