

# Westbrook Lane Newsletter

## Class news!



### Fossil Detectives

Year two enjoyed becoming fossil detectives during their recent workshop. They learnt about the types of rocks fossils can be found in and how they are formed. We also used clues to identify fossils and made a timeline. The oldest fossils were over 400 million years old! We then travelled to the Discovery Centre and enjoyed exploring the wide collection of items (nearly a million) which are stored there. We saw and handled real dinosaur fossils and learnt about how the artefacts are preserved. Class two were fabulous and asked fantastic questions. Thank you also to our brilliant parent helpers!



### Easter Egg Hunt

Reception class invited Brownberrie Lane pre-school children to an Easter egg hunt. Reception class were fantastic role models, showing the younger children how to play with our outdoor equipment safely and sensibly. At the end we came inside for some Easter snacks and shared stories.



### Film Club News

The six members of Film Club will soon be ready to show their finished Film which is called 'My Mixed Up Family.' The Film focuses on the story of a girl called Victoria who has her life turned upside down when suddenly everyone in her family changes their roles. For example, her older sister swaps her college studies for an office job and her granddad becomes a teacher at a local primary school. As part of our Film making work, the children have been writing scripts, Filming and editing scenes, and also adding music and transitions to their Film. Using our 'Green Screen' means we have been able to transport ourselves to anywhere we like to Film.

### Library Update

Restocking is underway and many of the new titles are based on your recommendations! Completely restocking the library is a long term project with an estimated total cost of around £12,000. Until we have enough books for children to select from, the school library will remain closed but be assured that class reading areas and book boxes provided by the Schools' Library Service still provide a wide range of reading material which is regularly updated. We are hoping to get the library up and running for classes by the end of next half term and we aim to re-open as a lending library after May half term.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the coffee morning and bun sale and to everyone who supported them by either baking buns or buying them - they were delicious. We are delighted to tell you that you raised a fantastic £209 which will be spent on new books when we return after the Easter holidays.

In the meantime if your child is missing the school library this could be a perfect opportunity to rediscover your local library. Leeds Libraries have a series of exciting events for children taking place over the Easter holidays too!

Keep your eyes and ears open for further news about fundraising events and the grand opening. Thank you for your support and patience, *Miss Simpkins*

## The Great British Elm Experiment

As I'm sure many of you will know, children at Westbrook Lane were involved in planting elm trees as part of a national initiative to reintroduce one of England's most important trees. Horsforth Cricket Club generously donated the funding for the trees and Leeds City Council provided expertise and staff to help. During the course of a sunny morning, reception class with their year 6 buddies and a selection of children from other year groups throughout the school planted trees. The trees are registered on the Conservation Foundation website and children will track their progress over the coming years. A very big thank you to David Fanaroff and his team for organising the event, and also to Helen Haslam and Anna Long for helping the children throughout the day.



## Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising initiatives for Red Nose Day. We underestimated how popular the red noses would be and despite reordering after selling out on the first day we still didn't have enough to cope with the demand. We also had some really fantastic ideas for making your face funny for money - there will be more about this in the Westbrook World. All this activity meant that we raised a magnificent £549.48, which is £70 more than last time. Well done!



## Sporting Success



**Gymnastics:** We are delighted to be able to tell you that once again we have gold medallist gymnasts at Westbrook Lane. Both our Y5/6 team and Y3/4 team came top of the podium at the recent Key Steps Leeds Finals. There were also plenty of individual medal winners: Heather (gold on floor, vault and all around), Elena (gold on



floor), Olivia Y3 (gold on body preparation), Seren (silver on body preparation) and Olivia Y4 (bronze on body preparation). This means that they will now represent Leeds in the Sainsbury's Youth Games in July.

**Netball:** We also came top in the recent year 5 inter-school netball tournament at Trinity University after a 5 week block of specialist coaching by Leeds Sports Academy. Everyone took part with the class being split into 3 teams and they all performed very well. Our A team did particularly well, beating St Margaret's in the final.

**Football:** Our year 6 boys' football team have progressed to the semi final of the Leeds' Holbeck Cup by beating Bardsey 5-1. They will now meet Horsforth St Mary's in the semi final, hoping to reach an all Leeds final three years in a row. We're sure you will agree we have had some fabulous results. A huge well done to all those who took part.

## School Dinner Money

For anyone wishing to pay dinner money for the full half term after the Easter holiday the amount needed for children having a school meal every day is:

**Y3 23 days x £2.00 = £46.00, Y4 24 days x £2.00 = £48.00, Y5 & Y6 24 days x £2.05 = £48.20.**

Please remember to inform the office if you wish to change your child's lunchtime arrangements for next term as the food is ordered a week in advance. Thank you.

# Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 1st April</b>	<b>No Taekwondo</b> ; Y6 maths booster 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 2nd April</b>	<b>School closes for Easter</b>
<b>Monday 20th April</b>	<b>School reopens</b> Y6 Literacy Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 21st April</b>	Book
<b>Wednesday 22nd April</b>	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm; Y6 maths booster 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Friday 24th April</b>	Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm; Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Monday 27th April</b>	Y6 Literacy Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 28th April</b>	Code Club 3.20 - 4.25pm Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 29th April</b>	LSMA Choir rehearsal Gledhow Primary - details to follow Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm; Y6 maths booster 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 30th April</b>	Class and Team photos - details to follow Governors meeting 6.30pm
<b>Friday 1st May</b>	Send Parents Forum 2pm - details to follow Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm; Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>School Closed Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th May</b>	School re-opens Code Club 3.20 - 4.25pm Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 6th May</b>	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm; Y6 maths booster 3.15 - 4.30pm
<b>Friday 8th May</b>	Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm; Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Mon 11th - Friday 15th May</b>	SATs Week
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	Code Club 3.20 - 4.25pm Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b>	Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm; Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b>	Mobile Farm Visit to school - details to follow Code Club 3.20 - 4.25pm Dance Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday 20th May</b>	LSMA concert rehearsal at Gledhow Primary - details to follow Taekwondo 3.20 - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 21st May</b>	Y3 visit Art Spark - details to follow
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>School closes half term</b> Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm; Y5/6 Film Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>