

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Thursday 29th March, 2018



Awesome Arooj Success!

By Mrs Rehman

In February, Talbot Primary took part in the Arooj Creative Writing competition of which the theme was 'My Happy Place.' Three of our budding writers, Aisha (Y2), Neela (Y3) and Nawfal (Y6) were shortlisted in the poetry and short story category. They were invited to the prestigious award ceremony at the Leeds Civic Hall on Tuesday 13th March where the winners were announced.

Proudly, Neela won the 'Best poetry entry for LKS2' and Aisha and Nawfal were 'Highly Commended' for their entries. The parents of all three children were in attendance at the ceremony beaming with pride and rightly so! Neela was also interviewed by the TV channel *MadeinLeeds* where she talked about how much she enjoyed taking part in the competition and read out her poem on camera with true Talbot spirit! She recalled that she "was extremely excited and nervous about reading my poem to the presenter from *MadeinLeeds*. I enjoyed the ceremony and was very proud that I won!"

Well done to all the children that took part and especially to those shortlisted and winner Neela!

Well I think we can safely say that we have seen all types of weather in the last few weeks! Snow, wind, hail, rain and today brilliant sunshine, have certainly ensured that the start to each day at Talbot is never dull! I hope that you found the communication methods deployed through the most difficult periods of weather effective, in ensuring you knew the latest position regarding the school's status. As a staff team, we took great pride in trying to make sure we stayed open for the children as normal, however, we have appreciated the many messages of gratitude from you. Closing a school, and even instigating a late opening, is never an easy or light-hearted decision to make, especially given the significant risks posed to the health, safety and well-being of the children and staff team during the recent bad weather. We have appreciated your support during this time and ensured it was business as usual, whilst of course, making sure the children had some time to play in the snow! Please look at the school website, or alternatively [click here](#), for some cracking snapshots of the days.

The unpredictable weather did play a part in ensuring some key events in school had to be postponed. Under Mrs Liddington's guidance, and with the efforts of the Key Stage One Teaching Team, **Key Stage One Bedtime Stories** was successfully re-scheduled and meant the children were able to participate in what was a magical evening of stories and hot chocolate. Thanks must also go to the PTA for their help and time in making sure the hall was turned into an oasis of calm and tranquility. This was of course, counteracted by the hive of activity that has followed in the last few weeks, as all the children have been getting into the spirit of Sport Relief. In the lead up to last Friday's special day, children across the school were getting active by walking miles around the field and participating in a pedometer competition in Years Two to Six. Year One worked hard to improve their cycling skills as part of the Bikeability Programme. Thank you to the School Council, Miss Wilford, Miss Robertson, Miss Ward and Mr Rivers for organising these events. The momentum created by these events has successfully raised a whopping **£1,096.71** for Sport Relief – thank you so much for your donations.

After the Easter break I will be providing additional support in an Executive Headteacher capacity to Burley Oaks Primary School in Burley-in-Wharfedale, until the end of the academic year. I will continue to lead Talbot Primary in this period, in our pursuit to be the best school we can be. Please do not hesitate to stop me on the playground or contact the office if you have any questions or queries.

I hope you have a very enjoyable Easter break; we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 16th April**. Please find the **Training Days for 2018-19** included on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Regards,
Mrs Parm Gill
Headteacher

The First Monthly Message From Our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 children Supporting Better Online Safety Practice):

"Make sure you have a secure password for websites and change your password on a regular basis."

Additional Information

School Calendar academic year 2018-2019

Holiday	Schools Close		Schools open	
Summer break		2018	Monday 3 rd September	2018
Autumn mid-term	Friday 26 th October	2018	Monday 5 th November	2018
Christmas break	Friday 21st December	2019	Monday 7 th January	2019
Spring mid-term	Friday 15 th February	2019	Monday 25th February	2019
Easter break	Friday 29 th March	2019	Monday 15th April	2019
Easter weekend	Thursday 18 th April	2019	Tuesday 23rd April	2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May	2019	Tuesday 7th May	2019
Summer mid-term	Friday 24 th May	2019	Monday 3 rd June	2019
Summer break	Wednesday 24 th July	2019		

Term Length

Bank Holidays include

Autumn	75 days	Christmas	25 th & 26 th December	2018
Spring	55 days	New Year's Day	1 st January	2019
Summer	65 days	Good Friday	19 th April	2019
		Easter Monday	22 nd April	2019
Total	195 days	May Day	6 th May	2019
		Spring Bank	27 th May	2019
		August	26 th August	2019

Training Days (school closed to children)

Monday 3 rd September	2018
Friday 26 th October	2018
Monday 7 th January	2019
Thursday 9 th May	2019
ONLY NURSERY CLOSED – Polling Day TBC	
Friday 24 th May	2019
Reception to Year 6 (Nursery will be open)	
Wednesday 24 th July	2018

We have been in touch with the local Dog Unit regarding the increase in dog mess on the pavements en route to the school. Please can I politely remind parents and carers to ensure that if your dog does make a mess that you clean up after it. This is imperative in ensuring that we all live in a clean, hygienic environment.



What's Happening in the Community

Philip Howard Books Street Lane

are extending the World Book Day Vouchers date until 31st March

Leeds Young Film Festival

26th March to 5th April

Sign up at

leedsfilmcity.com

for the latest updates

Roundhay Primary Schools 13th Family Run for Fun

10am, Saturday 12th May, 2018
At Roundhay Park

Application form attached and in book bags on 16th April!



After-School Clubs

Clubs will resume week commencing 23rd April after the Easter break.

Confirmation of places for new clubs will be sent by Parentmail or Parent Text during the first week back. Please wait for confirmation before contacting the school office. Many thanks.