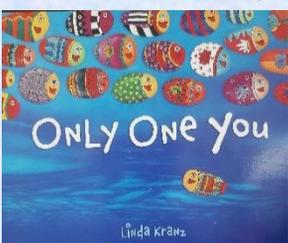
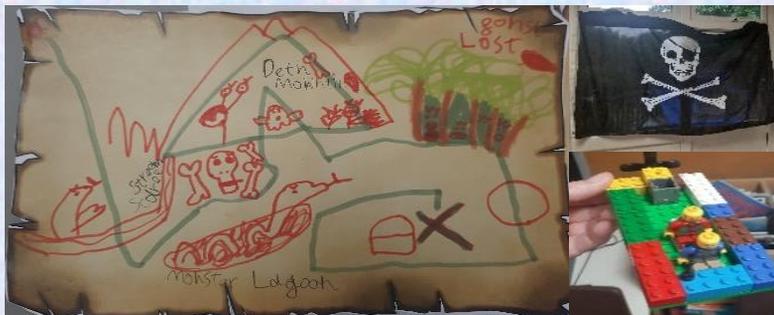


Westbrook Lane Newsletter

Reception Class children have been very busy recently. We planned a journey by plane, inspired by the story Emma Jane's Aeroplane. We boarded flights to take us to the following destinations: London, Beijing and Paris. Thank you to our amazing flight attendants! In celebration of Mrs Colley's wedding, we had our very own wedding day. We'll be finishing off our special events calendar with our sports day on Thursday 22nd July with some great sporting events and games.



Class 1 had a pirate week with lots of exciting pirate-themed learning. We learned how to talk like a pirate, how to use a map and walk the plank, and went on a treasure hunt. We finished the week with a pirate party!



Class 1 read Only One You by Linda Kranz. This wonderful book reminds us how special we are and how we are all unique. We then decorated our own pebbles so that each one was unique.



In Class 2, we have been using some African patterns as inspiration for our printing in art lessons this half-term. The results have been impressive! We enjoyed our first French Day learning how to have a simple conversation and how to say some of the colours. We also enjoyed some tasty French treats!



Class 3 enjoyed their sports day and took part in a wide range of sporting events. These included javelin, sprint, hurdles, standing long jump and beanbag target throw. Blue house were the winning team in Class 3 - well done team! The children have also learnt about the regions of France and where else in the world French is spoken. We have learnt about why quatorze juillet is such an important day for France. We also managed to fit in some French-based orienteering, some Eiffel Tower inspired art and of course some delicious French snacks



Beanbag target throw in action



Standing long jump competitors



The winning javelin throw



Class 3 champions



Year 4 enjoyed learning about the ancient Egyptians. As part of their topic, they had a special Egyptian workshop day. Here, the children explored Egyptian warfare, hieroglyphics and the gruesome process of mummification.



We have been designing buildings for cities of the future. Children had to plan their structures, collect and measure materials, and use hand tools carefully to create the frames for their designs. There is an impressive range of buildings including luxury hotels, hospitals, army bases and shops. We completed a Star Wars themed day of learning. The children had a number of challenges which included solving BB-8's maths puzzles, correcting Yoda's grammar and Lightsaber training. Once they had completed their training, they faced their greatest challenge - a Lightsaber duel with Master Hooson. We can confirm - the force is strong in Year 4.

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Class 5 made 3D pop art based on the work of Roy Lichtenstein. Everyone responded with their own individual creations in his style. Below are some photos of our bird-inspired art work. Children used their mark-making skills to produce some impressive collaborative pieces of birds in trees.



Another project involved making some 3D wire sculptures of birds (see photos below). We used decoupage to complete the sculptures. We also made some origami birds. Several of these pieces were exhibited as part of the Horsforth Walk of Art - they were so impressed that they've asked to keep the origami birds on display for a while longer!



Class 6 have had a very busy time. The Mean Green Grammar Queen had devious plans to attack the school, but, fortunately, the highly-skilled Superheroes were primed for action.



There was barely time to recover from this before work started on their end of year production of Aladdin! Even though there won't be a live audience again this year, it has definitely not dampened their enthusiasm.

Goodbye Year 6! We are so proud of this class. In spite of the unsettled world around them this year, they have thrown themselves into school life. Following lockdowns or periods of isolation, they returned without a fuss. They have been so positive, determined to learn and engaged with all aspects of school life, and we wish them all the very best as they start the next stage in their journey.



Staffing

We are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Hutchinson who will be leaving Westbrook at the end of the year. She started with us as a student and then went on to cover Reception class whilst Mrs Gibbons was on maternity leave. We wish Miss Hutchinson all the best as she moves on to her new school, and thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm – I know she will be greatly missed by staff and children!

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Lockwood will be taking on the new role of child and family support worker (CFSW) from September. This is a part-time role for one year and we are very excited about the additional provision we will be able to put in place. Further details to follow.

We've finally managed to celebrate two weddings: Miss Woollven and Mr Ridley (now both Woodley) and Mrs Eastwood, now Mrs Colley.

Covid-19 update

A new risk assessment will be issued by Leeds City Council shortly. This will be on our website by the end of term [Covid-19 Risk assessment](#). Based on current government guidance, we are anticipating that there will be no restrictions in place when we return to school in September. However, we have to prepare an Outbreak Management Plan which may involve the re-introduction of some restrictions. This will only be put in place if there is a local outbreak and we are instructed to employ specific control measures by Public Health England or the local authority. If this were to be the case, we would inform you via ClassDojo as soon as the information is received by us.

Arrangements for September

I have posted a separate letter on ClassDojo with more information about the following: start/finish times, accessing the school site, PE, indoor shoes, key dates and classes for September.

Please also check your child's ClassDojo story. These will not be monitored during the summer break; however, staff may post information before we break up, or just before we start in September. Any urgent messages to all parents will be posted on the whole school ClassDojo page.

Parents

Thank you to the **PTA** who have funded lots of wonderful experiences, resources, trips and workshops for the children during the pandemic. We are very much looking forward to being able to host some PTA events in the coming academic year. The **Wildlife Area Group** has continued to work on the Millennium Garden and wildlife area when restrictions allowed. I know they are keen to continue with this and would really appreciate some help. If you can volunteer, please do get in touch with the school office.

Thank you again for all your support this year, and also the thoughtful cards and gifts sent in. I can't tell you how much we are looking forward to returning to normal in September and welcoming you all back into school. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Mrs Turner