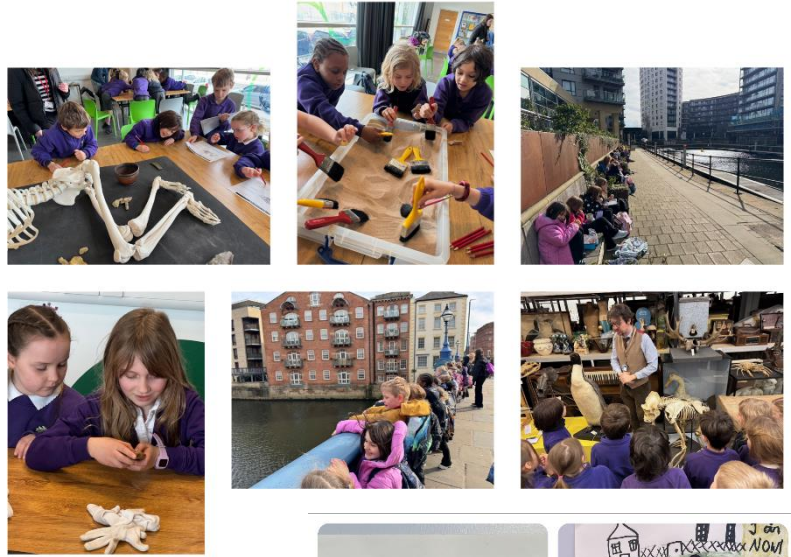


Dear Parents and Carers

What an incredibly busy and fun week in school! Mr Martin writes about Tuesday: **Year 3** enjoyed the sunshine and the stimulation on a great **history trip** to Leeds city centre. They were a great credit to school as they mixed with members of the public on service buses to and from the bus station, eating dinner by Leeds Dock and whilst walking around Leeds city centre, including visiting the sites of our city's early history around Leeds Bridge, Briggate and Kirkgate. Most of the day was spent at the brilliant Leeds Discovery Centre investigating artefacts to help us learn more about the lives of the earliest humans to live in this part of the world. This also enjoyed a tour of the centre's enormous archive of artefacts from all periods, including some amazing fossils and skeletons.



Reception Class also got out and about on Tuesday as they went on their first school trip to Rudy's Pizza in Headingley. They learned how to knead the dough (and even spin it) and made some delicious pizzas. They were very sensible and had a lovely time.



Flat disc-shaped food was the order of the day after school too, as FOSOPS arranged a **pancake sale** to mark Shrove Tuesday and the day before Lent starting. Acorn Club also enjoyed pancakes for their snack. Thank you to everyone who donated, served or bought pancakes!

Our **football team** headed off to Lawnswood again for another match, this time against impressive rivals Ireland Wood. They persevered, despite the strength of the opposition and learned valuable lessons in how to keep going in the face of disappointment! Despite defeat, joining our football team was still worthy of

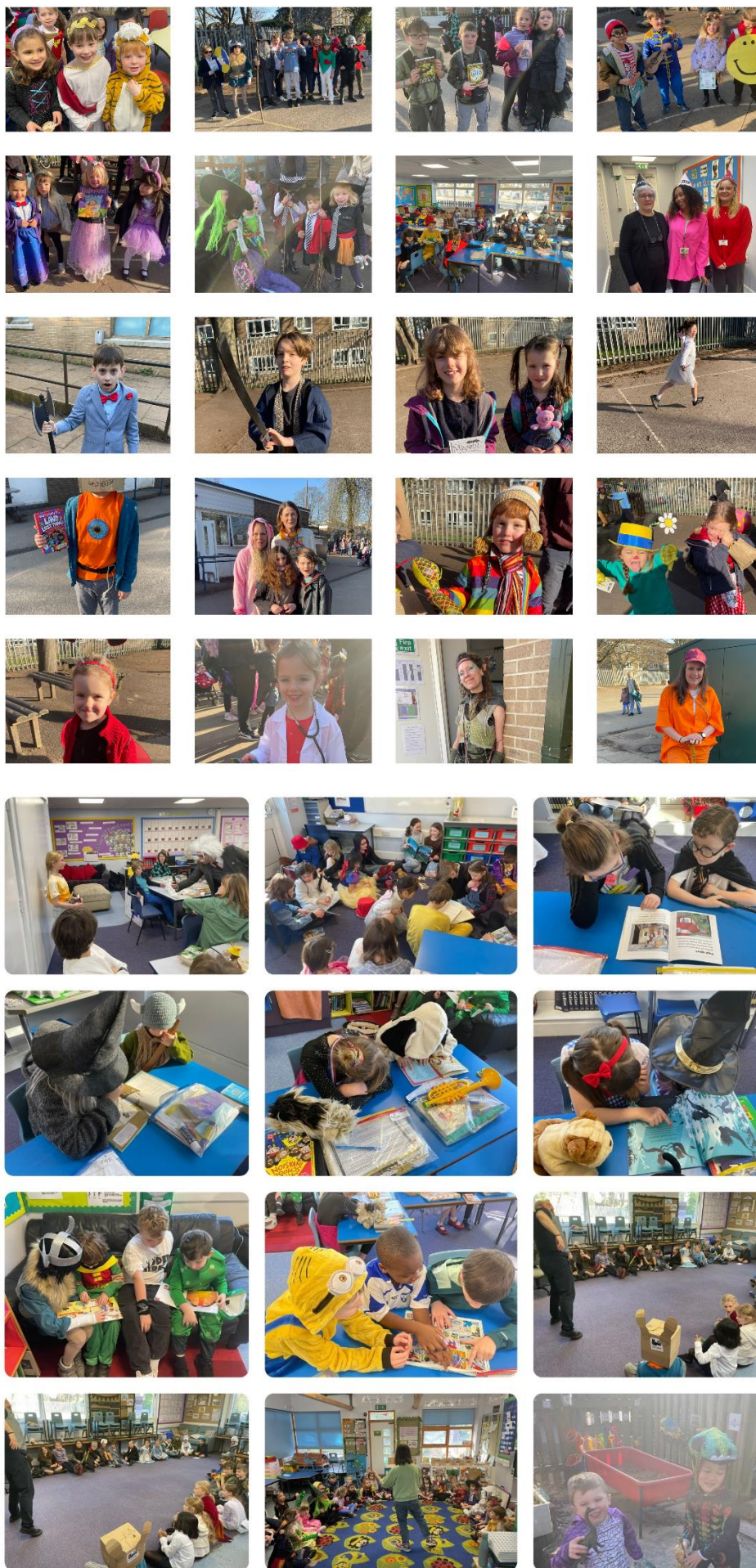


one of these **propaganda-style posters** created by Year 6 in art. ↑



Children who play brass instruments were invited to the **Leeds Brass Development Day** at Pudsey recently. They learned new tunes and performed together at the end of the day. Some of our brass and woodwind players will have another performance opportunity this afternoon at Kirkstall Valley Primary School, which I am sure will also do us proud.

Yesterday was a vibrant day in school that was a great celebration of books and reading as we marked **World Book Day**. We have all picked up so many good book recommendations from the costumes and props, etc. that were on show. Each class started the day with a good chance to share these. Classes from Y1 to Y6 then worked with our friends at **Alive and**



Kicking on their Book Builders drama improvisation project, which culminated in a great sharing event in the hall at the end of the day. Reception Class also worked with Alive and Kicking on their own special Frederick the Fisherman from Filey storytelling session.

Classes took part in **paired reading** sessions yesterday too, which gave older children a chance to be the experts and younger children the chance to show off how well they are doing with the reading – a very enjoyable event! The day ended with our Y6 authored **Skull Dude** comics team selling their wares to new fans.

Please can parents be vigilant to **parking issues** near the wrought iron gates on Wood Lane. If cars park on the cobbled area, they tend to stick out and then children have to walk out into the road to rejoin the pavement. We all know how fast some drivers charge along Wood Lane, including cyclists and motorcyclists zipping through the bollards. It would be tragic if a child was run over because one of our community parked inconsiderately. The PCSOs are aware and will be ticketing and warning anyone they see doing this.



It was lovely to round off such a busy week with a **Y5 class assembly** this morning. They impressed us with their knowledge of Maya history and culture, the solar system and all the other learning they have been doing in class. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS I feel there has been a lot of requests recently, so I am only going to very quietly mention that FOSOPS are starting to collect prizes for their Easter raffle...

DIARY DATES

Friday 7 th March	H&K Combined School Band performing at Kirkstall Valley school in the afternoon
Monday 10 th March *	Last day to bring books in for the Children's Book Project drive!
10 th and 11 th March	Science workshops as part of British Science Week
Monday 10 th March	First Pizza Club for Y6 (Mondays 3:15 – 4:45pm includes pizza and a drink)
Wednesday 12 th March	Knowledge College morning for Y5
Thursday 13 th March	Y5/6 Girls Football - Woodhouse Grove afternoon
Friday 14 th March	Shire Oak science fair as part of British Science Week
Friday 14th March	Hot chocolate and bun sale after school
Sunday 16 th March	Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's
Monday 17 th March	Y5 Fire Safety session pm
Friday 21 st March	Year 6 Young Climate Warriors session
Friday 21 st March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief bun sale and activities run by School Council
Monday 24 th March	Y6 trip to Lawnswood to see school show, All Shook Up
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents and carers consultation evening after school until 6:30pm
Friday 28 th March	FOSOPS planning meeting for Headingley Youth Music Festival, etc.
31 st March to 2 nd April	Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parents and carers consultation evening after school until 6:30pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school
Friday 4 th April *	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to parents, carers, etc. c.9.15 - 10.15am
EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 th April to 21 st April. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Tuesday 22 nd April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
23 rd , 24 th & 25 th April	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
28 th and 29 th April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Tuesday 29 th April	Y4 netball at St Mary's Menston after school
Wednesday 30 th April	Leeds Rhinos assembly
Friday 2 nd May	YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 th to 16 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6
Friday 16 th May	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
19 th – 23 rd May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Friday 23 rd May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 th to 30 th May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 nd to 6 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian, scooter and bike safety. TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	House Team Hobby Half Day TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 th June	Class photo day
Friday 6 th June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Wednesday 11 th June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Tuesday 17 th June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 th June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Saturday 21 st June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
30 th June – 11 th July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition visits to new classes (1 st and 2 nd Lawnswood transition days)
Friday 4 th July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 th – 18 th July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3

Wednesday 16 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Monday 21 st July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd July to 29 th August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

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