# First Shoots

The Newsletter of

Netherhall Junior School



#### Easter 2019

#### **Choir Visit**

NLC junior choir attended Mrs Sunderland Valentine's Workshop in February.

The workshop was held in Huddersfield's Town Hall. The children had to learn seven songs off by heart before attending the workshop. They did this during after school choir sessions and they also practiced at home. Children represented us exceptionally at the workshop and the whole choir took part with enthusiasm and were extremely patient during their wait for the workshop to begin. Well done - you made us very proud!





#### **World Book Day**

World Book Day 2019, the most wonderful entries we'd ever seen. 'Book in jar' was the task we had set.

We had no idea how many entries we'd get. Alone, with a friend or a guardian's helping hand, so much dedication and creativity was planned. Picking just one winner was an impossible sum, after all there were 75 to choose from!

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Matilda, Winnie the Pooh, Mary Poppins, Harry Potter and Alice to name a few.

All the teachers flocked to admire, we're so thankful; you've helped to inspire.

#### Raising Money

We have had a bumper money-raising term and want to thank parents and carers for helping us raise money so successfully. Wear a Hat Day, in aid of Brain Tumour research, raised a magnificent £255. Comic Relief raised £150 and we are due to receive over £650 of books to support our school library from amazing sales at the Book Fayre.



As part of our topic on the Tudors we went on a school trip to Oakwell Hall in Batley. Oakwell Hall is a Tudor house that was once owned by both Henry VII and Henry VIII. While we were at Oakwell Hall, we went on a tour and saw lots of Tudor portraits and we were able to look inside lots of Tudor rooms. We also had the chance to dress up in Tudor costumes and handled some replicas of objects belonging to both rich and poor Tudors! We all had lots of fun!





#### Year 5 Media Trip

As part of our Science topic all about Earth and Space we went on a school trip to the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford. During our visit we were able to take part in a variety of activities. We visited the Wonderlab where we were able to see all the planets in our solar system and learn lots of interesting facts about them. We also watched an Imax film all about the International Space Station which showed us what it is like for astronauts in space. We had a great day and learned lots more facts about space.



#### Rappa Man

A group of Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to meet RAPPAMAN aka children's poet and author, Donavan Christopher, at our local library. They enjoyed listening to his inspirational raps and having a go at creating their own.



## Sport and PE

This half term we have been enjoying more fun and exciting sporting activities! Our House Captains arranged a Year 3 Dodgeball competition, with help from Mr Walker, which proved to be a great success. We also started a Boxercise after school club which has proved to be so popular we will be carrying on after the Easter holidays with a new group. As a school, we have also hosted two different SPIN events. As we did last year, we welcomed other schools to compete in a 'Tour de Yorkshire' cycling event for year 5 children. The event was a great success again and the feedback we have received from everyone has been really positive. Finally we have also hosted a Tag Rugby festival, which was attended by over 50 children from six different schools! Children from all of KS2 took part in some rugby drills, skill sessions and then a few small sided games. Again everyone had a great time!

## **Dates for Your Diary!**

Date	Event
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term.
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back.
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed for polling - Y3, 4, & 5 not in school. Y6 at High School for the day.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May bank holiday (school closed).
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Half Term.
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day back.
WB 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Common transition day.
Tues 9th July	Sports Day.
11th & 12th July	Y6 Production.
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term disco.
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly and last day of school.

### Attendance Week

We celebrated 246 children with 100% during our special attendance week. The whole school attendance for that week was 97%. Amazing! Mrs Senadhira and her class enjoyed Domino's pizza as a reward for the class with the highest attendance of 100%. Well done.