

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

In the last newsletter I shared news of the exciting projects we were undertaking to enhance our outdoor provision – it took 6 weeks, but I'm delighted to say that all projects have now been completed.

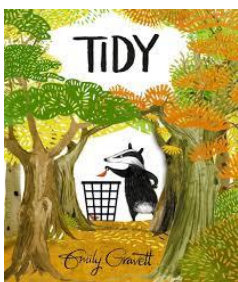
The playground equipment and canopy classroom have had a real impact, enhancing our outdoor learning and play. They have been very well received by both children and staff.

At lunchtimes, Mrs Masocha has agreed to take on the role of Head Gardener - along with any willing children she can recruit – and has accepted the mission to plant up the wooden planters outside the classrooms. We are hoping for herbs, edibles and the waft of sweet-smelling plants.

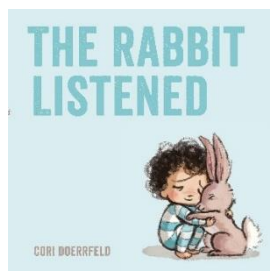
We just need the rabbits to get on board with the plan!



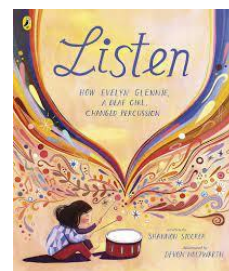
This half term, in assemblies we have shared the following books together.



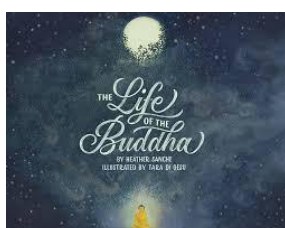
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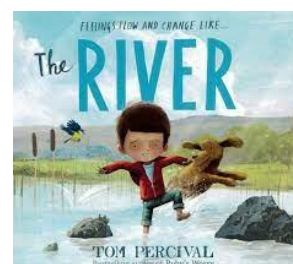
Empathy



Deaf Awareness Week



Vesak (Buddha Day)



Mental Health Awareness Week

Personal Development Events and Celebrations

Here is an update on the latest personal development experiences, beyond the everyday curriculum, that children have enjoyed recently – please do ask the children about them.

Thank you very much to all the parents who worked so hard to put the Eid Bazaar together. It was a wonderful community event in the sunshine. The event raised £864 which has been split equally between a charity of the parents' choosing and school.



Our Year 5 children enjoyed a two-day residential visit to Malham at the beginning of the term. The weather was kind to us, and we enjoyed 3 busy days of activities in a stunning part of the Yorkshire Dales. Thank you to all the staff who took part in the visit and for giving up your time (and on occasions your sleep) to accompany the residential – we wouldn't be able to run these visits without you.

Miss Saxton and three of our Year 2 children (Leo, Alrik and Finlay) represented school last week in the Primary Engineers project at Leeds Beckett University. The children took the wheeled vehicles they had made in their DT lessons and tested them against other schools' vehicles. Well done to Leo, who received the prize for being the best communicator of the day.



Many thanks to all those who visited the Book Fair last week. School receives commission for every book sold, which means we have an amazing £480 to spend on new books for our classrooms. Thanks also to Mrs Roberts and helpers for running the stall at the beginning and end of the school day.

Next week is a busy one. We have children representing school at the Leeds Book Awards, at the GSAL maths competition, a cricket festival and at the Brownlee Triathlon event – we'll let you know how they all get on.

Year 6 – SATs week

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been completing their end of Key Stage 2 national tests – SATs.

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children who have worked so hard throughout their time at Adel in so many areas other than the academic subjects that are tested – having said that, they all did an absolutely brilliant job under 'test conditions', which is good training for GCSE's and beyond.

We look forward to making sure their last half term at Adel Primary is a memorable one, as they begin their preparation for high school in September.

And finally.... SAVE THE DATE

The date of the Adel Primary Summer Music Festival is changing from Thursday 4th July to the morning of Friday 11th July.

We will be making this a celebration day, also moving the picnic days to this date (originally planned for 15th and 17th July).

More details to follow soon!