



## Newsletter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that next week will be the end of the first half of the spring term and that we are nearly halfway through the school year. Where does the time go?

### Contact details

We have had some difficulties contacting parents and carers recently. Luckily, the issues have not been emergencies but, should your child have an accident in school, this could cause unnecessary distress to both you and your child. Please make sure that the office has your **current** phone numbers and email. Thank you.

### OPAL Play leader

OPAL is a wonderful time of the school day and helps the children to problem-solve, be creative and enjoy opportunities to be as independent as possible. If this type of work appeals to you too, then please contact the school as we are looking for play leaders to work with our children during the OPAL lunchtime sessions. This could be every day, or days to suit the candidate.

### Willow Dome



Pete from Yorkshire Willow came to school on Tuesday and made a willow dome and tunnel, with a little bit of help from the children.

Here is the finished product and we are really looking forward to watching the leaves appear in the spring.



The children were so inspired that they made their own archway.

### Bowes Museum Outreach

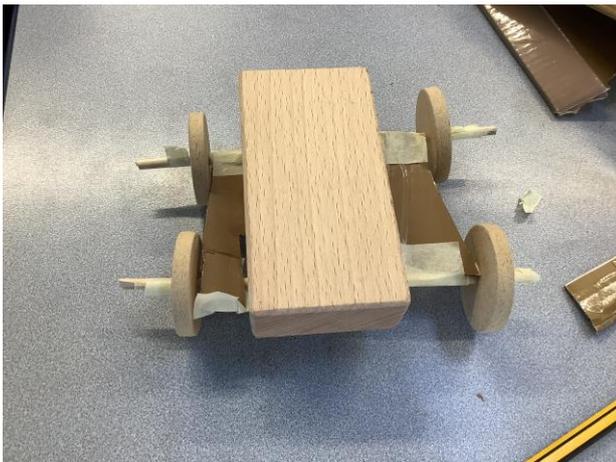
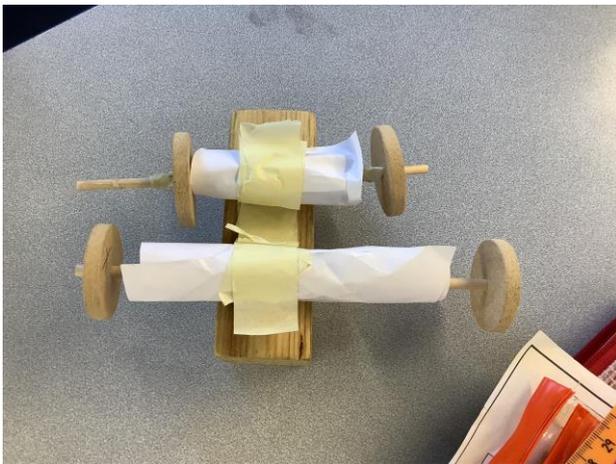
Year 4 had a fantastic workshop from The Bowes museum. We handled replica artefacts and had a go at sketching them. After that, we wrote hieroglyphics on papyrus and modelled our own clay jewellery. It really brought our learning this half term to life!





### Design technology

Year 2 have been exploring toy vehicles and making mock-ups of their own. It is quite challenging work and easy to forget that the children are just 6 and 7 years old.



They now know all about wheels and axles and have had to think long and hard about how to keep those two components together!

### Dates for the Diary:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 visit to Bowes Museum

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Scholastic Book Fair in school

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception visit to Metcalfe Farms

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Back to school

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – PTFA Disco

### And finally...



We have some wonderful news! Miss Watson has welcomed her new baby, Teddy, into the world!

He was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, weighing 9lb 5 oz. Both are doing well and we are looking forward to meeting him in person soon.