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Dear Parent/Carer,

All children have enjoyed a very creative **International Arts Week!** Children in **Reception and Nursery** have been exploring African cultures. They found Africa on a world map and discussed the differences between a country and a continent. They were inspired by the photographer Thandiwe Muriu and created their own camouflage collages. The children also made their own Maasai necklaces using primary colours and pasta threading. **Class 2** have been learning all about the culture of Japan. They have created artwork inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama and the traditional Japanese blossom trees. They have enjoyed listening to calming Japanese music whilst creating their traditional art including a recycled piece based on *The Great Wave* by Kanagawa by Hokusai. The children in **class 3** have looked at the artist Jane Ash Poitras who created artwork related to the Cree tribes of North America. They have created paintings and their own totum pole sculptures. **Class 4** children have spent the week exploring Mexican culture. They have looked at the work of Frida Kohlo and been inspired by her resilience and robustness. The children have been able to make links to our work in PSHE about manipulating images and have looked at the ways Frida Kahlo empowered women through her work.

On Tuesday, the children in year 5 went to Nell Bank for a **Teambuilding workshop**. The children took part in a variety of team building activities including orienteering and finished with a fun water based activity.

On Wednesday, some children, who have been attending the after school drama club, took part in the **Wharfedale Performing Arts Festival** in the 'Choral Speaking' category and **won!!!** Congratulations to the children who took part. We will certainly be entering next year to see if we can retain the cup!

The **class photographs** will be taken on Tuesday morning by Tempest. All children should please wear their usual smart school uniform. If nursery children, not usually in on a Tuesday morning, would like to be in the nursery class photograph, then they can be brought into school for 8.45am prompt for the photograph. Parents should please wait in their cars and will be contacted when the photograph is complete to collect their child.

Please see attached a letter about taking part in the **Otley Carnival Parade**, I hope many of you will be able to join us on the day.

Please can all children have their **PE kits** and a **water bottle** with them in school every day this term.

As part of our wider curriculum, we regularly talk to the children about **healthy eating habits**. Leaflets, provided by NYCC, are being sent home today with tips and ideas for healthy packed lunches.

Yours faithfully, Mrs E Nayler, Headteacher