

# Ormston School Weekly Newsletter – Issue 17

## Snowy Owl trips to Kirkgate Market and Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

Last week, Snowy Owl Class embarked on two exciting excursions, each offering unique learning experiences. The first stop was Kirkgate Market, where students were given an insightful guided tour, uncovering the rich history of this iconic Leeds market and learning about the diverse range of local businesses and produce.

The second adventure took the class to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, where they enjoyed a peaceful woodland walk. Along the way, they had the opportunity to meet some of the farm's delightful, feathered residents, adding a touch of nature and animal care to the day. The main reason for our visit was to visit the 'Menshed' workshop on site, in hope to set up some DT workshops with our students in the near future, to link in with our independent plus curriculum.

## Tawny Owl Local Trip

Tawny Owl Class went on a trip as part of the AQA award we are working towards, called *Road Safety in the Community*. As a class, we planned a trip to Woodhouse Ridge, which Tawny Owl pupils navigated using their map skills. What an amazing adventure, with a lovely walk through the woods!

## Barn Owl Class Update

Last week, Barn Owl Class ventured out into the local community to practice small acts of kindness. They bought flowers and shared them with residents, including a bus driver! We are incredibly proud of our students, who represented Ormston with such kindness and thoughtfulness.

In addition to their community work, Barn Owl Class has been attending swimming lessons at Kirkstall Leisure Centre as part of their PE curriculum. The students have made fantastic progress in their swimming skills, and we are excited to see their continued improvement. Check out some of the highlights from their lessons in the photos below!

## Burrowing Owl Class Update

Burrowing Owl Class took a walk around the local area last week to explore the concept of time, linking their observations to their maths learning. Along the way, they noticed various opening and closing times, bus schedules, and clocks. During Art class last week, we were also exploring light and shadow in the school grounds, hoping to apply some of our findings to our artwork.

## Key Dates

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – INSET Day, no school for young people as staff are training

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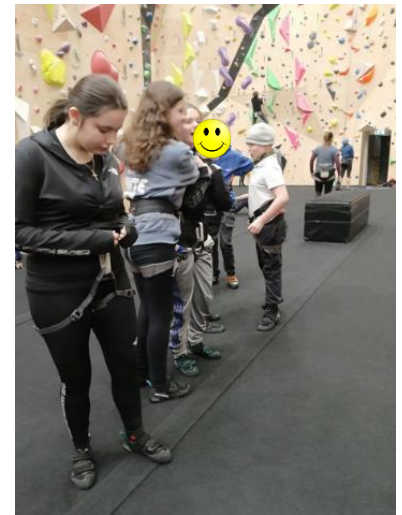
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio) and Meningitis ACWY immunisations



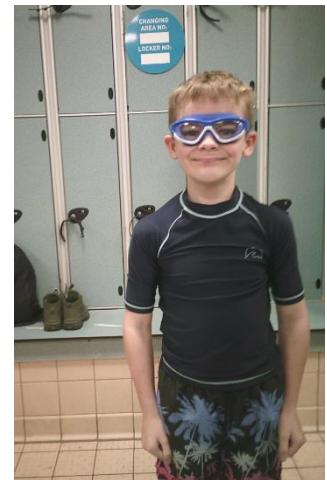
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**KS3 Climbing Sessions**



**Barn Owl Class Local trip and Swimming lessons**



**Tawny Owl Class trip**



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**Burrowing Owl Class pictures**



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