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### Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to parents' evening on Monday night. Over 80% of parents attended and I was really pleased with the positive feedback you gave the teachers. It was also great to hear that you could already see the progress your child had made in their books from the start of the academic year. For parents who didn't attend, a target sheet has already been sent home in your child's book bag for you to read. The target sheet explains the things your child will be trying to improve on. If you didn't attend, you can still make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please contact the main office if you want to do this.

### Year 6 Visit

Last Wednesday, the children spent a day at Armley Mills and they experienced what it would be like to go to school as an evacuee during World War Two. The children took part in lots of activities and even learnt how to cook using rations. Afterwards, Bradley told me, "We had to work out what to do with our gas masks if there was a gas attack. When the siren sounded, we found out that the safest place in the classroom was under the desk! We also learnt that the alarms that were sounded were hand-operated."

### Leeds Museum

Last week, the children in Year 4 visited Leeds Museum to learn more about life in ancient Egypt. It was great to hear that the staff at the museum thought our children's behaviour was outstanding. The children clearly learnt lots from the visit. Afterwards, Mackenzie told me, "It was fascinating to look at the mummy from 3,000 years ago called Nessayum. I also really enjoyed the workshop. When we had finished drawing different artefacts, we had to look for a shabti. This was a figure of some workers that would be put inside the tomb. They would do the work for those that had been mummified in the afterlife." I am really looking forward to seeing all the follow-up from the trip in the history books.

### Year 1 Trip

Recently, the children in Year 1 visited Manchester Museum as part of their dinosaur topic. The children had the opportunity to be palaeontologists and they discovered different dinosaur bones. The class also looked at a range of fossils in the museum and they even saw a giant T-Rex skeleton. Afterwards, Ebony said, "I enjoyed looking at the fossils and I realised that they were very different. I tried to work out which part of the dinosaur they could be from."

### Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please come and get a form from the office. There are many benefits which your child could be missing out on if you don't apply.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher