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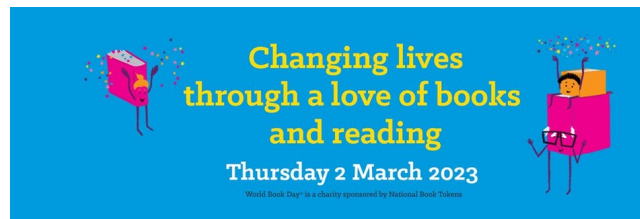
## Headteacher's Message

Yesterday we had our wellbeing support coach Matt Messias in school. He delivered an assembly about having an attitude of gratitude and developing the confidence to try new things. The children also engaged beautifully in a couple of mindfulness activities. Matt especially works with our Year 6 children to support them to develop resilience in preparation for secondary school and future life. He has also started training a new group of Year 5 wellbeing ambassadors who will continue their work into Year 6. Our current team of wellbeing ambassadors have had a really positive impact in supporting children at break times and we are working with Matt to develop and expand the beneficial effect that peer to peer support can have.

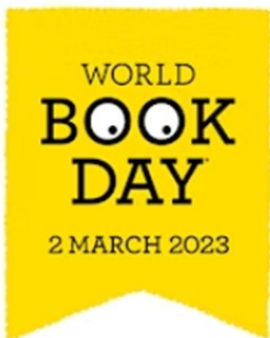
Next week is [Place2Be's](#) children's mental health week and next Tuesday is [safer internet day](#). The teaching of being safe online is embedded in our computing and PSHE curriculum, in addition to timely discussions and support as and when needed. In recognition of safer internet day, there will be a whole school assembly and additional activities taking place in class to remind children about how to stay safe online.

I hope you are able to have a good weekend.

Liz Clark



## A message for all children 'You Are a Reader'!



World Book Day's mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. There are many benefits to reading, such as increasing and expanding vocabulary, heightening empathy, and improving concentration. By having events like World Book Day, we can all focus on the importance of reading. It's always more engaging and fun for children to do something that feels a bit more special. So, throughout the week children will be taking part in a variety of reading and English activities.

On the day, your child(ren), may choose to dress as their favourite character from a book, giving opportunity to utilise a costume they already have. Alternatively, they may choose to dress as a 'word' from a book e.g. blue: wearing all blue clothes, sporty: wearing their PE kit, freezing: wearing hat, scarfs and gloves. This supports the use of items that you already have in a wardrobe. Please do not feel that there is any expectation for the purchase of a costume.

This year, World Book Day have another fantastic selection of brand new and exclusive £1 books for 2023 that children and young people can get for FREE with their £1 token. We all want every child and young person to believe they are readers and to give them the opportunity to have a book of their own that they have chosen for themselves. The World Book Day £1 book tokens will be valid from **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Find your nearest <https://booksellers.org.uk/wbd>

## Cost of Living Crisis

A reminder that there is a wide range of support available to families in York who may be struggling this winter:

Benefits Advice – <https://www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice>

Support with food – <https://www.york.gov.uk/HelpWithFood>

Warm places – Live Well York Service Directory online

at <https://www.livewellyork.co.uk/warmplaces> and on the Council website at <https://www.york.gov.uk/WarmPlaces>.

Help for Households campaign – low-cost broadband and mobile phone tariffs <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/housing-support/>.

Tax-Free Childcare – <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.



Another useful resource for families is the City of York Council 'Live Well York' website.

Visit <https://www.livewellyork.co.uk/>

This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

As part of our 'Amazing Animals' theme, this week, we have journeyed to the African grasslands to meet safari animals. The children have enjoyed our text of the week 'The Ugly Five' and other safari themed stories and factual texts.



While learning about safari animals, the children have enjoyed exploring different animal patterns and matching these to the animal, creating their own stories with our small world animals and describing the animals by writing labels and captions about them.



Using their creative skills, the children made a pair of binoculars and decorated them with animal prints. Later in the week, they enjoyed going on a safari around the school grounds. They followed a map to locate safari animals that were hiding around school. This was great fun!

In **phonics**, this week, the new phonemes learnt have been **air (as in hair)** and **er (as in letter)**. Some of the new words read have had double consonants, for example letter, bigger. The children have embraced reading longer words very well and are really enjoying continuing their reading progress.



In **Maths**, this week, the children have been practising the days of the week and how to measure time. They have enjoyed learning the sequence of the days of the week by singing songs and ordering the words, based on the first sounds. The children have also counted how many jumps or claps they can do in a given time. Jumping was very tiring!

Mr Walton continued his PE sessions with us on Tuesday. This week, the children continued to practise their balancing and control skills with a racket and ball. They enjoyed balancing the ball on the racket and practising bouncing it, twisting around and rolling the ball around the racket. Mr Walton was very impressed with their skills. Well done everyone.



If you have any small boxes/tubes which would normally go in your recycling box, we would really appreciate you donating these to our creative area please. The children thoroughly enjoy cutting, sticking and decorating these to make their own creations.

What a busy week!

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team**



## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Key Stage 1 have had another busy and exciting week. We were so excited last Friday to have a visit from members of the British Transport Police. They had very important messages for us about how to stay safe around train lines and level crossings. They also let us try on their uniforms, handle equipment and sit in the police car... we even got to put the sirens on! It was very exciting and we all really enjoyed it!



We have continued our maths work on measures and the children have enjoyed getting 'hands on' with some practical measuring again. We have also been looking at division, particularly by sharing a group of items fairly. The Year 2s have been learning about remainders and what to do with any 'left over items'.

In science, we have been learning about materials and which ones are used to make objects in the world around us. We started by exploring different materials and described their properties. We thought about which of these properties are most important when selecting a material for a certain use and even used our investigation skills to design a new mop for Florence Nightingale!



This week, something very exciting has been happening in our English lessons. We have all entered the Big Green Poetry Competition. We have been writing nature poems all week to celebrate the wondrous and beautiful natural world around us. We have written riddles and acrostic poems based on the environment and how we can look after it. We will submit our entries along with those from other schools up and down the country. Fingers crossed!

Thank you for your continued support and please do come see us if you have any questions. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall**



## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Year three and four have been using their geography knowledge in English this week to write a non - chronological report. They have written factual, interesting paragraphs about climate zones they previously researched.



The children have specifically focused on the Arid and Tropical climates.

As well as including facts about these climates, the children had to consider the writing features they used to convey information about the weather, seasons, animals and plants.



All three classes have absolutely loved the start of our new class novel 'The Stolen Spear'. The children were instantly hooked on the story of a young Stone Age boy called Wolf and his dog Shadow. The story has recapped vocabulary from our previous Stone Age topic and introduced some new, fascinating words. The children have been working really hard on their summarising skills by ordering events and summing up whole chapters'.

In French, the children have been learning the vocabulary for a variety of vegetables and whether they like, dislike or adore them. They have been practising their French speaking skills by pairing up and asking each other questions and giving a variety of responses. To help them remember and recall the vocabulary, they have completed different practical activities, games and quizzes.



Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us

**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham**

## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In English this week, we discussed how to combine our existing sentence and paragraph work where we described a character and a setting. We thought about what the character was doing whilst within the setting and what features we need to add to make a cohesive paragraph.

In science, we conducted a fair test using electricity. The children were able to identify one variable which they wanted to change and then investigated the impact on a range of electrical components such as bulbs and buzzers.



We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to see 'Matilida' at Joseph Rowntree School this week. We were in awe of the standard of the performance. It was so lovely to see some familiar faces in the cast and supporting crew. On our return, it was so nice to receive compliments about how the children conducted themselves as we walked to and from the school.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod



## PTA News

### UV Glow DISCO

On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** which will cost £3.00 and include some sweets. Vegan sweets will be available. To get the best out of the disco we encourage children to wear white or neon colours if they have something already.

Timings are as follows

- 4.30pm - 5.30pm – Reception, Year 1 and 2
- 5.45pm - 6.45pm – Year 3 and 4
- 7.00pm – 8.00pm – Year 5 and 6

We will have a few glow/neon items to sell (20p or 50p) if you wish but genuinely you don't have to buy anything as white socks and a white top will 'glow' brilliant whilst dancing!



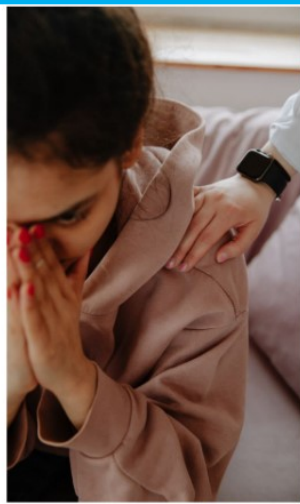
### NEXT TERM

- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Day/ Special someone Secret Room
  - 30<sup>th</sup> March – Second Hand Uniform Sale after school
  - 27<sup>th</sup> April – Film Night
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Quiz Night at the Parvin Restaurant
- Thank you for your support.

**TIME OUT FOR PARENTS:**  
**Handling Anger in the Family**

**5 Thursday sessions**

Starts Thursday 2nd March  
9.30 - 11.30 am  
@ Cornerstone,  
Millfield Lane,  
York YO10 3AP



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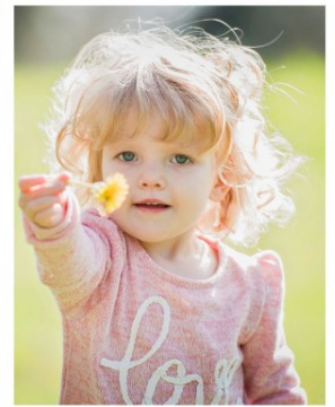
This course, led by trained facilitators, will help you to better understand, recognise and manage anger in your family and give you the chance to share your own thoughts and ideas. You will quickly see you're not alone!

For more information contact Jen Wootten  
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**TIME OUT FOR PARENTS:**  
**The Early Years (0-5yrs)**

**5 Thursday sessions**

Starts Thursday 2nd March  
7.30 - 9.15pm  
ONLINE via Zoom



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A course led by trained facilitators to help you build a healthy relationship with your baby, toddler or pre-school child and give you some positive tools to manage difficult behaviour. With a mix of evidence based teaching & discussion time, you will grow in confidence and quickly learn that you are not alone.

For more info contact Jen Wootten  
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A session for any parent wanting to prepare their child to meet life's inevitable challenges and setbacks head-on.

A SESSION FOR PARENTS  
TO HELP BUILD CHILDREN'S  
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

A MIND OF THEIR OWN

**NEW EVENT!**

Facilitated by  
**Family Matters York**  
on Sat 11th March, 9.30-12noon  
@The Belfrey Hall,  
52a Stonegate, YO1 8AS

A single video and discussion based session that addresses the difficulty our children face when navigating the complex world of the 21st century - one that is full of opportunity and challenge, potential and risk.

Tackling subjects like:  
body confidence  
dealing with failure and disappointment  
school and exam stress  
social media  
bullying  
handling strong emotions.



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Do you think you might be  
**a budding Brownlee**

Are you aged 8-18 and thought you might  
**give triathlon a go?**

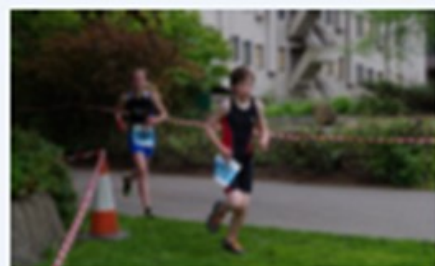
Not sure how to start? Then try the **LBT** 2023

# Junior Aquathlon

Saturday the 3rd of June at Leeds University



An aquathlon is a swim followed immediately by a run and the perfect introduction to multi-sport events. The swim takes place in the Edge, a 25m heated indoor pool and the run is on a closed circuit round the university campus with electronic chip timing. This is a great event for all abilities to get involved in the sport from first timers to athletes who hope to compete for the region (*The race is part of the Yorkshire Junior Triathlon Series*). The day is organised by Leeds and Bradford Triathlon Club.



Your age on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 determines your age-group and the distances you race

Age Group	Swim Distance	Run Distance
8 years (Tristar Start)	50m swim	600m run (1 lap)
9-10 years (Tristar 1)	150m swim	1200m run (2 laps)
11-12 years (Tristar 2)	250m swim	1800m run (3 laps)
13-14 years (Tristar 3)	400m swim	3000m run (5 laps)
15-16 years (Youth)	400m swim	3000m run (5 laps)
17-18 years (Junior B)	400m swim	3000m run (5 laps)

Entry fee includes a British Triathlon race day licence that provides civil liability & personal accident insurance cover whilst taking part in the event. £1 returned on production of Triathlon England licence.

**Prizes are awarded for the first three male and female in each age group.  
All finishers receive a Medal and Goody bag.**

*This event sells out every year within a few weeks so enter quickly!*

**BOOK HERE:-**

<https://lbt.org.uk/junior-aquathlon/>

email [lbtaquathlon@gmail.com](mailto:lbtaquathlon@gmail.com) for further infor-

