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Red Nose Day—Non Uniform Day



It will be Red Nose Day on **Friday 15th March** and we are having a non-uniform day to show our support. The theme for this year's Red Nose Day is fighting poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world.

We are asking children to '**Do Something Funny for Money**'; this could be by wearing red from head to toe, wearing their brightest socks or wearing something that makes them smile.

Your child/ren may choose to wear a fun, wearable Red Nose in support of Comic Relief. Please can we ask you to prepare your child by making sure that, should they choose to have one, they remember to arrive at school with their Red Nose that morning? Thank you for also explaining that we will not be able to identify/find Red Noses if lost or misplaced.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation, you will be able to do so via ParentPay, during w/c 11th March.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone smile!

New School Policy

School Meal Provisions and Debt Management

This policy ([click here to view](#)) has been adopted to ensure that there is a consistent and fair approach to debt incurred by parents/carers whose children eat school meals. When a child's school meal incurs a charge (e.g Year 3 onwards), payments are expected from parents/carers meals in **advance** of the meals being required. The school budget is directly affected by any outstanding debts that cannot be recovered, thereby directly affecting all pupils in school. We are confident that every parent/carer will agree that this is unacceptable, and we encourage that all parents/carers give this policy their full support.

Information regarding the eligibility for free school meals can be found on our [school website](#) or by visiting the [City of York Council website](#). Please do contact the school office with any queries, or if you feel that we can help in any way. Thank you.



Big Walk and Wheel

From the 11th - 22nd March, we are taking part in the 'Big walk and wheel'; this event is to encourage children and their parent/ carers to walk, bike or scoot to school rather than to go in the car. The event promotes physical activity, mental wellbeing and helps reduce air pollution. This is a nationwide program where each day, every class in school logs their results. Daily and weekly we can track how our school is progressing compared to other schools in the country. For those of you that live further afield instead of parking outside school, it would count if you parked at Ethel Ward and walked, scooted or biked round to school. Please help to support this event. Thank you.



Mrs Jennie Atkinson - PE Leader



Basketball

Well done and thank you to the Year 5/6 children who took part in the basketball competition last Thursday (29th February). Mr Walton thoroughly enjoyed being there with the children as they were great team players and continued to put in lots of effort and determination throughout the games. The children played against Osbaldwick and Skeleton Primary Schools; although the end results were not as they had hoped, they never gave up. It's great to have children representing our school and gaining experience from playing against other schools. A big thank you to the parents who took their child/ren to the event and supported the school; without you, these opportunities could not take place.



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York Neurodiversity Programme 2024

Parent / Carer Webinars

Please see the attached document

York's Neurodiversity Programme has commissioned the ADHD Foundation is hosting live support sessions in 2024 to help you understand and support your child's unique needs.

These live, 90-minutes sessions are available exclusively online, not recorded, and tailored for parents/carers of children in York schools.

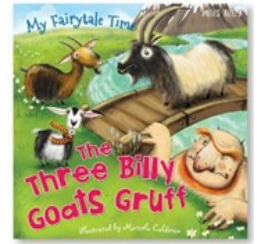
They cover ADHD, emotional regulation, sensory integration, diet/nutrition, and child development (age 7 and under).



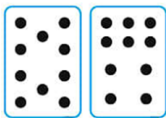
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' week.

We have enjoyed reading the traditional tale and exploring different skills through this theme. The children have built bridges for the billy goats out of a range of materials. They have also enjoyed retelling the story using characters and props. In literacy, they have continued to develop their writing skills by writing captions and sentences to tell the story. We are very impressed with how the children are using the phonemes taught and improving their handwriting.

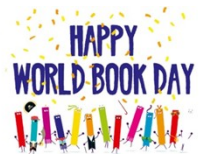


Our phonics lessons, this week, have consolidated the teaching of a range of digraphs. We have practised reading and writing words with these phonemes and also practised reading words which have digraphs (two letters that make one sound) with the ending 'er'. Using our phonics home learning activities are a great way for you to continue to practise our daily phonics lessons at home.



In maths, this week, we have continued to embed learning about the numbers 1-10. We have particularly focussed on spotting representations of the numbers, counting sets of objects and using our knowledge of what smaller numbers look like to help us spot larger numbers.

On World Book Day, the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing favourite stories. They read with our Year 5 and 6 children, designed their own wooden spoon story character, met the author Laura Henry Allain (virtually) and enjoyed being in their comfy reading clothes. The children shared such a buzz about reading. What a lovely way to spend a day!



Class 2 would like to say thank you for coming to support them during their class assembly this week. It was lovely to be able to share what we do in school every day!

Reminder

Next week, **Class 2** will be visiting Haxby library to change their books. Please remember to put the books and the library card in your child's book bag. Thank you.

Village trip – Next week is Science Week and the children in Reception will be investigating signs of spring in our local area. We will be walking around the village on Tuesday morning so **please ensure your child has a coat.**

In other news...

Some beady eyed children have spotted Mrs Daniel's growing tummy... We are pleased to share with you that she is indeed expecting a baby in the summer (holidays). She has shared the news directly with Class 1 and has been very touched by their enthusiasm.



Please do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns

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



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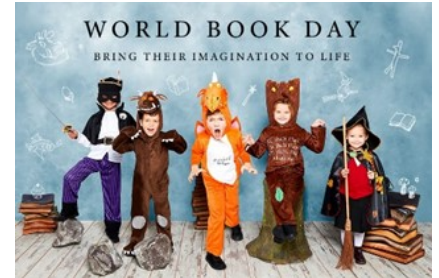


Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It has been yet another jam-packed week of learning in Key Stage 1 with lots of exciting events happening throughout the week. On Thursday, of course, it was World Book Day: a day designed to promote a love of reading in children. There was a special assembly with Mrs Stephenson and it was lovely to see everyone (children and staff) dressed in their comfy reading clothes. From



the bed to the beach, reading is a fun way to relax and let your imagination soar. All the children were given a wooden spoon, which they decorated to make a story character. The results were amazing. They also made a book mark and had the opportunity to enjoy their love of books when the children from Key Stage 2 came to read with them. What an exciting day!



That wasn't the only special event this week, either! On Tuesday, the children took part in a special space-themed science day: Mars Day. The children watched a special streamed broadcast from the European Space Agency which told us all about the challenges of space exploration, the exciting work that is currently going on to send astronauts back to the Moon and, in the future, to Mars and the types of inspirational people who become astronauts. It was amazing! We made rocket picture art and then used our knowledge of instruction writing to create a set of instructions for how to do it. The children did an amazing job and were captivated by this wonderful, inspirational science.



We have also been loving our P.E. this half term; Joe has been coming in to teach us about cricket. We have practised our batting, bowling and fielding skills through fun activities and games. It has been so good to see the children learning new skills and having a wonderful time whilst doing so.



This Week's Attendance



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

Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance

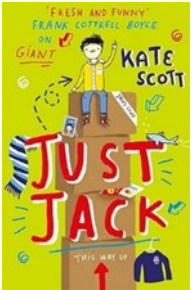


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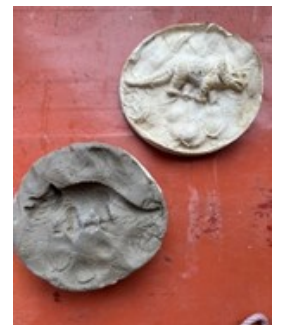
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The Year 3 and 4 children have had another busy, yet wonderful, week.



This week in reading, the children have continued to read 'Just Jack' by Kate Scott. The children are continuing to follow the journey Jack is embarking upon as he settles into his sixth new school. Ordinarily, Jack moves so regularly that he resists making new friends but this school is different. At school number six, he meets Tyler who is an imaginative, inventive, determined character who Jack cannot avoid being friends with. When predicting what they believe will happen next, the children have raised a number of questions such as, 'Will Jack stay at this school? Will Jack and Tyler stay friends?'

As per last week's newsletter, the children made mould and cast fossils as part of our English and science work. This week, the children successfully revealed their fossils. The mould fossil is the imprint of the toy dinosaur seen in the clay and the cast is the raised, 3D outline of the dinosaur.



In French, the children have been learning words and phrases linked to transport, ways of travel, days of the week and the weather. Previously, the



children have talked about how they travel to school (Je vais à l'école à pied) and asked the question 'Where are you going?' (Où vas-tu?). This week, the children revisited their pronunciation of words and recalled that final consonants in French words are not usually pronounced. The children then applied this knowledge when giving a weather report, for example, À Paris, il pleut (In Paris, it is raining).

For World Book Day, the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time together reading in class and sharing book recommendations. Each child also had the opportunity to create a wooden spoon character.



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

We hope that you have a restful weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham

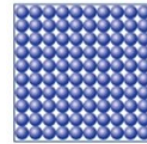


Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

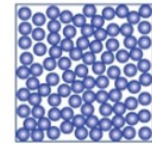


We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in World Book Day this week. We came to school dressed in cosy clothes we find comfortable to read in. As part of our World Book Day activities, we designed and decorated a wooden spoon to represent a character from the book that we like. At the end of the day, we enjoyed taking the time to read with some of the younger children in school.

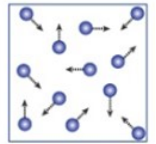
In science, we started our work on materials. We compared a number of materials and classified them into solids, liquids or gases. Using drama and diagrams, we compared the different states of matter; this led to a discussion about the changing states of matter under different conditions i.e. ice melting to become a liquid or a liquid becomes a gas.



Solid



Liquid



Gas



Our computing lessons have focused on concatenation which is the process of combining two or more strings into a single larger string. It is an important function in programming and computing because it allows you to store and combine multiple pieces of data when needed. We worked through a sequence of activities to build up and debug a piece of code. It was imperative that we applied our previous learning about 'strings' in order to meet the lesson objectives.

We would like to congratulate the Year 6 children for their positive approach to their mock SATs tests this week. We look forward to seeing the Year 6 parents at the parents' evening meetings w/b 18th March.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions, concerns or news!

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod

TICKET INFORMATION

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TheFA Women's National League



Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant

For the third year running, we have organised a Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 13th May 2022 at 7pm** with all profits going to the school. This is becoming a popular night and tickets sell fast!

It will cost **£25 per person** which includes a fantastic Quiz and a delicious three course meal.

There are tables of 4, 5 and 6 available (5 and 6 on a first come first served basis). So, please get a table of family or friends together and come join us.

More details will follow but if you would like a table, please email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.



Dates for your diary!



Monday 13th May – Quiz Night at the Parvin – tickets on sale soon!!

Friday 14th June – Father’s Day Secret Room (in school)

Thursday 20th June – Outdoor Summer Disco

Friday 28th June – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 5th July – SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

SCHOLASTIC

We hope you have enjoyed browsing the latest Scholastic leaflet that your child/ren brought home last week. As well as this month’s leaflet, there are hundreds of fantastic, discounted children’s books to choose from online; they have a huge selection of classic stories, new books and activity packs to pick from. Here is a selection of this months best sellers.

If you would like to order, please place your order online by Sunday 10th March



<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club>

Every £1 you spend, earns 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards that we can use to buy a wide range of wonderful books for the children to access in school.

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Miss Clapham

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