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Headteacher's Message

Hello

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to say a really big thank you for the kind and supportive messages you have shared via email or in person, in response to the Ofsted report shared on Monday. It means a lot to us all that overwhelmingly the message has been that whilst the report is to be proud of, it was not needed for you to know how wonderful our school is and that our provision supports children to be happy and to thrive. Thank you.

If you would like to be a part of the strategic leadership of our fabulous school, please look out for communications next week that will be seeking a further parent/carer governor.

Please remember that we are also looking for a new PTA chair and vice chair. By expressing interest in either of these roles during the summer term, you would have the opportunity to learn more and work alongside Joanne or Lindsey. You don't have to be an existing PTA team member; it can be anyone with enthusiasm to support the school fundraising.

I hope you are able to have the best weekend possible.

Liz Clark



We have a large number of un-named items in our lost property box. Please ensure that your child(ren)'s items are labelled, as this makes it much easier to get something back to the owner. Thank you.



Going to school **every day** makes it easier for your child to keep up in lessons.

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This Week's Attendance



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



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our focus this week has been 'The Enormous Turnip'.

During the week, the children have enjoyed reading and retelling the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We also investigated where vegetables grow and where they are found around the world.



In phonics, this week, we have begun learning how to blend adjacent consonants. These are consonants standing next to each other in a word, for example, **nt**, **lp** or **mp**. (We were also very excited that the new words in our phonics lessons have a green border-you may have been told this already!) The children are continuing to read the sounds previously taught within these words and extending their learning by blending the adjacent consonants too. Examples of words learnt are, **went**, **help** and **tent**. These new blends will also be practised in our weekly home learning activities. The children have also learnt new tricky words, **said**, **so**, **have** and **like**.



In maths, this week, the children have continued to learn about numbers beyond 10. They have sang songs, read stories and played games to develop their skills of recognising the numerals. Using Numicon, tens frames and dienes equipment, the children have made numbers to explore the place value of each digit. For example, to make the number 13, we need a 10 and 3. To finish the week, we had a go at ordering the numbers to 20.

This half-term, in RE sessions, we are learning about our wonderful world. So far, the children have been on a nature walk to discover how beautiful our world is. They saw, flowers and insects. They heard birds singing. They felt the warmth of the sun and the crisp wind. They touched the soft grass and other materials. After this, the children have started to consider how the world was created. Over the next few weeks, we will learn about Christian and Muslim beliefs about the creation of the world.

Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Art Day on Monday. They drew, coloured, painted or used pastels to create a portrait in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We were very impressed with the portraits that the children created. They will be on display at our art gallery event on Monday 29th April.



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.



It was lovely to share the children's work and progress with many parents and carers this week. We look forward to speaking to the remainder of parents/carers online next week.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.

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





Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It has been lovely to finally see some sunshine this week. That being said, our children always shine and brighten our days! It has been another jam-packed week. On Monday we enjoyed taking part in a special art afternoon, focussing on the theme of portraits. Each class selected a famous artist and emulated their style to create self-portraits. Class 3 focused on the bright colours and repeated patterns made famous by Andy Warhol's style of pop art. Class 4 used a technique called pointillism which involved using dots of paint to colour in their portraits and Class 5 emulated Picasso's cubist style of portraiture. The children loved doing this and the results were fantastic, varied and vibrant. We can't wait to show you our finished work at our art gallery event.



The children have continued to be fascinated by their work on the Great Fire of London. In English, we used our skills of empathy to place ourselves at the scene of the fire, using our imagination as we looked at



paintings and illustrations to think of all of the things that we could see, smell, hear and feel. We used these sensory details to write setting descriptions about the outbreak of the fire on Pudding Lane and the scene overlooking the conflagration as people fled the city on the river. By focussing on the sensory details and the use of descriptive language, the children created vivid and emotive descriptions that really made it feel as though we were there!

We were very lucky to have a visitor come into school and give us a tennis taster session. We had lots of fun in practising ball control skills by first balancing balls on our rackets in a number of ways and walking about with them and then bouncing and hitting the ball in a controlled way. We even did a team challenge where we made a tower of balls and rackets as a team and had to make our way across the playground.

In science, we started to learn about plants. We learned about the difference between garden plants and wild plants, looked at the features of them and then identified wild plants by going on a hunt for them around school. This gave us an opportunity to use the skills we learned last week in maths by recording our results with tally marks too.



What a fun-filled week we have had!

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson

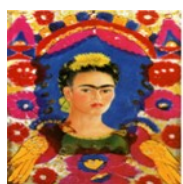




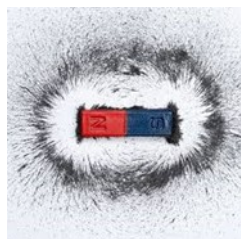
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been another creative, fun week in Lower Key Stage 2. It has been lovely catching up with so many of you during the first week of Parent/Carers' Evenings.

On Monday, the whole school celebrated 'World Art Day'. The theme was entitled 'Wonderful You, Wonderful Me' and looked specifically at the portrait paintings of a wide range of different artists from around the world.



In Lower Key Stage 2, we took our inspiration from three artists: Gustav Klimt (Class 6) Vincent Van Gogh (Class 7) and Frida Kahlo (Class 8). Firstly, we found out about their lives and what inspired them to become artists and then looked closely at some of their art work discussing the mediums, techniques and colours each of them had used. Next, we learnt how to draw our own faces making sure that our key facial features were correctly positioned and in proportion. Finally, we were set the challenge of drawing our own self-portrait in the style of the chosen artists. It was lots of fun and, although it was quite challenging, we were really proud of our finished pieces. We are really looking forward to showing you all during the 'Whole School Art Showcase' event which takes place on **Monday 29th April from 3:25pm until 4pm.**



In science this half-term, our theme is 'Forces and Magnets'. We began by recalling what we already knew about magnets, including key scientific vocabulary, and then observed the effect they had on a tray of iron filings. Next, we were set the 'Scrapheap' challenge which involved us using magnets to find out whether a variety of objects around the classroom were magnetic or not. Finally, we investigated the question 'Are all metals magnetic?' and found out that only a few actually are including iron, steel and nickel.

Also this week, we have carried out an investigation to test the strength of different types of magnets by counting how many paper clips each one could hold in a line at once. Before beginning our testing, we made our predictions and drew conclusions at the end.



In reading this week, we have completed our class novel 'Just Jack' by Kate Scott. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading it and have learnt a lot about challenges within family relationships and the importance of trust and loyal friendships. However, the key message that the main character Jack taught us all, is that we shouldn't try to be like someone else or hide our personality away from others but rather we should display integrity and remember to find happiness in just being our true selves!



Class Assembly

Reminder for Class 6 parents / carers

All of the children in Class 6 are looking forward to you joining them at 3pm for their class assembly on Friday 26th April in the school hall.

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 an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham





Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



Year 5s in Class 9, have had their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training. Last week, before starting, we were taught about how to maintain our bike and check that it was road worthy. We were also taught how to correctly adjust our helmet and check it for cracks. We then had the opportunity to practise riding, gliding and stopping (in the ready position) whilst still on the playground. In the afternoon, we went for our first ride around the local area and learnt about how to be safe when riding on the road. Today, we again went out into Haxby to deepen our understanding of staying safe whilst cycling on roads.

In English this week, we planned and began to write our latest non-chronological report. First of all, we recalled and recapped the main key features of non-chronological reports: subheadings, captions, bullet points, diagrams and the use of formal language. We then revisited our prior learning from our history lessons, regarding the 'Industrial Revolution', and then utilised this prior knowledge to begin to write an engaging historical report. Within this work, we further developed our understanding of sentence structures and cohesion, including a range of higher-level punctuation; this should allow us to begin writing our own engaging reports.



This week we celebrated 'World Art Day'. Each class focused on one artist, explored the features of their particular style and then created a self-portrait in a similar style. The children were engaged throughout the creative process and have produced some outstanding pieces of art. Should you wish to view your child/children's self-portrait, they will be displayed in their classroom for you to look at on **Monday 29th April between 3.25pm and 4pm.**

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod





PTA NEWS

FINAL FEW TABLES LEFT

We have a few tables left for our wonderful Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 13th May 2022 at 7pm** with all profits going to the school.

Please email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.

It's a great night – full of food, prizes, games and laughter. We hope you can join us and make lots of money for school.

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



BIG REQUEST

Please do put this in your calendar now as we would love your support as a volunteer on the night!



Taking place on **Friday 5th July** between 6.00-8.00pm it is an amazing evening of games, inflatables, prizes, refreshments and food but also a HUGE source of income for school.

It's big events like this that allow us to pay for bigger items in school – like the playground equipment. We REALLY need all the support you can – so if you can spare 30 mins or 1 hour (allowing you to enjoy some Fair time too!) on the evening please keep this free in your diary and let us know by emailing ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com



Junior Parkrun in Easingwold .

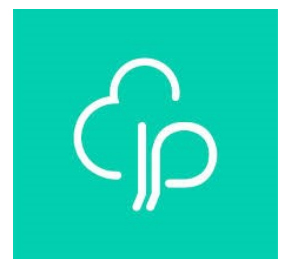
Junior Parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors every Sunday at 9am for ages 4 to 14 years.

They can run, jog or walk the course, which is on footpath all the way.

All they need to do is register at www.parkrun.org.uk, print out their barcode and bring it along on the day.

We ask for any newcomers to arrive at 8.50am for a first timer's welcome :)

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