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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

We have exciting plans for the relocation of a classroom! The room which is currently the Nest is going to become a KS1 classroom, and what is currently Class 3's room will become the Nest. The main beneficial reasons for this are to bring the three Year 1/2 classes closer together geographically and to have the extra space for some areas of provision that support transition from Reception to Year 1. In order to ensure a timely and smooth transition with this change for September, our current Class 3 children will spend the last couple of weeks of term in this 'new' classroom. Provision is in place, as you might expect, to support any children who may find this temporary change more challenging.

We are so proud of how our Year 3 – 6 children conducted themselves whilst participating in their sports day events yesterday. It was especially gorgeous how they celebrated and took joy in each other's success. We regularly talk to the children about how important this is, even when feeling disappointed for themselves, and that it is a characteristic of happy, positive people to be able to do this.

We are now looking forward to **Reception and Year 1/2 sports day on Monday**. This will start at approx. 9:15am. If your child/ren would like to wear a coloured t-shirt, which is the colour of their school 'House' and already have one at home, then your child is more than welcome to wear this in place of their usual white t-shirt. Please do not go out and buy a t-shirt as we do have coloured team bands available for children if required. House colours: **Minster** - blue, **Jorvik** - green, **Ebor** - yellow, and **Clifford** - red.

Just a reminder too for our Reception parents/carers that there is a meeting for you in the hall at 2:30pm on **Wednesday 26th June** about **transition between Reception and Year 1**. We will be sharing the materials with all Reception parents/carers after the meeting but please do come along in person if you are able to.

Hopefully this glorious sunshine will stay with us over the weekend – whatever you are up to, have a lovely one.



Liz Clark

This Week's Attendance



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

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

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

Football Update

RBPS 2 - 4 Huby

On a pitch no bigger than a postage stamp, our Year 3/4 team succumbed to a resilient Huby side, in their last 16 tie. After dominating the first half, RBPS found themselves 2-0 down (two deflected goals). It was one of our more harsh lessons of the season. However, the second half saw RBPS launch a comeback that brought the tie back 2-2. As the team pushed on for the win, Huby then punished us with two more counter attack goals, to give the game a slightly unfair reflection. Everyone should be very proud of their resilience and attitude!

RBPS 3 - 1 Lakeside

Goals: Alex Hanlon x2, Archie White

Assists: Ralphy Waddington, Ollie Britton, Noel Gledhill - Nichols

On Tuesday, our Year 5/6 team produced a comfortable win against Lakeside, to progress to the Semi Final of the Primary Cup - for the first time since 2016! After a first half that saw RBPS control large parts of the game, without getting the goals their play deserved, the second half was far more comfortable. RBPS created far more chances, scoring the goals played, firstly through Alex Hanlon and then Archie White. Lakeside tried to make it a nervy finish, pulling one back before injury time, for Alex Hanlon to then add a third.

Team: Noel Gledhill - Nichols, Theo Wilson (Captain), Thomas Hobson, Milo Jackson, Ralphy Waddington, Archie White, Alex Hanlon, Ollie Britton



Football Calendar dates

Over the remaining weeks of the term and academic year, we will have a Primary Cup Semi Final as well as opportunities for our other teams to play.

Team	Year groups	Date	Against	Venue	Competition
Lower KS2 Girls Team	Years 3 & 4	Monday 24 th June 2024	Crayke	Crayke Primary School	Friendly
Upper KS2 Mixed Team	Year 6 & 5	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Lakeside	Lakeside Primary School	Friendly
Upper KS2 Mixed Team	Year 5 & 6	To be confirmed	Woodthorpe	Woodthorpe Primary School	Primary Cup Semi Final

Mr Keaney

Dogs



We would like to request, from dog owners, consideration of the fact that dogs should ideally not be on site. This is for various reasons, including the fact that they can be feared by other members of our school community. Thank you.

- Dogs must not be tied to the front railings.
- Dogs must not walk on the school playground.
If essential, smaller dogs may be carried.

Scooters/Bikes on School Playground

A reminder that scooters and bikes should not be mounted/ridden in the school playground. This rule applies to all those on site, at any time of day; younger children should not be riding scooters/bikes whilst waiting for their elder siblings. This request has also been shared with parents/carers of those children attending Haxby Playgroups. Thank you.





Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



This week, our dinosaur topic has explored carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children have investigated the types of teeth these dinosaurs had and how this related to the type of food they ate. The children also learnt to look at the structure of the dinosaurs to help them to determine whether they were meat or plant eaters. For example, the stegosaurus had four short stumpy feet/legs, they moved slowly and they had flat teeth; the stegosaurus was a plant eating herbivore. In a related activity, the children found dinosaurs that had been hidden around our Reception areas. They then studied them to determine if they were carnivores or herbivores and sorted them into a Venn diagram.

This week, in phonics, we have read words which have a suffix added to the end of them to change singular words into plural words. An example of this is **sports, paints, frogs, boxes, scrunches** and **dresses**. We also continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **here, little, says, by, my, like, some, come, love** and **do**.

In Maths we have continued to practise counting to support with subtraction skills. The children have explored using their fingers, sets of objects and number lines to calculate how many were then left. We also determined that when we subtract a number the total gets smaller. This is an important mathematical concept to know.



Through our areas of provision, the children have completed a range of dinosaur related activities, practising their learning and skills. These include making a playdough dinosaur sculpture, painting a picture of a dinosaur, completing a dinosaur themed jigsaw and creating our own dinosaur stories in the small world areas. The children are using key vocabulary during their learning, including the naming of dinosaurs



During our last visit to Haxby library this week, the children were introduced to the Summer Reading Challenge. Please do watch out for more information about this exciting activity to complete over the summer holidays.

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

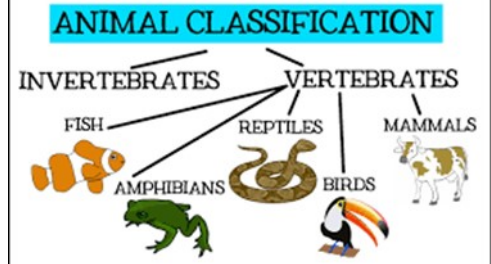
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team





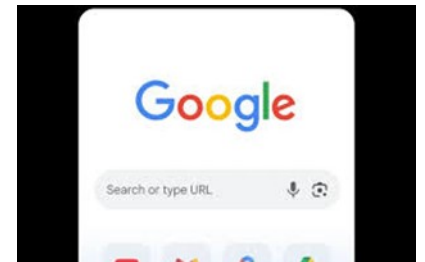
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It was lovely to enjoy some summer sunshine this week, but it was the children in Key Stage 1 who really shone for us. In science we have been learning all about different animal groups (such as mammals, invertebrates, reptiles, etc.) and how scientists classify them by their characteristics. Did you



know that scientists estimate that there are around 8.7 million animal species on Earth and that 97% of them are invertebrates? After learning about the features of the main animal groups, we used classification diagrams to sort animals by answering questions about their features.

As part of our topic about significant people in history, we have been learning about two famous explorers: Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. This week, we compared them both and thought about what was the same or different about their two voyages. We compared their craft, clothing and navigation equipment, as well as what they would have eaten on their respective journeys. This threw up a lot of excellent questions which we then researched on the computer. It was a great opportunity to model the skills we have been learning in computing, in relation to web pages and using a search engine (e.g Google) to efficiently search for information. We have learned about the difference between the internet and the World Wide Web, how search engines find the information they think are the most relevant to what we type. It certainly came in useful when it came to investigating which explorer was most likely to have eaten pemmican! (It was Christopher Columbus by the way: pemmican is a mixture of dried fat, meat and berries.)



It has been a great week of P.E in Key Stage 1. We have been loving our weekly lessons with one of our P.E specialists, Mr Stephenson. We have been practising a range of skills including orienteering, in which we had to work as a team using a map to find as many different unique patterned stamps as we could. This was great for our general fitness as we covered great distances in our hunt; it was also great for our teamwork and communication skills. Don't tell them, but Mr Stephenson said that we did better at this activity than some of the UKS2



children! We also enjoyed having a practise of the activities for our sports' day, taking place on Monday, with EYFS too. At this event you should expect an amazing display of running, throwing, jumping and kicking skills. Judging by the performances in the practise, we are all in for a real treat! We hope that the weather is kind to us and that we get to see lots of you coming along to cheer on our mini-Olympians.

Well done Key Stage 1. You are already champions in our eyes!

Mrs Atkinson, Mr Merrall and Mrs Reeves



Yorkshire Air Museum Trips

Thank you for all giving consent for your child(ren) to attend the school trip taking place on either Thursday 4th July (**Year 4**) or Thursday 11th July (**Year 3**). We are very grateful for the donations received towards this trip, including the ones which have been made over and above the suggested amount.

We have not received enough voluntary donations to cover the full cost. On this occasion, we are proceeding with the trip, but please be aware that this is at a cost to the school.

We are really looking forward to exploring World War Two artefacts and learning about evacuees, rationing, identity cards and gas masks. We will also be participating in a Paratrooper experience, being taken through the routine checks a trooper would go through before their drop and also walking around the site to look at iconic aircrafts and weaponry.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

On Thursday, we were lucky with the weather and had an incredibly successful Sports Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the multiple events including javelin, bean bag throw, football and hurdles. Well done to all who participated; you all showed fantastic sportsmanship. An additional well done to Clifford who were the overall winning house at the end of the Key Stage Two Sports Day.



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In PSHE, the children have continued to delve into the 9 protected Characteristics. The 9 protected characteristics mean it is against the law to discriminate against anyone because of: age, gender reassignment, being married or in a civil partnership, being pregnant or on maternity leave, disability, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. The children looked at these in the context of Pride. They learnt about what Pride is and the definitions of LGBTQ+. The children learnt that during Pride month, people come together to celebrate love, friendship and the special and unique things that make us who we are.



In science, the children have continued to learn about light and have developed their understanding of dark being the absence of light. This week, the children looked at sun safety, in particular, UV light and its impact upon humans. In addition to the impact UV light can have on the skin, the children looked at how our eyes respond to light and dark. The pupil grows bigger in the dark to allow more light to enter the eye, and gets smaller in bright light.



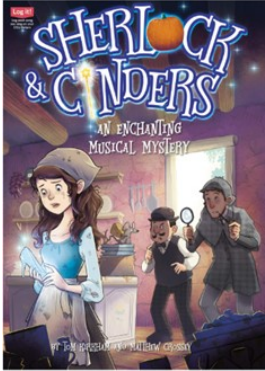
We hope that you have a brilliant weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham





Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



Rehearsals have continued this week. It is great to see so many children learning their lines so quickly.

All Year 5/6 children have been given the ensemble songs and for homework over the next two weeks, we would like all children to spend their time learning their lines and the songs. They will need to learn these off by heart; they are available on the school website and can be accessed via the link <https://www.ralphbutterfieldprimary.co.uk/classes/upper-key-stage-2/> Information regarding tickets and costumes will be sent out soon.

This week, in Year 6 we have been working with Matt Messias. During the session, Matt talked about the benefits of having a positive mindset. He also gave us the opportunity to ask questions, discuss any concerns and set ourselves goals for our time in secondary school. The children were also encouraged to reflect on positive experiences during their time at Ralph Butterfield Primary School.



This week UKS2 welcomed Mark Jones who spoke to us about Buddhism. We learnt that Buddhism arose in Ancient India, in and around the ancient Kingdom of Magadha, and that Buddhism is based on the teachings of Siddhārtha Gautama (a Hindu Prince). Mark also told us about his own day to day life as a Buddhist. He talked about meditation and the positive impact it has on his daily life. We enjoyed looking and talking about the artefacts he brought.

After all of our practise, sports day was a huge success! We thouroughly enjoyed cheering on our classmates as they took part in the various activities representing their respective houses. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support us.

REMINDER, all Year 5 pupils are attending a taster day at Joseph Rowntree School on Thursday 27th June. Each child needs to wear school uniform, bring a water bottle, packed lunch and appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions. As we are travelling by coach, which is due to leave at 9am promptly, please ensure your child(ren) arrives for registration at 8:55am.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions, concerns or lovely news to share.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod





NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 28TH JUNE



In preparation for the Summer Fair there will be a **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 28th June** and we are asking that each child, brings a donation of **chocolates/sweets or wine**, which will be used on our popular tombola's.

You can also bring a small monetary donation if you wish but please no other donations.



SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 5TH JULY 5:30 - 8PM

We hope you can all come to our School Summer Fair! We will be having lots of games, stalls, inflatables and fun to be had!

There will be a food stall serving burgers and sausages and a stall selling glasses of Prosecco and bottled beer.

It's also our biggest fundraising event of the year so please come and support this, with everything raised benefitting the school and children.



SUMMER FAIR VOLUNTEERS

We really need your help! This is our biggest event of the year and the one that makes the most money for school, we parents/carers help to make it a success! We are asking you to run a stall or game for 30mins/1 hour or more if you can.

Times are:

- 5.25 - 6.00pm
- 5.55 - 6.30pm
- 6.25 - 7.00pm
- 6.55 - 7.30pm
- 7.25 - 8.00pm

All games are easy to run and good fun!

Please help us on this one key event!

Please email ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com





School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

DROP OFF POINTS:

AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 15TH JULY - 24TH JULY

HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:

9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY

Pick up the next size on Saturday 27th July 10-2pm and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York



HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at families@hwmc.org.uk



Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church will be holding their uniform bank again in the first week of the summer holidays, as usual, but this year they are inviting families to come and get in on the action! It's great fun taking in the bags of uniform and sorting them all out into sizes and schools. On Wednesday afternoon 24th July 1pm-4pm and Thursday afternoon 1pm-4pm. Do let Lorraine, the family worker, know if you are coming. Children are welcome as long they come with an adult and are prepared to work :) families@hwmc.org.uk. There will be drinks and biscuits for the workers!



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