

Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

We are very fortunate to have RB Kids Club on our site, providing before and after school wraparound care. Whilst these two organisations are separate, it is beneficial to both school and RB Kids Club that the manager, Mr Keaney, is also one of our fabulous teaching assistants. This enables consistency for the children with shared ethos and also policies where possible. You may not be aware that RB Kids Club also recently had an Ofsted inspection; I would like to share huge congratulations with all of the team who work there, many of whom also have roles in school, for the highly deserved, extremely positive report they have received. If you would like to read this report, [click here](#).

We thought you would appreciate some dates for your summer diary pulled together (they can also be found on our school website calendar next week). More details about individual events will be shared closer to the time.

Date	Year Group/Class	Event
Monday 29 th April	All	Gallery Event 3:25 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday 3 rd May	Class 9	Class Assembly (Gate opens 2:50 pm 3:00 pm start)
Friday 10 th May	Class 7	Class Assembly (Gate opens 2:50 pm 3:00 pm start)
w/c 13 th May	Year 6	KS2 Statutory Test Week
Friday 17 th May	Class 1	Class Assembly (Gate opens 2:50 pm 3:00 pm start)
3 rd June – 14 th June	Year 4	Statutory Multiplication Check
w/c 10 th June	Year 1	Statutory Phonics Screening Check
Friday 14 th June	All	PTA Secret Gift Room
Thursday 20 th June	All	PTA Disco
Thursday 20 th June	Years 3/4/5/6	Sports Day approx. 9:15 am start
Monday 24 th June	Reception and Year 1/2	Sports Day approx. 9:15 am start
Wednesday 26 th June	Reception	Parent Meeting re Reception Transition to Year 1
Friday 28 th June	All	PTA Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6	Transition Day (Jo Ro)
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4	WW2 Yorkshire Air Museum Trip
Friday 5 th July	Year 2	Recorder Concert approx. 9:15 am start
Friday 5 th July	All	PTA Summer Fair 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 5/6	Production - Matinee Performance 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 5/6	Production - Evening Performance 5:30 pm
Thursday 11 th July	Year 5/6	Production - Evening Performance 5:30 pm
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3	WW2 Yorkshire Air Museum Trip
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6	Crucial Crew Trip
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6	Graduation Assembly 6:00 pm
Friday 19 th July	All	Last Day of Term

We hope to see as many of you as possible for the gallery event on Monday, after you have collected your child/ren from the playground.

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully the sun will come out!

Liz Clark 



Football Update

After the extended winter (that seemed to go on forever), the football season has returned as our teams begin participation in the Primary Cup, which is an FA Cup style knockout competition. We are excited to start adding the names of the players representing our teams, so that we can celebrate our players' achievements.

RBPS 2 - 2 Westfield (RB Won 3-2 on penalties)

Our Year 3/4 Boys team made their first appearance of the season, beating Westfield 6-5 on penalties, to progress to the last 16 of the Primary Cup. RBPS controlled the first half and were soon two goals to the good, showing a fair reflection for the quality of our play. However, football is a game of two halves and, in the second half, Westfield came back into the game - the second via an unfortunate deflection. The rest of game became end to end as both teams searched for a winner. Fulltime came and went along with ten minutes extra time. Penalties finally separated the teams with RBPS holding their nerve.

RBPS 1 - 8 Osbaldwick

Our Year 5/6 girls' team, a mixture of both experienced and first time players, showed amazing resilience on a very strange pitch and against a very experienced Osbaldwick team. I was very proud of the resilience and determination shown and on a different day, we could have had three or four more goals.



RBPS 4 - 3 Huntington

Goals: Alex Hanlon x4

Assists: Archie White x2, Lauren McJannett, Theo Wilson

On Friday, our Year 5/6 team came back from the worst possible start, conceding after 30 seconds, to beat Huntington 4-3 in a thrilling contest to progress to the last 16 of the Primary Cup. After such a bad start, RBPS grew into the game and started to create chance after chance with Archie White, Lauren McJannett and Ralphy Waddington pulling the strings in midfield. It was against the run of play when Huntington added a second goal. Alex Hanlon grabbed the all important next goal, just before half time, to breathe life back into their cup bid. The second half saw RBPS turn the tie on its head with two quick goals (both Alex Hanlon) to lead 3-2 before Huntington equalised. Finally, RBPS found a fourth (Alex Hanlon) and managed to see out the game (with more style than Manchester United) thanks to a strong defensive performance from Thomas Hobson, Milo Jackson, Theo Wilson and Noel Gledhill – Nichols (on debut). RBPS set up a last 16 tie with Knavesmire. A huge thank you to Mr Waddington for officiating.

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

Team	Year groups	Date	Against	Venue	Competition
A Team	Years 5&6	Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Knavesmire Primary	Knavesmire	Primary Cup Round of 16
LKS 2 Girls Team	Years 3&4	Monday 24 th June 2024	Crayke	Crayke Primary School	Friendly

Football Calendar dates

Please watch out for permission slips as and when your child is selected

Mr Keaney





Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our focus this week has been 'sunflowers'.

During the week, the children have had an opportunity to learn the names of the parts of a plant. They have also explored sunflowers. In literacy, the children used their knowledge of the life cycle of a plant. They wrote some factual sentences which explained each stage of the life cycle of a sunflower. The children are working very hard to practise their letter formation and to segment words to spell them.



In phonics, we have continued to learn how to read and spell words with adjacent consonants. The children are doing very well with this and enjoying the new challenge. New tricky words learnt this week are, **some**, **come**, **love** and **do**.

In maths, we have continued to explore numbers beyond 10. The children have completed many practical activities like threading beads to match a numeral and identifying the missing number in a sequence of 10-20.

They also love practising their skills on the interactive whiteboard. One of our favourite games is

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>



This can be accessed via the internet, should your child wish to practise some more.



This week, we have also recognised the national day, St George's Day. The children learnt why this day is significant and enjoyed hearing the story of St George and the Dragon.

We hope your broad beans are beginning/continuing to grow. Please remember to share their growth with us on Tapestry.



Reminder

Next week, **Class 1** 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.

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

Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



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 it more likely for your child to get involved in crime or antisocial behaviour.

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

What a busy week it has been in Key Stage 1! In history, we have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London. We were focussing on historical enquiry skills: learning how to be historians and interpreting evidence to think about what different artefacts and documents could tell us about the events of the past. We learned about how the fire caused radical changes in fire safety that still affect us to this day, such as differences in architecture and city planning.

We also stepped into the role of Samuel Pepys himself, during English lessons this week. We thought about what happened on each day of the fire and what Samuel's experience of it would have been like, from hearing about it to meeting with King Charles II. We used grammatical features such as past tense and first person perspective to write; we added dates, salutations and sign-offs to make our diaries sound more authentic. It was great fun stepping back in time and putting ourselves at the scene.



In maths this week, we have been working on division by sharing into equal groups, using a variety of methods such as practical sharing, using jottings and the use of times table knowledge. We have also been learning about fractions of both shapes and numbers. Of course, this has given us the opportunity to make the link between fractions and division too.

We have enjoyed our new computing unit, "Making Pictures". This is all about using the painting tools on the computer to create artwork with a variety of effects. We learned a little bit about impressionist styles and pointillism; we then emulated these to create our own artwork, using a variety of brush types, sizes and 'water' effects to change the shades.



Keep up the good work Key Stage 1!

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson





Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been another great week in Lower Key Stage 2.



In PSHE this week, the children have continued to learn about jobs and careers. Last week, the children explored different job sectors and the types of jobs and careers within those sectors. For example, within the education sector, the children listed jobs such as teacher, teaching assistant and headteacher. Building on that this week, the children have learnt about the skills and qualities various jobs require. For instance, an accountant requires financial and mathematical skills and needs qualities such as paying attention to detail, patience and integrity.



The children have continued our WWII 'Dig for Victory' topic this week. Last week, the children learnt about the Battle of Britain; they learnt about the German intention to take control of the skies above the UK so they could invade England. Despite the RAF having fewer aircrafts than the German Luftwaffe, the UK and their allies, won the battle. The end of the Battle of Britain marked the start of the Blitz. Once the Germans realised they could not win against the RAF in the skies, they began bombing many industrial cities across the UK in hope that the UK would



surrender. This week, the children took an in-depth look at the Blitz and started to work on a double page spread. They learnt about when the Blitz began and how civilians in the cities being bombed kept safe. Many people built Anderson shelters in their back gardens, during the Blitz, which they used during the night raids. In London, many people made their way to public shelters including the London underground.

In design and technology, the children have continued to practise their sewing skills using Binca and thread. The children have shown excellent resilience, patience and determination when having a go at running stitch, backstitch and cross stitch.



If you haven't already, please send into school a pair of old, adult-sized ankle or knee length socks that your child can turn into a hand puppet and a small recyclable / disposable plastic bottle that fits inside the sock. We would appreciate these items being in school by Monday 29th April. Thank you.



Class Assembly

Well done to Class 6 for a fantastic assembly. It was fantastic to see the children share all the wonderful things they have learnt about so far this year.

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)

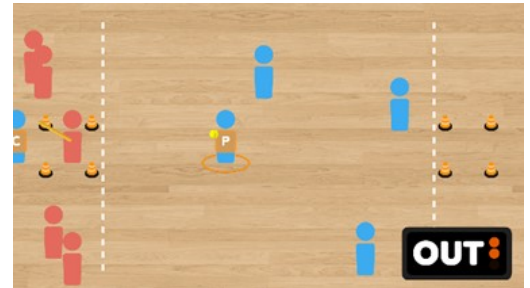


Year 5s in Class 10, have had their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training. Before starting, we were taught about how to maintain our bike and check that it was road worthy. We were also taught how to correctly adjust our helmet and check it for cracks. We then had the opportunity to practise riding, gliding and stopping (in the ready position) whilst still on the playground. This afternoon, we went for our first ride around the local area and learnt about how to be safe when riding on the road.

Thank you to all the Year 5s who applied to be a Wellbeing Ambassador when in Year 6. We were extremely pleased with the quantity and quality of the applications. So much so that there were too many applications which resulted in us having to randomly select the successful children. On Monday, the incumbent Wellbeing Ambassadors began their training with Matt Messias. They talked about what their new role would involve, which adults they could approach for support and started to discuss ways in which they could support potential individuals. Their next meeting, with Matt, will be to workshop potential scenarios that they may encounter.



In PE, all classes have started to learn Danish Longball. It is also known as Swedish Longball; a bat and ball game that is popular in primary schools in the UK. It is a mixture of cricket and baseball, and each team takes turns to bat or field. Danish Longball helps children understand the fundamentals of striking and fielding games in a simple and achievable way. The children learn how to work as part of a team, and work with their peers to achieve a common goal. As part of the game, children also develop their hand-eye coordination, reaction and response skills through throwing and catching, and fielding placements.



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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod





PTA NEWS

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

Thank you



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