



Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

I can share that next Tuesday 28th February, the second planned day of the National Education Union (NEU) strike action for our region, should see us remain open to all classes. I am grateful to teachers for sharing information in advance, which they are under no obligation to do, enabling me to pass on what I'm anticipating to parents/carers. However, please be aware there is always the chance of last minute changes on the day. For more detail please see the letter that you will have received earlier today.

The children have started this spring term 2 really positively. A number of visitors have been in school this week who were keen to share both what a lovely feel the atmosphere of the school has and how engaged children are in their lessons. This included members of SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) with whom we underwent a monitoring visit yesterday. This body of people check how well schools are delivering the statutory RE curriculum. I'm pleased to share that we were informed we have 'set the bar high' for other schools and I would like to particularly thank Mr Tod for his dedicated and effective work in his role of RE subject leader.

I hope you can enjoy a pleasant weekend.



Liz Clark



Non-Uniform Day

It will be Red Nose Day on **Friday 17th March** and we are having a non-uniform day to show our support. The theme for this year's Red Nose Day is all about coming together and spreading joy.

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

Unfortunately, due to our current risk assessment, children will not be able to bring the traditional or the new paper red noses into school with them - we do welcome alternatives such as face paint!

If you would like to make a voluntary donation, you will be able to do so via ParentPay, during w/c 13th March.

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



Job Vacancies (School Kitchen)

Our catering provider, Mellors, has some vacancies within our school, with a variety of hours/flexibility being available. Should you be interested in joining this welcoming and friendly team, please contact Sarah Weston, via email, at sarahw@mellors.co.uk. Please also feel free to contact Emma Moss (School Business Manager) for an informal conversation. Thank you.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



Welcome back to the start of a new half-term!

We are delighted to share with you that our new theme is 'Traditional Tales'. The children's learning will be centred around many different traditional and favourite stories. This week, the children have enjoyed exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man and variations of this story, The Runaway Chapatti and The Runaway Pizza. The children have enjoyed reading and comparing the stories. They have also acted out the story with characters.

Additional learning opportunities, based on these books, have included baking our own gingerbread men, creating a gingerbread man face by threading and drawing, sorting the different types of animals in these stories including farm animals and pets and creating story maps.



On Tuesday, the children learnt about the Christian day of Shrove Tuesday. They found out about the significance of the day and how people observe it. We also made and tasted our own pancakes. Chef Dickinson did a marvellous job of making these with all of our children and we had lots of happy customers!

This half-term, our **phonics** lessons will consolidate the digraphs and trigraphs already taught. The children will have opportunity to practise reading words which contain these phonemes (sounds) and also revise the tricky words taught so far. Please see the homework activities, to catch up with weekly learning. It is fantastic to see the progress which all children are making with their phonics knowledge and to see how they put this into action while reading and writing.



In **Maths**, this week, we have further developed number bonds to 9 and 10. These are pairs of numbers which add together to make a given total. For example, $6+3=9$ and $2+8=10$. This has been practised through a range of games and activities.



We would love to see everyone enjoying listening to, acting out and reading their favourite traditional tale. If your child enjoys doing this at home, please upload a photo to Tapestry so we can share their love of stories.

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

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It was great to welcome back all of the children this week and to hear some of the wonderful and exciting things that they did during their well-earned week off. Key Stage 1 hit the ground running with another busy week packed full of learning!

In English, this week, the children were writing recounts about their half-term holiday activities and about the visit from Florence Nightingale. They had to think carefully and write in as much detail as possible to bring their memories to life. They also learned how to write an introduction that would pique the reader's interest and include key information. They did a wonderful job and we could see their enthusiasm shining through their writing.



This week, we have been thinking carefully about the responsibilities we have to protect ourselves and those around us. We have revisited our Big Question of the term, thinking about the word 'respect', what it means and why it is so important. We also learned about the fun ways that we can enjoy the internet in a digital age but also about some of the dangers that this presents. We learned some valuable tips for staying safe online and how important it is to tell people we trust when something upsets us.



In maths, we have been practising mental calculation techniques to become mental maths masters! We have looked at how we can think differently about numbers so that we can work with them more effectively. We also continued our work with money. The children have enjoyed stepping into the roles of customer and shopkeeper by totalling amounts, selecting coins to pay and calculating change.



Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a great start to the half term! Year 3 and 4 have returned refreshed, excited and eager to discover what our new topics are.



We are all really excited to have started our new history topic 'Revolutionary Romans' and are looking forward to finding out about why the Romans invaded Britain and how the Roman army were so successful. As we progress through the topic, we will delve into different aspects of their everyday lives; discover key information about how roads were built and develop an understanding of chariots, gladiators and theatres. This week, to introduce the topic, we have discovered who the Romans were and ordered key events in the rise of the Roman Empire, to ensure that we have a good understanding of the period of time in history that we will be continuing to explore.

In computing, we are focusing on writing for different audiences and the impact that font *style*, *size* and *colour* has on how a text is presented and how these are used within different genres to make texts appealing to the reader. This week, we looked at newspaper reports. The children spent time altering the look of a pre-written newspaper article ensuring that the newspaper title and headlines stood out and the text was in columns with relevant pictures and captions to compliment the article.



Our science topic this half term is electricity. We started our topic off by sharing everything we knew already about electricity including what it is for and how it is used. We then discussed how electricity is generated (renewable and non-renewable sources).

We are all looking forward to exploring electrical circuits and creating our own, after learning about appliances, battery and mains powered electrical items as well as mostly importantly, how to use electricity and electrical equipment safely.



We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In English lessons, we have been learning about the various types of persuasion. We have looked at a variety of examples and have identified the key features of persuasive texts: catch phrases, slogans, emotive vocabulary and rhetorical questions. We then created a word bank and utilised this to write our own persuasive sentences.

In geography, we learnt that the risk of flooding can sometimes be increased through deforestation, urbanisation and even drought. We then looked at the impact that flooding has on people's lives and the environment. We discussed the impact flooding has had on our own lives and that of the local community.



This week, we were visited by the author, Daniel Blyth. He talked to us about how we became an author and shared some of his work with us. He then worked with individual classes giving advice on how to write spooky stories.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.

PTA News

Welcome back!



We have one main event this term on **Friday 17th March** which is a **Secret Room** where the children can buy a small gift ready for Mother's Day or for someone special in their life. Gifts will be price £1, £2, £3, £4 or £5 each. This event will take place in the school day.

More details will be announced shortly!

The PTA recently bought some new jigsaws for the Jigsaw club



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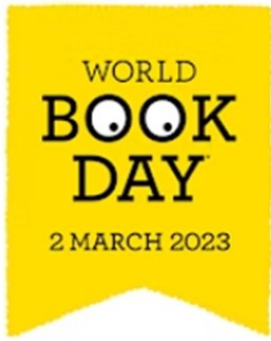
We are extremely happy to inform you that the new Scholastic book club catalogue has arrived and been given to your child to bring home.

It gives you a brief snapshot of some of the fabulous books (fiction and non-fiction) that are on offer, although there are hundreds more online to choose from no matter what your interests are or who your favourite author is. Ordering through our schoolbook club also has the bonus that for **every £1 you spend** it will **earn 20p for school** in Scholastic Rewards, which is amazing, and all rewards are used to purchase new books for school.

If you would like to place an order, please visit <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club> and **place your order online by Sunday 12th March**. Your order will then arrive in school shortly afterwards and be distributed to your child. Please do not hesitate to ask Miss Clapham if you have any questions about the book club or ordering process.

Many thanks for your continued support of our Scholastic book club, the children love reading the new books in school that are purchased with the rewards you earn us.



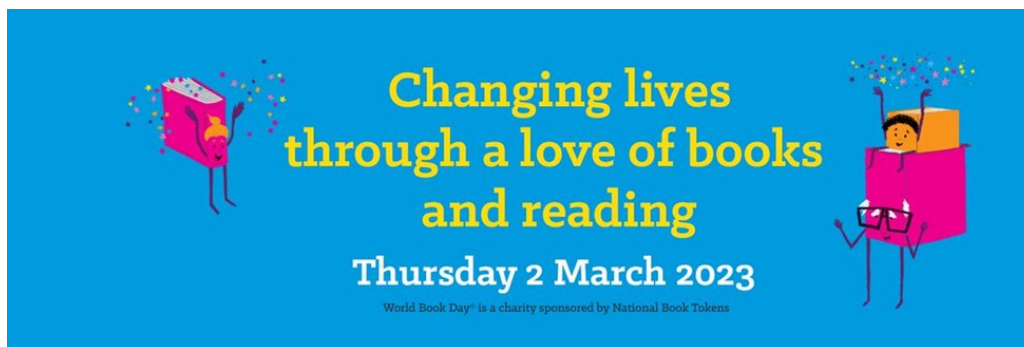


A message for all children 'You Are a Reader'!

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.

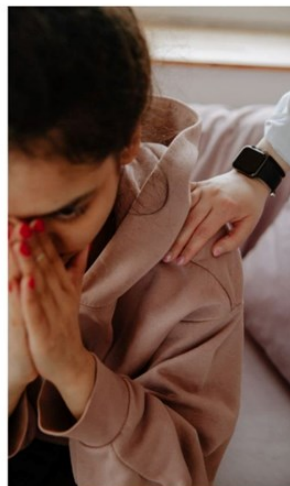
On the day, your child(ren) may choose to dress as their favourite character from a book, giving opportunity to utilise a costume they already have. Alternatively, they may choose to dress as a 'word' from a book e.g. blue: wearing all blue clothes, sporty: wearing their PE kit, freezing: wearing hat, 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 16th February – Sunday 26th March 2023**. Find your nearest <https://booksellers.org.uk/wbd>



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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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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Join Family Matters for
'A Mind of Their Own'
on Sat 11th March,
9.30-12 noon
@ The Belfrey Hall, 52a
Stonegate, YO1 8AS

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

A MIND OF THEIR OWN

A session for any
parent wanting to
equip their child
to meet life's
challenges and
setbacks head-on.



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.



Book your place:

Sign up via www.fmy.org.uk/parenting
Email: jenwootten@fmy.org.uk Tel: 07393 147259



CALLING ALL FUTURE FOOTBALLING STARS

**Wigginton Grasshoppers are on the lookout for new
team members to join our reception & year 1 group!**

**If you are in Reception or Year 1 as of September 2023
then you are welcome to attend no matter ability or
experience.**

**Fun and structured training on Sunday mornings 9am to
10am at our community pavilion on Mill Lane,
Wigginton. £3 per session (paid in 10-week blocks)**

**Contact: Lee Hanson On: 07974149902 for more
details.**

