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Headteacher's Message

Hello

This week you will have received information including a nomination form for our parent/carer governor vacancy. Please do take a look and consider whether this is something you would be interested in doing. It's a great way to be more involved with the school and its strategic leadership as well as providing support and appropriate challenge to make sure we are always doing the very best that we can for the children.

We are looking forward to the Lower Junior production of *Wiz Wham Alakazam* next week; the sneak previews I have had in rehearsals promise Y3/4 parents/carers a real treat and the costumes and props really are magical.

Just a reminder that week commencing 8th May is Year 6 statutory test week, followed by statutory tests for Year 2 the week after (commencing 15th May). Today, Class 5 also underwent compulsory test trialling for future years' tests and they did an absolutely amazing job. The certificate and pencil reward made it all worthwhile for them! I would like to thank all of the children for participating so willingly and doing their best.

We are still anticipating being fully open next Tuesday 2nd May, the next NEU strike day.

Despite the promise of the usual bank holiday rain, I hope you are able to enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing the children again next Tuesday.

Liz Clark



School Menu

You will have received today, via ParentPay, a special menu to celebrate King Charles III coronation. Please ensure you take a look as the meals will differ from the usual menu. Thank you.



The Coronation of King Charles III

The coronation of King Charles III will be taking place on Saturday 6th May and as a school we would like to mark this momentous, historical occasion. Therefore, on Friday 5th May the children will be taking part in numerous celebratory activities throughout the school day, including a coronation party. **On this day, we invite the children to come to school in non-uniform** that includes the colours red, white and blue, or party clothes.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our focus this week has been 'flowers'.

During the week, the children have had an opportunity to learn the names of the parts of a plant. They have also continued to watch their beans grow which were planted last week. It is exciting to see the shoots starting to push through the soil. The children have also created some observational paintings of flowers. These are fantastic.



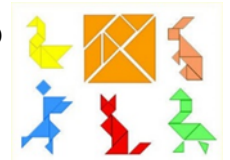
In phonics, this week, we have been learning how to blend adjacent consonants. These are consonants standing next to each other in a word, for example, **st**, **lf** or **mp**. The children are continuing to read the sounds previously taught within these words and extending their learning by blending the adjacent consonants too. Examples of words learnt are, **champ**, **shelf**, **fact** and **last**. These new blends will also be practised in our weekly home learning activities. The children have also learnt new tricky words, **some**, **come**, **love** and **do**.

Life Cycle of a Sunflower



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. They are working very hard to practise their letter formation and to segment words to spell them.

In Maths, this week, the children have recalled and remembered our learning about 2D shapes. They used this to discuss the names and properties of shapes. They also completed tangrams, geometric puzzles, with 2D shapes.



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.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their second PE session with Mr Walton, this week. They have continued their athletics focus by learning how to throw a shot put, discus and javelin. All children made great progress throughout the lesson. They also listened carefully to instructions and worked together to ensure everyone collected the equipment safely.



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

Mrs 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.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

This week, we have gone green and learnt all about plants. We have been exploring our school environment and looking at the different plants that grow around us. We drew detailed pictures by carefully observing them and categorised them by saying if they were wild plants or garden plants. We then used an identification key to identify and name them. We also linked our English work to our science work by writing a set of instructions on how to plant a seed. Each Key Stage 1 class now has their own plant and we shall be very interested in watching them grow over the coming weeks. We made sure that we included all of the features we needed in our instructions, including an introduction, equipment list and detailed, numbered commands. We worked really hard on these and our writing was amazing!



We have been exploring the school grounds in geography too! We have been learning about maps and our local area, starting with the school. We went on a walk around school and explored some parts of the school that we were not familiar with, including upper Key Stage 2! We then drew maps of the school building, using our experiences, memory and imagination and then compared these to real maps of the school. It was fascinating!

We have been enjoying our P.E lessons with Mr Walton. It has been lovely to be able to go out onto the school field and learn some athletics skills. We started with some sprinting techniques and used these to compete in fun relay races that used a variety of skills, including hula-hooping! Then we learnt how to throw effectively, using javelins, shot-puts and discuses. (Don't worry: they were all made of foam!) There are some very talented athletes in Key Stage 1! These lessons have been lots of fun and we are looking forward to seeing what is next.



Well done Key Stage 1. Enjoy the bank holiday and we will see you next week.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Another great week in Lower Key Stage 2! Well done Year 3 and 4, you have continued to work hard during our performance rehearsals and we are looking forward to the performances next week.



On Thursday, we had an amazing day full of Roman activities delivered by our fantastic visitor Catherine from 'History to Life', who arrived in character, dressed as a Roman called 'Flavia'. During the morning the children explored and sketched a range of artefacts. These included everyday Roman items such as bowls, beakers, pottery and money. After a short break, the three classes then split up into groups and played some Roman games including 'Knucklebone' and a board game called 'Duodecim Scripta'. We then had a go at using a reed pen and cursive script and learnt about Vindolanda tablets which are some of the oldest handwritten documents in Britain that have provided information about Roman Britain. The children also read and wrote Roman numerals. After lunch, the children suddenly became part of the Roman army and after exploring the equipment and weapons that the Romans used, we all had a go at some of the drills. They then discussed how British Celts were different to the Romans with how they fought and the equipment they had. We quickly decided that the Romans were a lot better protected and organised. The day was rounded up with a question and answer session, where they children asked some really interesting questions and showed off their fantastic knowledge about the Romans.

A massive than you to the PTA for funding this day; we all had an incredible day and a brilliant hands on learning experience. Thank you!

Our new computing topic this half term is 'Logo'. Logo is an app that uses text based coding language to control an on screen marker to create mathematical patterns and shapes. The children had a brilliant first session and learnt how to set the speed of the marker and use basic commands such as FD (forwards), RT (right), LT (left) and BK (backwards) to draw shapes. After the children had experimented with drawing their own shapes, they were given a set of instructions and tried to predict what shape they would make. They did brilliantly with their predictions and worked out the instructions given would create a set of steps, a square, the letter S and a triangle.



In French this half term, our topic is called 'Le Carnaval des Animaux' (The Carnival of Animals). The children have been learning lots of new vocabulary and learnt the French names for a variety of animals, including pets and more exotic animals like kangaroos, lions and elephants. They have also revisited numbers in French and the times of the day (midday and midnight), along with having a go at telling the time.



Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

This week, the children have been applying the features they have learnt about formal letter writing: layout, punctuation and the use of formal vocabulary for persuasion. The children have begun to write a formal letter of complaint to a local restaurant about their dissatisfaction regarding the standard of service given and the quality of food served.

This week in maths in Mr Tod's class, the Year 5s have been learning about time. They have been moving between analogue and digital time, converting between am and pm and the 24 hour clock.



In maths, Mr Bennett's maths set have been interpreting data from tables, line graphs and pie charts. They also began to construct pie charts from a set of given data and learnt how to calculate the mean.

All Year 5 and Year 6 children in Mrs Stephenson's maths group, have learnt about the angles on a straight line, around a point, within triangles and within quadrilaterals. The Year 6 children in Mrs Stephenson's maths group, have revisited mathematical concepts taught throughout the year.



In geography this week, the Year 5s investigated the climates and habitats found in Mexico. They were surprised to learn that not only does Mexico have both tropical and temperate climates, but it also has a variety of different environments and habitats.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.



Kings Coronation Pin badges



Our special commemorative Pin badges have been given out today!

If you would like an additional one – then please complete the pin badge form (already been sent out) – these will be £1 each (first come first served basis).

Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant

Thank you for all the tickets sold for our Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on Monday 22nd May 2022 at 7pm with all profits going to the school. This will be a fun night with friends or an opportunity to meet other parents/carers!



It will cost £20 per person which includes a fantastic Quiz and a delicious three course meal.

We just have a couple of tables for 4 left and 2 tables for 5 left! Please email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.

Bag2 School collection – Friday 26th May



We would love you unwanted cloths, sheets, paired shoes etc. If you are having a sort out, please do save these for us and bring them along. All money raised goes to school.

TEDDY/ SOFT TOY REQUEST

We looking for your help! Do you have lots of good quality teddies and soft toys that you don't need anymore? These will really help with some of our Summer Fair stalls. Please bring them in to school and they will really help!



Thank you!



Swimming

York City Baths Club Teaching Section has availability in their Friday sessions at New Earswick Swimming Pool. These start from 4:30pm for beginners (stage 1-4) and 5pm-6pm for advanced swimmers (stage 5-8).



For further information please contact ycbc.teachingcoordinator@gmail.com



Clare's Kitchen Cookery Club



There a few spaces left on the Cookery Club this term. Please contact **Clare** on the number shown if you wish to enrol your child/ren. Tel: **07813 182216**