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Headteacher's Message

Hello

The children have done themselves proud again this term with their engagement in lessons, doing their best and displaying positive attitudes towards a variety of learning activities. They have enjoyed working with inspiring visitors and some year groups have enjoyed visits out of school. As the term draws to a close, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to parents/ carers for your continued support and to the staff for their unwavering dedication to the children of this school.

In the summer term, several year groups are required to participate in statutory tests. These are:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening Test across the week June 12th - June 16th
- Year 2 statutory reading and maths tests across the week May 15th - May 19th
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check between June 5th and June 16th
- Year 6 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths tests: May 9th – May 12th

If you have any queries about any of these, please don't hesitate to have a chat with your child's class teacher.

Additional dates to remember next term are that school is closed on Monday 1st May for the usual May bank holiday and on Monday 8th May due to the Coronation of King Charles III.

On behalf of all of the staff, I wish everyone a wonderful Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 17th April.

Liz Clark



Sport at Ralph Butterfield School

Thank you to all the parents/ carers who have taken the time to complete the PE survey. If not, please could you spend a few minutes answering the questions by following the link <https://www.koboca.co.uk/pupilparent-survey/?q=a8a04ec7>

I am passionate to improve sporting opportunities for children at Ralph Butterfield school and wanted to make parents aware of how many clubs we have available on a weekly/ half termly basis.

The club timetable can be accessed from our school website and is changed every half term. With regards to the school sports specialist on a Tuesday, Total Sports on a Friday and York City Football, the year groups change half termly, so that each year group gets an opportunity to access different sports throughout the year.

Regards Mrs Atkinson - PE Leader.

This Week's Attendance



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

	Club	Timings	Year group/s
Mon	Football (York City FC)	3:25 - 4:30pm	Yrs 1 & 2
Tues	York Karate	8:00 - 8:45am	Yrs 1 - 3
	Rounders (PE specialist)	3:25 - 4:30pm	Yrs 3 & 4
	Cookery	3:25 - 5:25pm	Yrs 1 - 6
Weds	Tennis	3:25 - 4:30pm	Yrs 3 & 4
Thurs	Ukulele	3:25 - 4:30pm	Yrs 5 & 6
Fri	Recorder club	8:00 - 8:45am	Yrs 3 - 6
	Total Energy (Total Sports)	3:25 - 4:30pm	Yrs 5 & 6
	Hockey	8:00 - 8:40am	Yrs 3 & 4
	Netball	3:30 - 4.30pm	Yrs 5 & 6
	Gardening club	3.30 - 4.30pm	Yrs 1-6



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been 'Easter' week.

During the week, the children have enjoyed reading an age appropriate Easter story and watching a sand art retelling of the Easter story. The children have listened to this brilliantly and they had some very thoughtful questions.



The children have also enjoyed creating Easter gardens using the loose parts and using story stones/sticks puppets to retell the Easter story. The knowledge they shared at this time was fantastic and showed a great understanding of the events which Christians believe occurred at Easter time.

In Literacy, the children continued to practise and showcase their brilliant writing skills while writing a list of Easter symbols. We are very impressed with the development of the children's writing ability and their letter formation.

The children have completed phonics assessments this week, to check their understanding of the phonemes and types of words which have been practised this half-term. We are so pleased with their continued phonics ability and how this is impacting so positively on developing their reading. Hopefully, they are enjoying their reading at home too!

Numbers 1 - 20

Bingo			
18	12	13	15
17	9	3	1
20	11	19	16
6	8	7	14

In Maths this week, the children have enjoyed playing games to explore numbers to 20. These are games which you could repeat at home. The object of the game was to move up a number track by rolling the dice and counting the required number of spaces. As they moved along, the children recognised the number and told their partner; this could be practised by playing any board game like Snakes and Ladders. The children also had fun playing number bingo.

On Thursday, the children had an enjoyable day making a variety of Easter crafts. We hope you have enjoyed seeing their creations.



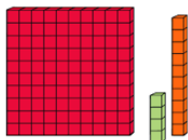
Thank you for sharing activities on Tapestry during this half-term. It has been lovely to see the children's activities outside of school. Please do continue to share Easter holiday activities. We look forward to seeing the journal entries.

Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy a restful and fun Easter holiday.

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

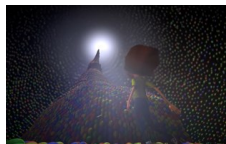


Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



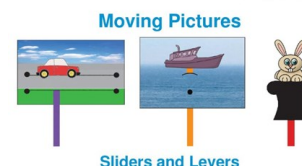
We are very proud of how the children in Key Stage 1 have worked throughout a very busy term.

In maths, we have enjoyed learning about place value. We have represented numbers in lots of different ways: with tens and ones (and even hundreds), in part-whole models and by describing the value of each digit. All of these important skills underpin our understanding of the number system and calculations. We have also continued to learn about how to read the time on analogue clocks.



This week we have been letting our imaginations fly with some English work based around the short film 'Adventures are the Pits'. In the film, a boy zips down a slide and ends up in a vast underground ball chasm! We started by thinking about magical places a slide could transport us to and described the setting he found himself in.

We have been excited about our design and technology work this week. Having learned about animal habitats previously, we designed and created pictures that included wildlife that could soar, slither and leap through the habitats thanks to moving mechanisms. We learned how to make a slider and use a split pin as a pivot to create levers; these were incorporated into our designs to make interactive moving pictures.



Well done for another successful term, Key Stage 1. Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in the summer term!

Mr Merrall, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

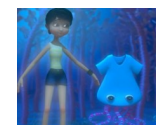


It has been another very busy and creative week in Year 3 and 4! The children began making their push along Roman Chariots using a range of skills including accurate measuring, sawing, cutting, careful and detailed drawing and colouring and using a glue gun safely. Using their pieces of wood, the children constructed a rectangular chassis and front frame for their chariot and learnt about the jinx technique as a way of providing extra strength and support to their structure. Once this was complete, the children glued axel holders to the chassis and cut two lengths of dowel, which would serve as the axels for their chariot. Alongside the construction elements of our lessons, the children referred back to their previously completed design sheets in order to carefully decorate their wooden wheels and the front and side sections. These will then be attached to complete the look of their chariot. The teachers were very impressed with the children's creativity, attention to detail and the great deal of care they have shown when colouring in their final designs. After the holidays, the children will be completing an evaluation of the whole project before, as I am sure you will be pleased to hear, bringing them home for you all to see!



Building on their knowledge and understanding of a range of different religious celebrations from previous weeks, the children were lucky enough to receive a visit from YoYo (York Schools and Youth Trust). After an exciting whole school assembly, YoYo worked with each of our classes in turn and talked to the children about why Easter is such an important part of the Christian Calendar. The children enjoyed listening to the Easter story and thought really carefully about some of the questions they were asked at different points throughout. Towards the end of the lesson, the children were given the opportunity to ask their own questions which helped to clarify and deepen their understanding of Easter. Our visitors were very impressed with all three classes and are already looking forward to visiting our school again soon.

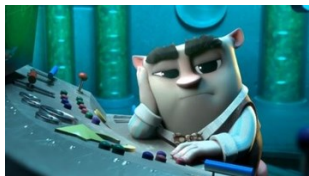
During English this week, the children have written their own stories inspired by the short film 'Something Fishy.' Their first task was to organise their story into 5 separate paragraphs: opening, build up, exciting problem, solution to the problem and the ending. Using their plan to guide them, they spent the next couple of days writing the whole story. The children worked incredibly hard on this independent task and tried their best to incorporate the key writing features they have been learning in class this term. Once the children had finished their stories, they were encouraged to use their editing skills to check their writing carefully and make corrections or changes where they felt it was necessary. The teachers are now very much looking forward to reading them all!



We just wanted to say that it has been lovely to catch up with you all during Parents' Evenings over the last two weeks and we thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We hope that all the children, and all of you, have a wonderful and well-deserved Easter holiday and that they come back refreshed and ready for all the exciting things we have planned for them in the Summer Term beginning with our production!

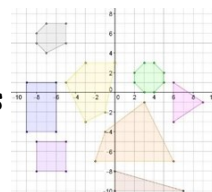
Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In our English this week, we planned and wrote our own narratives based on The Wishgranter. This piece of independent writing gave us an opportunity to use many of the grammatical features and punctuation taught this term including description, action and dialogue.

In maths, Mr Bennett's maths group have been working on reading co-ordinates and translations of shapes within the 4 quadrants. The Year 6 children in Mrs Stephenson's maths group, have also looked at translating and reflecting shapes within 4 quadrants and identifying lines of symmetry in shapes. All year 5 and Year 6 children in Mrs Stephenson's maths group have consolidated their knowledge on finding perimeters of shapes before moving on to areas of shapes after the Easter holidays.

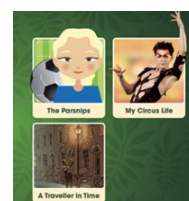


Mr Tod's maths group have been looking at squared and cubed numbers, and equivalent calculations.



This week we enjoyed our time with YoYo who were in school to work with all the classes on Understanding the Easter story. We discussed and offered our own opinions about different sections of the Easter story. We also performed small sections of the story as drama pieces.

This week, the Year 6s had a SATs marker work through last year's reading paper which the children completed in their mock tests in March. The marker highlighted particular questions whose answers required facts and evidence from the text. Advice was then given on how to accurately answer these more demanding questions.



The children in Year 5 and 6 have worked incredibly hard this term showing effort and dedication to their learning.

A quick reminder to all Year 6 parents/carers, that the Year 6 Easter packs (to provide support for your child with the upcoming assessments) have been sent home today, Thursday 30th March.

We hope that you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing you in the summer term. Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.



York Makaton Network (YMN) Summer Term 2023

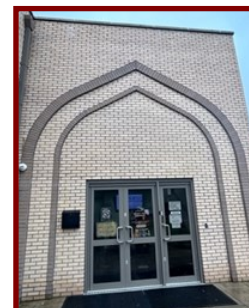
What is it?	The YMN is an informal group of education professionals across all settings who want to support Makaton users in their settings. We refresh our Makaton skills, share ideas and resources and promote best practice for those using Makaton to support their communication. Our members include staff from mainstream and special settings, staff from early years, primary and secondary settings, childminders and parents who home educate. We meet on Zoom once every half term for 1 hour. YMN is co-ordinated by a team of local Makaton Tutors.
When is it?	Summer 1 - Thursday 27 April from 4pm to 5pm Summer 2 – Tuesday 13 June from 4pm to 5pm
How do I attend?	Click here to register https://forms.gle/nAGb3NbA6iQF6PQT7 OR email any one of the following to be added to the YMN distribution list Jo Bryenton info@jbmakaton.com Shona Morgan s.morgan1@ebor.academy Julie Tarn Juliemaktontutor@btinternet.com Emma Thompson emma@handmadevoices.co.uk Emma Smith emmatiddysmith@yahoo.co.uk

PTA News




Thank you for all your support this term, we hope the children have enjoyed the events that we have run which have all been great fun and raised lots of money for school;

UV Disco	- £478
Secret Gift Room	- £723
Friday Afternoon Treat	- £79
Second hand uniform sale	- £106



We also supported the recent Year 5-6 visit to the York Mosque by paying for the two buses.

And we look forward to next term when we have the following events:

27 th April	– Film Night (Year 1-6)
22 nd May	– Quiz Night at the Parvin Restaurant – 7pm
26 th May	– Bags2School collection – 8.45am 
16 th June	– Secret Gift Room (during school day)
22 nd June	– Outdoor Summer Disco
7 th July	– Summer School Fair – 6-8pm

Please put these dates in your diary!



Please come along to our:

Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant

We have organised a 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.

There are tables of 4 and 5 (5 on a first come first served basis), so please get a table of family or friends together and join us. More details will follow but if you would like a table, please email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.

Thank you to those who have booked tickets already!





HAXBY AND WIGGINTON
METHODIST CHURCH

6.30-9.00pm

Board games both
challenging and easy and
a spot of Table Tennis!

FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMES

APRIL 21st

MAY 26th

JULY 14th

TEA, COFFEE, JUICE AND BISCUITS PROVIDED
BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES.
NO CHARGE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME

For more info contact Lorraine
Jones at families@hwmc.org.uk
07850 631168



Whole Life
Community Garden

Earth Day

Saturday 22nd April

Come along to our very first event and help make our scarecrow for the festival, have a look around the space, see our designs and ideas, and much more!

Make sure to wear
clothes for messy
activities, and
weather appropriate!
We'll be outside come
rain or shine!

Bring a picnic, or
find some food at
one of the many
local cafe's,
restaurants and
shops



When: 10am-2pm,
Saturday 22nd April
Where: Whole Life
Community Garden (find
us behind the Haxby
Group Surgery!)
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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