

Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

I hope that you have had a positive week. There have been many exciting activities taking place in school, which you will be able to read all about in this week's phase pieces. Highlights that I must mention though have been the Year 3/4 production of 'Wiz Wham Alakazam,' which gave the children opportunity to showcase their stunning acting, narrating, gymnastic and dance talent. Thank you so much to all of the children, staff and parents/carers for making such an amazing show possible.

Yesterday, it was also fabulous accompanying Class 2 (Reception) on their first visit to Haxby and Wigginton library. The children loved choosing their books and I had great fun with the scanner! We are so fortunate to be situated so close to this wonderful local facility, that is sure to help us in our ongoing mission to inspire a love of reading in all children. The National Literacy Trust describe the 'astonishing benefits' of reading to young children as providing 'comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun'.

Next week, the Year 6 children will be participating in the statutory Key Stage 2 tests. They have been working very hard in order to do the best that they can and we are really proud of them. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing them all well. It is important this weekend that they have lots of fun and relaxation.

Whether you are involved in numerous coronation activities this weekend, partying and celebrating, or simply enjoying watching the events unfold on the television, I wish everyone a wonderful weekend as we are all part of history in the making.

We look forward to seeing the children in school again on Tuesday 9th May.

Liz Clark 



Water Bottles

May we please request that you ensure your child/ren bring to school a named water bottle? As the weather will be (hopefully!) warming up, having access to water regularly is essential. **Thank you.**



Dodgeball Competition

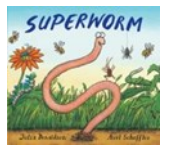


Thank you so much to the children that played in the dodgeball competition after school on Tuesday against Wigginton, Heworth and Headlands. The children stayed enthusiastic throughout and certainly had stamina to keep moving to dodge the ball. Thank you to Mr Walton for refereeing all of the games. Well done to Rosie, Kendall, Harrison, Braidy, Arthur, Ella, Evie, Molly, Reuben and George for representing the school. We were proud to come joint third.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our focus this week has been 'minibeasts that live underground'. One of our favourite themed stories has been Superworm!



During the week, the children have had an opportunity to learn about different minibeasts that spend most of their day underground. They have particularly learnt about worms, finding out where worms live. The children thoroughly enjoyed making a class wormery. This consisted of layers of soil and sand built up in a transparent container. They then went worm hunting around the school field to find worms to add to the wormery. It has been fascinating for the children to watch how the worms make tunnels through the layers. The worms have also been very hungry!

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, **were**, **here**, **little** and **says**.

In Maths, the children have practised counting on. They began by playing board games which practise this skill and then progressed onto counting on on a tens frame. Each time the children said how many they had or what number they were on and then, after counting on, they shared the number they had now. You can practise this at home by playing a game such as snakes and ladders.



The children thoroughly enjoyed their PE session with Mr Walton. As part of their athletics focus, they completed a distance run. Firstly, the children learnt how to move between two points by using a range of skills. These included, walking, fast walking, jogging, faster jogging and then running. Then the children, put their skills into action by running around a marked out track on the field. Mr Walton was particularly impressed with the children's stamina and attitude to their challenge.

Our literacy work has been linked to the coronation of King Charles III. We have enjoyed reading a selection of themed texts, including 'The King's Pants'. The children then designed another pair of pants for King Charles III and described them. For example, some pants had '**blue stripes**'. Using our current phonics knowledge this would have been written '**bloo strighps**'.



On Friday, the children learnt about and celebrated the upcoming coronation of King Charles III. They enjoyed learning about what will happen during the ceremony, reading specially written stories, baking crown biscuits, making their own king and having a coronation party together in the hall with games. This was an enjoyable day with lots of history and British knowledge combined.

We hope your sunflowers are beginning to grow. Please remember to share their growth with us on Tapestry.



Please don't hesitate to chat to us and share messages or ask questions.

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



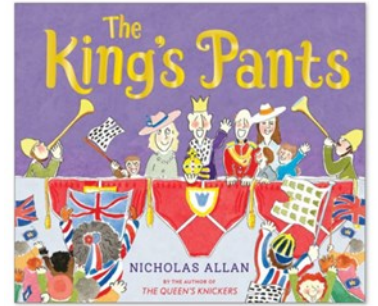
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

A busy and very royal week in Key Stage One...



All three classes had a very exciting and interesting time on Thursday as we ventured out into the village to study our local area. We started by using Google Street View to explore Haxby virtually and use positional language to describe the distances between different places and which direction we would need to travel to reach them. Then we went on a walking tour of the village. We looked at important features of our community, described their positions using the four compass points and tracked our route on a map. Whilst on our walk, we made a stop at Ethel Ward park to investigate the play equipment and how it was designed. We looked at the structures and talked about the shapes and materials and why they made them strong and safe for us to climb on. We will be using this knowledge next week to design and make our very own miniature play parks!

The excitement didn't stop there. We have been gearing up for the King's coronation this weekend. This will be a momentous and historic occasion, so we have been getting in the mood with a book called 'The King's Pants'. It was hilarious to think about someone as serious and important as the King in such a silly situation. We focussed on descriptive language and using it to write vibrant pieces to describe both the king and a setting from the story. We also wrote very special formal letters to His Majesty. We wonder if we will be lucky enough to get a royal reply?



We all enjoyed our phase coronation party too! Everyone looked amazing in their red, white and blue clothes.. perfect for playing our royal themed games, including pin the crown on King Charles!



Our athletics sessions with Mr Walton have continued this week with some long-distance running. We learned about different speeds of movement and the effect that they have on our ability to keep running. He then set us a challenge: to run laps of the field continuously for twelve minutes! For this challenge we had to use our new skills of selecting a speed that we could sustain for the whole run. It was not as easy as it sounds but there were some amazing athletes in Key Stage 1 who kept a steady pace the whole time!

We all hope that you have a wonderful weekend of celebrations and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Wow! What a wonderful week for Lower Key Stage 2! We are incredibly proud of how well all the children did during all of the performances of our production 'Wiz Wham Alakazam'. Over the last term, the children have worked extremely hard to learn their lines, identify their stage cues and learn the numerous songs. We were blown away by their enthusiasm during every performance. Well done to everyone involved! We hope you enjoyed it!



In preparation for the multiplication check, that is taking place in June, Year 4 have been continuing to practise their instant recall of all the timetables up to 12x12. Year 3 have enjoyed having the opportunity to deepen their timetables knowledge by also participating in TT Rockstar battles and competitions.

This week, we wrapped up our Roman's topic by creating a double page spread that illustrated all we have learnt about this period of time. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Roman army, chariots, Queen Boudicca, the Celts and the towns and cities built by the Romans. It was fantastic to bring some of our learning to life last week when we had a Roman visitor. The double page spreads really demonstrated how much we had enjoyed, learnt, and remembered, about this significant time in history.

On Friday, we celebrated the King's coronation with a party. During the party, we participated in lots of fun party games including pin the crown on King Charles, large scale noughts and crosses and a treasure grab. Back in the classroom, the children designed a new coin or crown for our new King.

We hope that you have a brilliant, bank holiday weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

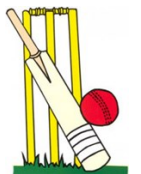


Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, which will take place this weekend, we took part in the whole school assembly and watched a film explaining the history and significance of the Coronation.

We had another exciting PE lesson this week with our PE specialist, Mr Stephenson, building on our previous cricket skills of fielding, throwing and batting. We have seen a huge improvement in these skills over the past few weeks with children listening to the advice given.



In science, Year 5 identified the different stages in the growth and development of humans and compared the gestation periods of different animals.

Year 6

Just to remind you that SATs start on Tuesday 9th May. The children are continuing to impress us with their determination and positivity during lessons. Alongside regular reading practise, we would also encourage the children to continue to refer to the maths and spelling recall sheets given out at Parents' Evening and in the Easter packs. Please make sure that your child has a relaxing weekend and comes in to school on Tuesday with a positive frame of mind to do their best.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any messages or questions.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.

PTA News



We hope all the children liked their commemorative pin badge for the coronation of King Charles III this weekend and thank you for the extra orders too. Last week we all really enjoyed the film night, which raised a wonderful £401 for school.

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend!

Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant

We can't wait for the Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 22nd May 2022**. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket, it should be a fun night!



Please don't forget that we will have a small raffle on the night too, with all money raised going to school.

Bags2 School collection – Friday 26th May



We would love your unwanted clothes, sheets, paired shoes, curtains, jewellery etc. If you are having a sort out, please do save these for us and bring them along at drop off on Friday 26th May. All money raised goes to school.

Any spare RB logo uniform? – please keep this separate and we will collect this for a second-hand uniform sale later in the year.

TEDDY/ SOFT TOY REQUEST

We are 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!





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