



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Massey

What a busy half term we have enjoyed! Parents' Evenings, visits from authors, Shakespeare rehearsals to name a few things the school has enjoyed. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term break.

If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for Covid during the first two days of the half term holidays then please email the office to advise us of this and we can then take the appropriate action. From the evening of Sunday 30th May onwards, if your child develops symptoms and test positive, then you do not need to contact us until the first day back to school to advise us that your child will not be in school until the isolation period has ended.

Well done!

Well done to all those who joined in the sponsored 5 mile challenge organised by the PTA. We managed to raise £832!! Many thanks to all who took part and/or sponsored someone. The money will be spent on equipment for children to use at playtime.

Message from our Chair of Governors

Hello. At the end of a busy summer half term, the governors want to thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support for St Barnabas and getting involved as much as you are able, in the midst of all the restrictions that have to be in place to keep everyone safe. We know it can't have been easy this year, but hope that the new style Newsletter gives you a good flavour of what is happening in the classrooms.

If you want to know more, please do chat to your child's teacher or Miss Massey, in Miss Boardman's absence.

The governors also want to thank all the staff and children for their hard work.

Wishing you a restful, fun and safe half term holiday.

Mrs Williamson (Chair of Governors).

Free educational drama, craft and interactive storytelling opportunities for parents and children

Theatre in Schools are currently running **FREE Global Storytelling sessions for children aged 4 to 12, on campus at the University of York, every Saturday until 19th June, from 2:00 to 2:45pm.**

These sessions are run in collaboration with the University's Family Network and have been planned to be Covid-secure and comply with current social-distancing requirements. Each week they will look at a folktale or story from a different country and act it out, as well as playing some fun drama games.

They are also running **FREE online craft sessions for children aged 4 to 12 every Thursday until 24th June, from 4:30 to 5:10pm.** Materials for these will be provided free of charge and will be posted or delivered to families in advance of the session.

Breakfast and After School Club update

Thank you to all parents for your patience regarding the changes to out of school club provision. We are still trying to find alternative provision to offer families and have meetings in place for the first week after half term. I am hoping we will be able to provide more of an update then.

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Nyong'o Class



Well done Nyong'o Class, we made it to half term! Everyone has worked incredibly hard on their learning this week and so we are having a treat on Friday! In Maths we have been recap-ping how to count an amount accurately, finding one more and one less and telling Mrs Dessi what all the different numbers are in her tricky challenge! We had great fun learning all about Boris the Robot in PHSE with Mrs Lennon and all drew or made some wonderful pictures/models of him! In Literacy we laughed a lot as we changed the characters in the story 'The Light-house Keeper's Lunch'! We had family members, teachers and characters from other stories that we know. We played lots of different games in Wild Wednesday - 'Hide and Seek' & 'Duck, Duck, Goose' to name a couple! We enjoyed our last gymnastics session on the apparatus today and once again everyone showed how sensible they could be and how brave they had become, climbing higher than ever before! Next half term PE will still be on a Thursday but we will be back outside doing athletics. We hope you all have a wonderful half term and can't believe we will be coming back to the children's last half term in Reception class. See you all in a week. :)

Attenborough Class

Well done on an excellent half term! This week we have been using what we have learned about The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch to create our own versions of the story with new characters and set-tings! We have had stories like The Doctor's Lunch, The Knight's Lunch and the Hedgehog Protector's Lunch! The children have worked so hard on their own stories concentrating on their handwriting and punctuation and we are so proud of them! We have also read our stories to the class and are going to make our own book with all of our stories in for us to read in our learning time.

In maths this week, we have been tackling the tricky concept of related number facts and the children have finally cracked it! We can now find all of the facts to go with a part whole model and some of us have even chosen to find facts for number sentences with much bigger numbers! We have reasoned and solved problems using our new knowledge of number facts and we have been super mathematicians this week! We have worked very hard on making some won-derful lighthouses in DT equipped with gallery deck, lantern room and brightly coloured stripes! We have learned all about the flange join and used this to join our lighthouses to their bases. We have also been learning about different posi-tions and direction using the BeeBots to practise. We created our own maze for them and used our debugging skills to fix any problems. Have a safe, happy and hopefully sunny half term and we will see you all in a week for more learn-ing about Under The Sea!

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Johnson Class



This week in Johnson, we have enjoyed stretching ourselves to a variety of different challenges! In English, we have been inspired by the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch to write our own story with lots of problems. We have had stories of llamas breaking out of enclosures to jewellery going missing! The children have absolutely loved writing their own problem stories and their imagination and writing skills have really had an opportunity to shine. Well done, everyone!

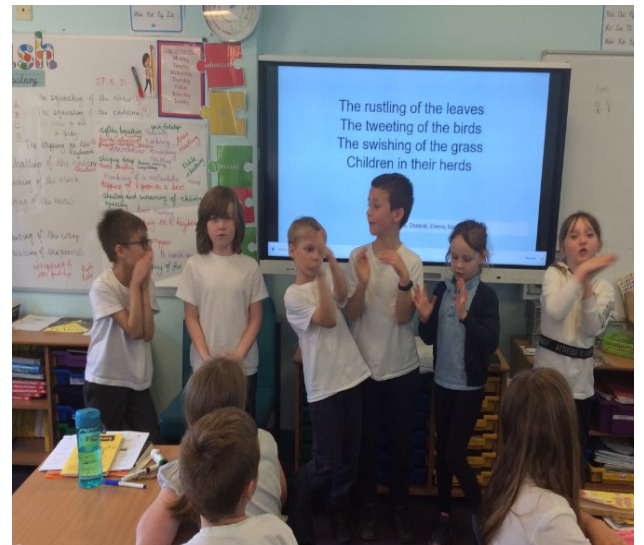
In Maths, we have further developed our knowledge of Fractions, using as many resources as possible... Including playdough! We have flattened and squished and segmented into multiple equal parts, investigating three quarters, recognising that 2 quarters is the same as a half, and counting in fractions.

We compared churches to synagogues in RE (and we were all struck by their beauty!) and used this knowledge when making our own maps in Geography when including different places of worship. In Science, we finished our topic of minibeasts, habitats, and food chains by using the Chromebooks to write fact files about a minibeast. You have all worked fantastically well with your Science knowledge this half term, Johnson class! We have also finished our dodgeball and dance for this half term and will be returning to PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children have blown Mrs Murrie and I away with their incredible dance skills over the past few weeks, and their skills on the dodgeball pitch have developed quickly and skilfully over the past few weeks.

Well done, Johnson! Time to enjoy a well-deserved half term break!

Farah Class

Farah class has been working tirelessly to improve their knowledge of fractions. We have learnt that you need to have wholes of the same size in order to compare whether one-quarter or one-half is larger or smaller. We also learned how to make the whole when a part is known.



Most excitingly, we have completed our class poem, based on Roger McGough's "The Sound Collector." Ours is called "The School Sound Collector". We then decided how best to perform poetry to bring it alive. Each table group collaborated to write and perform their own stanza to create the overall finished product! Look out on Class Dojo for our Friday performance!

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy what I hope is sunny weather!

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Kahlo Class

As the clock ticks on and the seasons change, the one constant is the effort, enthusiasm and positivity that Kahlo continue to throw into everything. We've been writing some amazing biographies about people who inspire us; including Lionel Messi, Amelia Earheart, Ariana Grande and Marie Curie. (Apparently Mr Levick wasn't inspiring enough to be written about!) We have continued to dominate fractions, and are making remarkable progress in our understanding and ability.

As if we weren't working hard enough, we've been learning even more about light and how we see, investigating what Stonehenge *might have* been used for (our favourite guess was that it was a map of the stars!) and even exploring why an author might use colour differently on the page. It has been an amazing half term, and we are SO proud of everything they have achieved. They really are amazing.



Sentamu Class

It has been assessment week for the Year 6s in Sentamu Class this week. They have worked very hard on the reading and maths papers every morning and have done themselves proud by their attitude to the tests. We are continuing to assess their independent writing skills in English lessons over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, the Year 5 have been busy with research and design tasks linked to National Bike Week next week. We hope they have been inspired to try out some of the cycle trails across the country in years to come!

In science, the children have been building models of the human eye as part of our topic on light. Here are the first stages in the models - there are still the muscles and optic nerve to add.



Linked to the theme of light, colour and the eye, we have been reading an extract from the excellent book *The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare* - a futuristic mystery story about a boy who cannot see any colours.

We hope all the children have an enjoyable half term holiday and we look forward to seeing them all in June when hopefully there will be a massive improvement in the weather!