



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Massey

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful weather.

We have many exciting things happening in school this half term., see the below dates for your diaries. Please note as current restrictions stand and the rise of the Delta variant, we will be unable to invite parents to the sports day, but we will be sure to share lots of photos with you.

With the lovely warmer weather, please can you ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school and ensure they wear a sun hat and bring a water bottle
Many thanks

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 16th June– YOYO Prayer and Reflection spaces day

Monday 21st June– Theatre Royal in filming Shakespeare n Year Six

Thursday 15th July– Sports Day

Thursday 22 July– Year Six Leavers Service

Friday 23rd July– Break up **1.30pm**



The National School Breakfast

Programme has launched its breakfast at home area on the family action website, where you will find lots of information and advice on providing low cost, nutritious daily breakfast at home.

Need some tips for a stress free healthy breakfast? See www.family-action.org.uk/breakfastAtHome

Breakfast and after school club update

I wanted to give you an update regarding the out of school hours clubs at St Barnabas following the closure of the trust run club at the end of this year.

I have been trying to find a solution for the school and ways to be able to offer something for families who need this offer.

We have approached local schools to see if we can join their BC and ASC, have had many meetings with York Council to see if there are other avenues for out of school club care. Unfortunately these routes have not been successful.

York council have also run a recruitment drive to find childminders for the area. If you are anyone you know could be interested in this opportunity, please see the details on the last page of this newsletter.

I am in the process of talking to local councillors to see if they can support us.

I will keep you updated on any further developments.

Walk to school week

We would like to encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school during "Walk to School Week", and leave the car at home. Active travel to and from schools is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about the local environment and develop their road awareness skills. Leaving the car at home also keeps the air around schools clean, which is important as children are more susceptible to the harmful effects of pollution. Please join us if you are able to.

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Nyong'o Class



A great first week back, some super listening and learning - well done Nyong'o Class!

We started our week off with some tricky addition but everyone persevered amazingly well and overcame the challenge! We were very excited to welcome the snail and the whale from the story into our class this week and set about enthusiastically retelling the story and drawing or making some amazing places that they could visit. On Wild Wednesday we learnt all about 'camouflage' and tried to spot the cleverly hidden animals hiding in the wild. We then took our own animals (plastic!) outside and tried to find the best place for them to be camouflaged. This caused great excitement and the loss of three animals but we all had a lot of fun! PE this term is athletics, (getting us ready for Sports Day) and we thoroughly enjoyed all the different races that Mr Scaling had set up for us. In PSED with Mrs Lennon we listened to the song 'These are a few of our favourite things' from the Sound of Music and then talked about all our favourite things. Later in the week we will be thinking about which are our favourite stories (linked to RE) and having our first go at Country Dancing!



Attenborough Class

Attenborough have had an excellent return to school and have been very welcoming to Ms Stacey who will be in our class until the end of the year. We have begun to learn all about blue whales this week and have learned many interesting facts! Our favourite fact was that a blue whale's tongue is the size of an elephant! We have started our own research all about blue whales and begun to plan our non-chronological reports which we will be writing next week. We have also had many creations themed around the ocean this week including ocean cleaner machines and submarines in the construction area, paintings of blue whales and David Attenborough in the art area, models of houses for whales and other sea creatures in the block and small world area and even some maths trying to measure how long the whale is on our playground! The children have really enjoyed finding out about the whales.

In maths this week we have begun to learn about numbers to 50 and how they can be represented. We have been making numbers using tens and ones, matching these up to the numbers and having a go at writing these numbers as words. The children have really remembered how numbers are made up of some tens and some ones and applied this to their learning of bigger numbers.

The children have worked very hard this week in the very hot weather! Well done Attenborough class!



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Johnson Class

Welcome back, everyone! We've hit the ground running this week, from shape in Maths to dairies in English. We even had Amy Johnson herself visit the classroom and the children all asked her questions about her journey... Unfortunately, Miss Swan just missed her! We then pretended we were Amy Johnson and asked each other questions about the grand journey. We spent our History lesson researching Amy Johnson's grand journey even further, finding interesting facts about her bottle-green plane called Jason, how long it took her to fly to Australia (19 days!), and what she did after her famous trip. We are now Amy Johnson experts.

In Maths, we have been polishing up our knowledge of shapes and have thoroughly enjoyed our "guess the shape" game. We also used mirrors to find out lines of symmetry, looked into patterns, and compared 2D and 3D shapes.

We have also started our new topic of Tennis in PE and we were all incredibly careful over our tennis rackets and balls, making sure to stand in the correct stance and dribble the tennis ball with expert skill around the cones. In RE we compared Judaism and Islam to Christianity and began to see similarities and differences between what is special to all three religions.

We have had a fantastic week back! Thank you ever so much for your hard work this week, Johnson!

Farah Class

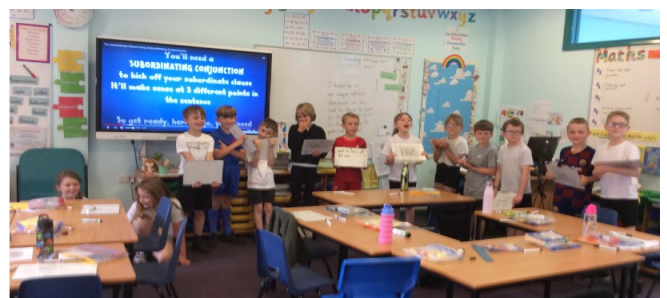
Despite the heat, Farah class has been working so incredibly hard, learning all about non-unit fractions and different ways we can write a fraction. For example, if the whole is 9 counters and three are red and six are blue, we can say that $\frac{3}{9}$ ths are red, or we can put them in groups of 3 and say that $\frac{1}{3}$ is red!

How clever are we?!

In English, we are working towards writing a setting description about a Stone Age theme. To help us prepare for that, we have been learning all about prepositions to say where the woolly mammoth is in relation to its setting. We went outside and stood behind, in front, beside, underneath different items.

Although it is difficult, we are also looking at using subordinate conjunctions and how we can move a sentence around with the main and subordinate clause! Here is a picture of us finishing off a main clause Ms Graystone gave us with our own subordinate conjunction and adding our own funny ending.

Here are some of our examples: It is nearly lunchtime, **but** not until the teacher says so! Mr Scaling teaches us PE on a Thursday, **as** we need to exercise.

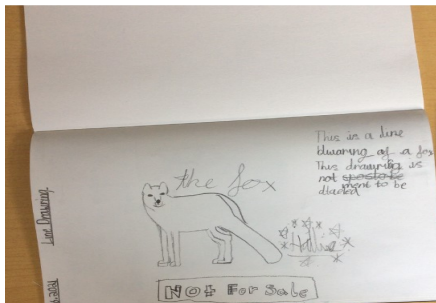


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Kahlo Class



In the history of half terms, there has never been a better week than the one that Kahlo has had. Everyone has returned with smiles on their faces, brains engaged and exceptional ready, respectful and safe behaviour. It has been a real privilege to captain the ship of Kahlo Class this week, and long may it continue. We've managed lots of outdoor learning this week, which we have loved - and hopefully we'll be able to continue if this gorgeous weather remains!

Our English has been filled with spooks and shocks, as we begin to write our suspense stories, whilst Maths continues to show our dominance over those pesky fractions. In Reading, we read loads about D-Day and also found out what happened next in Podkin One-Ear. Kahlo's creativity has blown me away, as we began our new art unit, looking at Stone Age cave paintings, whilst our computing allowed us some very grown up discussions around internet safety and spam. Overall, a **fantastic** week for Kahlo!



Sentamu Class

Welcome back to a glorious final half term! Sentamu Class has been incredibly busy this week. We have had our second visit from Julian Ollive from York Theatre Royal to see how the final preparations for our performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream are going. We intend to do a dress rehearsal next Tuesday (15th June) so please could you make sure your child brings in their outfits on that day? Mrs Bruce and I will be making the foliage headbands for the fairies the night before filming on 21st June so there is no need for you to make one of these.

If you did not see the Dojo message I sent last week, here is the link to get tickets for the film showings on Tuesday 29th June at York Theatre Royal: <https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/york-associate-schools-a-midsummer-nights-dream/>

Tickets cost £2 each and the children will also need to buy tickets.

We have been looking at film techniques in English including how the soundtrack and different types of film shot add meaning to a performance. This will help us to direct the cameraperson on filming day!

In science, we have started our latest topic "Changes in Humans from Birth to Old Age". The class spent some time looking at my own children's red books - the Personal Child Health Record - and so they may ask to see their own. They were highly amused that one of my daughter's early words was "poo"!

The fantastic sunny weather this week has allowed us to get highly competitive in a rounders match and to begin athletics with Mr Scaling. Our maths work on converting units of length came in handy when converting the standing jump measurements from metres to centimetres.

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Childminder recruitment - Could you offer childcare to children living in the Leeman Road area of York?

Registered childminders are professional childcarers who work in their own homes to provide care and education for other people's children. They are registered and inspected by OFSTED. There are currently approximately 130 childminders registered in the city of York.

Registered childminders are self employed and are responsible for their own tax and National Insurance. They are not "employed" by parents but negotiate a contract for their service for which they charge a fee. It is important to remember that all childminders need to have an inclusion policy that ensures that every child's needs are met.

Why should I consider becoming a childminder?

Childminding is a rewarding career, and provides opportunities for developing new skills and qualifications.

Childminding provides you with the opportunity to:

- *Contribute to children's development and learning*
- *Run your own business*
- *Work from home*
- *Provide a valuable service for your local community*
- *Develop new skills and qualifications*

How do I become a childminder?

It is a big decision to become a childminder so it is important you have all the facts and make an informed decision. To help you to do this:

Book onto a **free** information session. To register your interest visit the [YorOK Childminding](#) page and complete the online form. Alternatively for more information contact EYCqualityimprovement@york.gov.uk or call 01904 554444.

Prospective childminders may also need to complete an initial childminder training course before registering with Ofsted. This can be undertaken online through various providers.