



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Message from Miss Boardman

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter of this new school year. I am really impressed with how well the children have settled back into school, are working hard and behaving well.

I hope you enjoy finding out what each class has been up to over the last week.



Our Harvest celebration at church this morning was very special, especially as it is almost two years since our last school service in church. The children sang beautifully and joined in enthusiastically. We all enjoyed looking at the vast array of items on the Harvest Display. Thank you for your generous contributions for the Leeman Road and York Food Bank.

Dates for your Diaries

Stay and Learn

We will be re-starting our Stay and Learn sessions in the next few weeks. This is an opportunity for parents to spend some time with your child in their lesson to find out more about what and how they are learning.

These sessions will usually last between 20-30 minutes. After dropping off your children please sign in at the main entrance and you will be taken to the classroom.

In order to be Covid safe please:

- Do not enter school if you have covid-19 symptoms
- Wash or sanitise your hands after signing in
- Wear a mask as the classroom is a crowded place

We also encourage you to take a lateral flow test before coming into school.

Doors and windows in the classroom will be open to maximise ventilation.

The dates of the sessions are below:

Tues 5th Oct 8:55am— Attenborough Class

Wednesday 6th Oct 8:55am - Farah Class

Friday 8th Oct 8:55am - Johnson Class

Monday 11th Oct 8:55am - Kahlo Class

Tuesday 12th Oct 2:30pm—Nyong'o Class

We look forward to seeing you.

Thursday 7th October is National Poetry Day. To celebrate this, each class will be performing a poem to the rest of school in assembly. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall at 9am.

Friday 8th October will be a non-uniform day (£1 donation) and cake sale after school. We will have five non-uniform days over the year to raise money for school funds. Please pay the donation of £5 for the year on Parent Pay. Kahlo class please bring cake donations on this day.

Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October**. We are thinking of offering a choice of remote or face to face meetings but would like to know your preferences. Please click [here](#) to complete this short survey (by 1st Oct.).

We hope you will be able to join the [PTA AGM](#) in school at 2pm on **Wednesday 6th October**.

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Nyong'o Reception class

We've had a fantastic first few weeks exploring the areas in our classroom and outdoor area. Our interests have included making monster trucks in the



outdoor area and baking cupcakes and spaghetti bolognese in the sand kitchen. In role play, we have looked after

babies, spent lots of time on the telephone and created a cafe. We have also built structures and models of all shapes and sizes, and read many books in both our book nooks.

We have been working hard at recognising our names and learning to read and write our new sounds in phonics using rainbow



writing. We love watching Geraldine the Giraffe find new sounds, as well as playing musical statues and phonics games on the interactive whiteboard.



On Wild Wednesday, we played lots of hide and seek

and learned how to ensure sticks were the same length or shorter than our arms. We then enjoyed finding out more about length this week, using Firecracker and his friends to compare length using the vocabulary short, shortest, long and longest.



Attenborough, year 1



This week the Y1 children have been busy finishing our super story about 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We have been practising using the phonic sounds y, z and qu and writing sentences. In maths, we have been adding one more and subtracting one less from numbers practically, using pictures and even writing calculations.

In our child-led areas of the classroom, children have enjoyed making their own skygardens with the craft equipment and they have also been challenged to 'make a boat that floats' - this links to our Science materials topic and we will be testing these very soon.

As well as our days of the week, months of the year and lots of counting songs, we are also learning about the continents through song and we are learning the Michael Rosen poem 'Don't' for Poetry Day. We are proud to celebrate lots of names on our tree of recognition for showing our school value respect this week. Well done super Y1!

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Johnson, year 2/3

Another great week for Johnson class! The children have all really settled in well and are eager to learn. This week we have had the pleasure of visiting St Barnabas Church for a Harvest Festival celebration



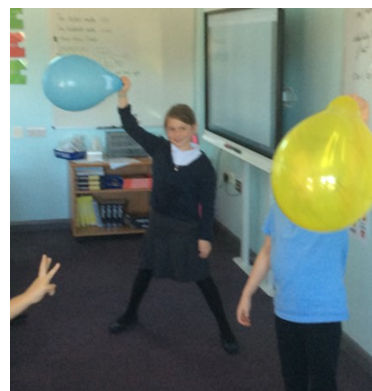
where we were amazed by all your kind donations.

In class, we have been looking at number lines in maths and how these can help us with our addition and subtraction problems. We have been doing a lot of reading and phonics practice and have also started reading Jack and the Beanstalk in English. We discussed what makes a fairy tale and have started to talk about character descriptions.

In Science we continue to look at everyday materials and their properties, in IT we looked at different computers and their use in school and in Geography we have explored directional language and its use in giving directions. The children have also produced some fantastic shaded and tonal artwork with Mrs Lennon which they really enjoyed.

Farah, year 3/4

What a busy week! Not only are we learning to run long distances and pace ourselves, we've also managed to learn about Solids, Liquids and Gasses. Can you work out which properties of matter we focussed on this week?



We've also started to use our mapping skills to use an Atlas to find the Rivers of the UK. We labelled them and discussed why cities seem to be built near rivers.

Whilst nowadays we know the Ouse for flooding and river trips.... was it the same in the past?

Our English focus is character descriptions, starting with Pippi Longstocking which is our new whole class novel. We study it twice a week and are starting to really gather clues and evidence to support our view of Pippi!



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Kahlo, year 5/6

Kahlo are off to a fabulous start this year, and throwing themselves into every lesson, challenge and task that comes their way. I have been really impressed with their maturity, resilience and humour as we've battled some pesky SATs questions, some tricky maths and persuasive campaign writing. I genuinely think there's a future Barack Obama or Ada Lovelace amongst us!



Elsewhere, we have been investigating if materials dissolve and if temperature effects the rate of dissolving, learning all about Brazilian ecosystems, designing microbits to work as compasses, thermometers and pedometers, as well as dancing our hearts out. We also took a visit down to Nyong'o class, to show what great leaders we can be and help them with their computing lesson! All in all, a fantastic week, and I could not be happier!



Other News and reminders

- Thank you to everyone who has returned their Student Update Form. If you haven't done it yet please check it and return it to your child's class teacher or the school office.
- Flu nasal spray vaccination letters have been sent out. Please respond on line. If you're having difficulties responding please see Mrs. Wilson in the office who can help.
- Year R. Letters welcoming you to the national Healthy Child Screening have been sent out. Please contact the office if you've not received one.
- Year 6. Letters updating you on the national Healthy Child programme have been sent out. Please contact the office if you've not received one.
- Year 6. Letters about applications to secondary school have been sent out. Please contact the office if you've not received one as applications need to be made by 31st October. <https://www.york.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions>

