



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman



Thank you for your support for Children in Need today with our non uniform day. The children all look great. The link to make a donation can be found on Parent Pay.

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day in our Worship time. Thank you for your support with the poppy appeal.



Well Done Kahlo Class!

We have loved seeing the photos and hearing the stories from the Y5/6 residential to Robinwood this week. The children have shown great courage, team work and resilience taking part in activities that pushed them out of their comfort zone. I was so proud to hear how the children encouraged and supported each other.

A prompt start to school

The number of children ready to go into school at 8:45am has really improved this week. Thank you for your support with this. It really helps the children with their learning and development when they have a smooth start in the morning.

New Deputy Headteacher

As you may recall, we held interviews for our new Deputy Head a few weeks ago. Ms Rachel Pena-Harran will take up this role from January 2022. She currently works in a York school and is really looking forward to joining our school. She has been over to visit this afternoon and will be coming over another few times before Christmas to start to get to know the children.

Water only please!

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing juice in their water bottles. Please ensure that children only bring in water. If there are specific reasons that your child needs something other than water please speak to your child's teacher.

Fidget toys

There are a number of children bringing fidget toys and items into school. We understand that these are a real benefit for some children however this needs to be written into a specific support plan for your child. If you feel that your child needs to have one of these, please make an appointment with the class teacher or SEN-Co, Carolyn Ray. Thank you.

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Dates For Your Diaries

Friday 19th November—Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos. If you have pre-school siblings, please arrive from 8:15am through the hall fire doors. All school aged siblings will have photos together during the morning.

Christmas events

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December at 1:30pm: Christmas Carol Service at St Barnabas Church.

We will not be doing a separate nativity this year. Instead, each class will do a short performance as part of the carol service.

Friday 17th December:

- Party day at school with a party themed lunch —wear party clothes.
- School closes for Christmas Holidays at 3pm

Wednesday 5th January 2022: School re-opens

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We offer the following sessions every day:

Breakfast Club £4.75

After School Club Full Session 3pm to 6pm
£7.50

After School Club Early Bird Session 3pm to 5pm £5

Coming soon - Christmas Craft Evenings

All now payable and bookable on parent pay. If you haven't activated your parent pay account, please contact the school office on 01904 555152 or stbarnabasprimary@york.gov.uk for an activation letter.

School Dinners

We would like to thank all the parents that have enquired about the new way to order on parent pay and I hope we have been able to help and ease some of your initial concerns.

We will trial this new system until we break up for Christmas. I will send a google form out to get your feedback and then together we can make the decision if to keep this new way of ordering. Thank you.

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Nyong'o Class —Reception

This week in Nyong'o Class we have thoroughly enjoyed starting to learn about labelling centred around space, building models of rockets to send Ted to space in instead of his cardboard box. In Maths we were starting to look at number bonds to ten. learning about groups of numbers 'how many do we have? In Literacy we learnt about how to label and hear the initial sounds in words. Miss Ross and I were so happy with the models the children had made and how they were able to label them. On Wild Wednesday we went on an 'Minibeast hunt' and looked for as many little creatures as we could in the school grounds. The children found a little slug in the water tray and named him 'Mr Slug'

Miss Curry is currently off school until at least 26th November. Mrs Davison, who is a qualified teacher and currently works as a teaching assistant in Year 1 will cover Nyong'o class.

Attenborough - Year 1

This week we have begun our new class story 'The tiger who came to tea'. The children are very excited by this and have also been keen to role play in our brand new kitchen area within the classroom - we have a tiger sitting at our dining table!

We have been practising using the phonic sounds air, ear and ur practising using the tricky words 'are' and 'was' we have been writing sentences using these sounds. In maths, we are focusing on number bonds. We have been understanding parts and whole and using models to support and writing number sentences using the addition symbol.

We have been recognising our similarities and differences in PSHE, recognising human and physical features in Geography and we continue to learn new songs and enjoy our yoga cosmic adventures. In PE, the children are continuing to improve their football skills.

We are proud to celebrate lots of names on our tree of recognition for showing teamwork this week and we are showing this in lots of different ways.



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Johnson Class—Year 2

Another great week in Johnson class where all the children have tried incredibly hard. They're certainly ready for the weekend!

This week, the children have been working with two digit subtraction in maths using different methods and various resources to secure their knowledge. The children have been fantastic in English, where we have looked at the poet Benjamin Zephaniah and his various forms of 'rap poetry'. Everyone has been excited to learn about the way words can make us feel and they are looking forward to expressing this when it comes to writing their own poetry later next week.

In science, we have looked at seasonal changes which runs alongside our DT topic, which is seasonal fruit and vegetables. We are also exploring digital photography where the children have been outdoors taking photographs on their iPads. We will be learning all about composition next week to see if we can improve our photos.

In History, we are beginning to look at the great fire of London and in PSHE we are discussing and celebrating our differences.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Farah –Class—Year 3 & 4

Unsurprisingly, it has been another incredibly busy week for Team Farah! In Year 4/ We have been learning about using adverbs to enhance our writing as well as putting the finishing touches to our marvellous non-chronological reports about Rivers. Well done to all the children for persevering to create such wonderful work.

In Maths, Year 4 have been learning to use measurements in cm, mm and metres, using rules and tape measures. We have then converted different measurements. We learned Mr Smith is 192 cm which is 1m 92 cm.

Our new History topic is The Romans. There is a re-enactment of the Romulus and Remus myth/legend. Here, Romulus beat Remus so he could rename the city they built: Rome!



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Khalo Class—Year 5 & 6

It has been a fantastic week in Kahlo Class, filled with excitement and wonder. We had a fantastic time at Robinwood. The staff there were incredibly impressed by the children's behaviour, confidence, team work and resilience, and a huge well done needs to go to the children for being great ambassadors for the school. Whilst at Robinwood, we took part in some amazing activities, including archery, canoeing, rock climbing, caving and the piranha pool to name but a few. Everyone put their all into everything, and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

Those of us who didn't go to Robinwood had the privilege to work with Farah Class. Ms Graystone was very complimentary of the children's behaviour and effort, so a well done to those pupils too! Overall, a really great (and tiring!) week and one that will definitely be remembered for a long time to come.



This week is York Interfaith Week with various events taking place across the city.

Please see the flyer for more details.
<https://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/York-Interfaith-Week-Programme-Leaflet-2021-updated-11.11.21.pdf>

Tomorrow families are invited to take part in some tree planting, meeting at school .

Further information below

Sat 13th November 11am to 1pm 'Tree Loving Care' –Clifton Bridge area. Visit to the Interfaith Tree site to do our first clear up since 2019. Anyone can come along, including children, to help take care of our Interfaith Trees. Meet St. Barnabas C of E Primary School car park at 11am. Please email york-interfaithgroup@gmail.com or Tel: 07761 762 967 or volunteer on Just-Serve.org.
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/97fb0ccc-2fb7-4832-a10a3c92aa6b7378>