



School Newsletter

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Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Message from Miss Boardman

I was very proud of our KS2 Dance Club who took part in the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival last weekend. We all really enjoyed their performance in Celebration Assembly today. Fantastic work dancers!



A prompt start to school

There has been a further improvement of the number of children ready to go into school at 8:45am this week. Well done and keep trying!

Please Park Safely!

For everyone's safety please do not park on the pavements or double yellow lines on the school drive.

Thank you for your positive feedback about the new system for ordering lunches. Please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Cook in the office if you need some assistance.

Dates For Your Diaries

Christmas events

Wednesday 15th December:

- Christmas Dinner—wear Christmas jumpers

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:

- Santa will be visiting St Barnabas and will read the children a Christmas story. They will also be given a small gift.
- Christmas Parties with a party themed lunch, Please come to school in party clothes.
- School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 3pm

Wednesday 5th January:

- School reopens at 8.45am

We are asking for a £3 donation, payable on parent pay for all the Christmas activities. They will get to see Santa and leave with a small gift, Christmas parties hosted by Dj Ollie and the children will also be watching an online pantomime by Riding Lights Theatre Group.

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Stay and Learn

Come and find out what and how your child is learning on the dates below:

- Nyong'o class : Thurs 9th December 2:30pm
- Attenborough Class: Mon 6th Dec 8:45am
- Johnson Class: Thurs 9th Dec 8:45am
- Farah Class: Tues 7th Dec 8:45am
- Kahlo Class: Friday 10th Dec 8:45am

The sessions usually last 20-30 minutes. Please come to the main entrance to sign in.



Reading News

There are lots of exciting changes coming up in Reading. We are introducing a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle and hopefully the children will be bringing home their new reading books at the end of next week. They will have practised these in school so will be able to show off their fluency and how they can read with expression. We will be sending home more information next week and signposting resources for parents.

We are going to be using a new way of recording reading from Year 2, called Go-Read. You will be able to log your child's reading via an app that we can also access in school. No more worrying about lost reading records! We will be sending more information home next week.

We found out this week that we have been fortunate enough to win a grant from the Siobhan Dowd Foundation for Advent books. We will be getting 24 new books and are hoping to hold some events to share them with parents so keep an eye out for dates.



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

Christmas Craft Evenings:

- Thursday 9th December
- Thursday 16th December

Why not leave your child with us to enjoy our Christmas craft activities in after school club whilst you enjoy a bit of late night shopping. Book your space now via parent pay.



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.

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Nyong'o Class —Reception

It has been an amazing week in Nyong'o class this week. We have been super busy! This week we have been learning the z, qu and ch sounds in phonics and we have been doing some beautiful writing of our tricky words. In literacy we started reading our new topic story 'The Polar Express' and we thoroughly enjoyed discussing the journey that the little boy goes through on Christmas Eve. Both me and Miss Ross have been amazed at all the brilliant story maps of his adventure and the labelling the children have added to them using their phonic sounds. In maths this week, we learnt all about the number 8 and how subtraction works. During our Wild Wednesday session we enjoyed building a den for a hedgehog who needed a safe place to hibernate. For our Understanding the World learning, we have looked at different ways we can travel such as a car, bus and train and which mode of transport we would want to use if we were going on a journey like the boy in our story. Many children voted for a tractor, car or hot air balloon! Finally our week finished with our school photos and they did a brilliant job!



Attenborough - Year 1

This week we have been developing the actions to the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and have re-read the story many times ready to draw and then write our story maps. The children are still enjoying our kitchen role play area and have written invitations to the tiger to come again for tea.

We have been missing a lot of children due to ill health and I will continue to remind the children to hand wash frequently and cough into their elbows. We will continue to have windows open even in the cold weather as per guidance so best to add an extra vest onto your child if they get cold!

We have been revisiting some of our recent phonics this week and the children have been sorting sounds and writing sentences using these.

In maths, we are learning about subtraction and parts of numbers. Children are using part-whole models and number sentences to represent their understanding and we are using mathematical apparatus to help with the representation.

We have been using the laptops, printing our own number lines using lego bricks, learning about the oceans of the world and human and physical features in Geography. In PE, the children are continuing to improve their football skills. In the DT picture below, children are making pictures with a sliding mechanism.

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

Mrs Bruce and Mrs Shannon have had a great week getting to know the children and seeing what they can do.

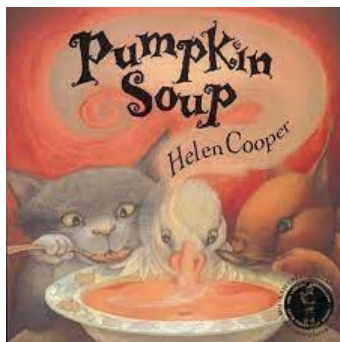
We have started a new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, this week and have been looking at the phase 5 sounds and practising blending fluently. In maths, we have continued working on subtraction and learned how to solve calculations by drawing representations of the equipment.

We have looked at the story Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper this week and used it for some English writing as well as reading. It is a lovely book about friendship and cooperation. We have also looked at using commas in lists and speech punctuation. The book linked well to our Science and DT work on seasonal changes and food.

On Monday we had a walk around the field looking for signs of Autumn. We found different coloured leaves, the husks of conkers and we were very excited to see different types of mushrooms.

In History we continued our work on the Great Fire of London.

Please make sure the children have PE kits in school on Thursdays as they are playing football outside with Mr Scaling and having a PE lesson in the hall.

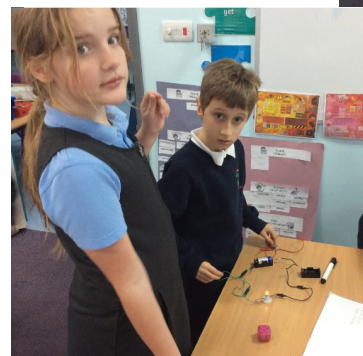


Farah –Class—Year 3 & 4

Team Farah have worked incredibly hard again this week! In Maths, we have been learning to convert metres to centimeters, centimetres to millimetres and back again! Our brains have been stretched!!!!

In English, we started our new class novel, "Nim's Island" and are learning what a wonderful setting description looks like for when we write our own.

Finally, in History we have been learning more about the Romans and how the Empire's ruling structure came about (first there were Kings, then the Republic, then the Empire) and building Circuits. We learned about the components of a simple circuit and tried to get a light bulb to light up!!



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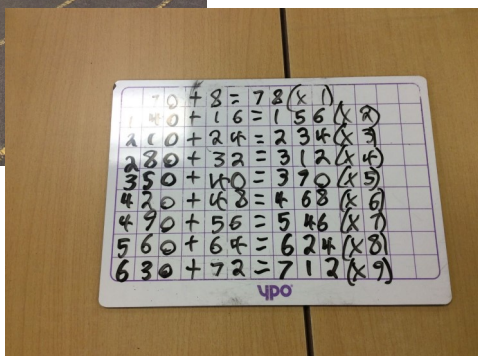
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Kahlo Class—Year 5 & 6

As we come to the end of another week, I find myself amazed at the courage, compassion and creativity that Kahlo Class show day in, day out. This week has been a tricky one, but we've all banded together to work as one big team and really help each other out.

In maths, we've grappled with pesky long division and have definitely come out on top. Our reading has focused on speeches, and we've been really inspired by both Greta Thunberg and Emmeline Pankhurst. This week's writing sessions have culminated in us writing non-chronological reports all about Roman mythology, and they are bursting with amazing techniques and wonderful vocabulary.

Elsewhere, we've been honing our football and badminton skills; learning all about the 'protected characteristics'; doing lots of hand-writing to make sure our handwriting is perfect; researched Julius Caesar; and even had time to squeeze in some Spanish. It's been a full on week, but we've risen to the occasion and I am so proud of them all!



Dance Festival

On Sunday 14th November, 14 of our wonderful KS2 children, from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival. Due to Covid, instead of one full day of performances, the 1200 children participating were split into 4 groups across two weekends.



St Barnabas' has a long tradition of taking a team to the event and as soon as we were invited to take part, we jumped at it! Drew and Hannah, from York Dance Space worked together with the Dance Club to create their performance under the theme "The Power of Together". Our inspiration was from the film "Coco" and entitled "La dia de las muertes (The Day of the Dead)". Every single child shone and delivered their part to perfection in front of an audience of hundreds at York University. We also go to watch the other 6 schools and colleges perform. We were incredibly lucky to be inspired by some specialist Dance Colleges.

On Friday, 19th November, the Dance Club delivered their show-stopping performance to the whole school and families during our Celebration Assembly! They are now preparing a Christmas Dance. **If any KS2 child would like to join in, (each Tuesday 3-4pm until Christmas) please let Mrs Cook in the office know.**

A huge well done to all involved and for all the support getting the children to the event. Finally, in the words of Strictly... "KEEP DANCING!"

Photos are available to buy from them directly at the link below:

[YSDF 2021 by Studio8Photography \(pixieset.com\)](https://www.pixieset.com/YSDF2021)

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