



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

Welcome back to the Autumn 2 half term. I hope that you all had a lovely break.



The children have made a great return to school and have been busy with lots of exciting learning as you will see when you read on. The children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have settled really well and made a fantastic start in their new morning groups.

This week, Maxine Squire, the Assistant Director for Education, spent the morning in school and visited classrooms. She was very pleased to see how the children were getting on with their learning.

It was fantastic to welcome back parents to our Celebration Assembly today. I hope you enjoyed hearing about the children's wonderful achievements. Parents are now invited to this weekly on Fridays at 2:30pm. Please wear a mask and don't attend if you have Covid symptoms.

Have Fun Kahlo Class!

Next week most of the children in Kahlo class will be taking part in a 3 day residential to Robinwood Activity Centre. I'm sure they will all have the most amazing time and we look forward to hearing all their stories when they return.

As we are approaching Remembrance Day, poppies will be available during next week in school for a suggested donation of 50p.



Dates For Your Diaries

- Friday 12th November—Non uniform day for Children in Need. We ask children to dress up in clothes that will make us smile. Please make a donation to Children in Need on the ParentPay link.
 - 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.
 - Friday 17th December—School closes for Christmas Holidays
 - Monday 3rd January— School reopens
- We are planning our Christmas events. Dates will follow in the next few weeks.

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A prompt start to the day



I have been quite shocked this week to see the number of children arriving at school after the bell has been rung for the start of the day. This morning I counted 25% children who came onto the playground after the class had gone in.

The bell is rung at 8:45am to signal the start of the day. At this time, we expect children to be lined up, ready to walk into school and start their day.

Having a prompt start means that children can settle into class and begin their learning together.

Please do your best to ensure that children are ready for the start of the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

New Office Manager

Welcome to Mrs Sarah Cook who has started as our new office manager this week. She is looking forward to getting to know you all.

Out of School Club



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

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.

Communication Issues

These have now been resolved. Our main methods of communication are Parent Pay and Class Dojo.

Coming Soon — School Facebook page

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Johnson Class—Year 2

This week year 2 have advanced their mathematical knowledge by exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction. We have discovered that addition and subtraction are the inverse of each other and given one number sentence we can now rearrange the numbers to write three other number sentences.

In English we have been building our writing stamina by writing recounts of stories we know, things we have done and book reviews.

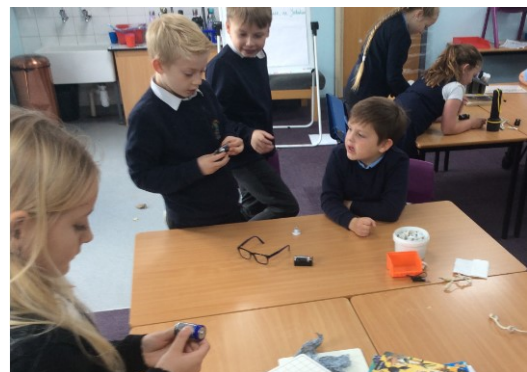
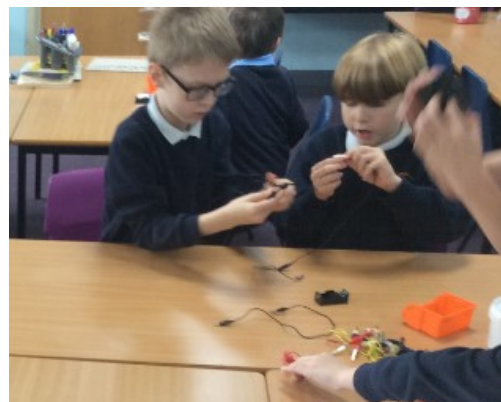
We are particularly excited to have started a topic in history on The Great Fire of London. We have learnt the story of what happened and we then had a lively debate about who was responsible! While there were a few votes for Charles II (because he was in charge of protecting the city) we laid the blame squarely at the feet of Thomas Farrinor the baker!

Our new topic in science this half term is seasonal changes and we began the topic by exploring outside to identify changes and listing similarities and differences with other seasons.

Farah –Class—Year 3 & 4

We have started our new half term with lots of energy! In Year 4 maths, we have learned how to subtract in columns, even visiting the exchange shop! We are trying to finalise our non-chronological report on rivers, using exciting language and interesting facts to hook in our audience.

In Science this week, Year 3 & 4 began their topic on Electricity. We started off by exploring different components of circuits and had a conversation about how things are powered: batteries, mains electricity or both! We even moved into conversations about electric cars and charge points to help the environment!



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Khalo Class—Year 5 & 6

Kahlo Class have been working incredibly hard this week, and have made a great start to the half term. Whether its been tackling tricky multiplication calculations, reading all about Dia de los Muertos or analysing non-chronological reports, they have put their all into everything.

Elsewhere, we have learnt about the artist and sculptor Anish Kapoor, looked at the history of electricity in our science lessons, began both football and badminton in PE and started our journey learning all about the Romans.

Overall, a really great week. Next week, most of us will be heading to Robinwood, and we are all very excited. Please make sure you have read all of the documentation that has been sent out, so that we are all ready for an amazing 3 days away.

