



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

I have seen some excellent reading this week: children reading the new phonic based books are quickly improving in their fluency and accuracy as they secure their understanding of new sounds; I have heard some fantastic reading aloud with expression and seen children analysing the language in a poem and describing the effect. Please support your child to read at home at least 3 times each week and record in their reading records (remember that Y2 onwards have the app based Go Read for their reading records).

Anne Williamson, our Chair of Governors introduced our focus value this term of 'Courage' with the story of David and Goliath. Why not explore this value at home through the activities on the [Courage Home-School reflection sheet](#).

Thank you for your responses to the consultation to extend the school day to 3:15pm. So far, the responses mostly support this proposal. If you missed it, the information and link to the google form can be found [here](#).

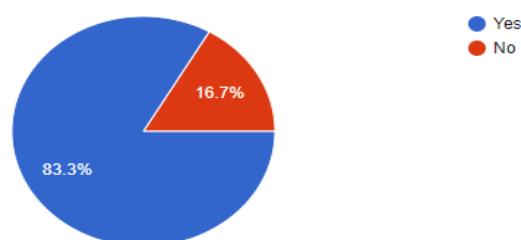
School Uniform

I have noticed an increasing amount of jewellery and non-uniform items being worn. Small hoops or stud earrings are the only jewellery that should be worn along with navy blue jumpers and black school shoes. Nail varnish and make up also is not allowed to be worn in school.

Thank you

School Meals

Thank you for taking the time to complete the google form on the school dinners booking system. The results are currently in favour of keeping this way of ordering which is great. The form will close on Thursday 20th January.



Remember that meals are free for children up to the end of Year 2, so will help you to make savings too! Please view our menu [here](#) and speak to Mrs Cook in the office if you have any questions about the booking system. There is a useful guide to help you [here](#)

PE Days

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kits in school on their pe day.

Nyongo: Thursday (Please bring Wellies on Wednesday for Wild Wednesday)

Attenborough: Thursday (Please bring Wellies on Wednesday for Wild Wednesday)

Johnson: Tuesday and Thursday

Farah: Thursday

Khalo: Thursday and Friday

After School Clubs

Thursday: Multi Skills Club 3pm to 4pm

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Dates For Your Diaries

Friday 4th Feb—Non uniform day. Farah class please donate cakes for a sale after school

Thursday 17th Feb—School closed for half term (INSET on Friday 18th)

Monday 28th Feb—School reopens

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day (more information to follow)

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser

Friday 1st April—Non uniform day. Johnson class please donate cakes for a sale after school

Friday 8th April—School closes for Easter

Monday 25th April—Return to school

Covid-19 Guidance

Please see the letter below for the most up-to-date guidance. If you have any questions or you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please do not hesitate to contact school.

[Covid-19 Guidance for Parents](#)



We offer the following sessions every day:

Breakfast Club £4.75 from 7.30am

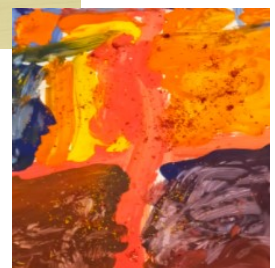
After School Club Full Session 3pm to 6pm
£7.50

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

All now bookable and payable on parent pay.

We have lots of activities in our After School Clubs like: baking, painting, craft, movies and of

course toys to play with.



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Nyong'o Class —Reception

We have had another very busy week in Nyong'o class and I am really proud of the effort all the children are putting into their learning. Everyone was very enthusiastic to do their writing in Literacy and get onto the first colour on our writing rainbow. After sharing the story 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing', we talked about what an outing is and then outings that we have been on. In Maths we have been learning about 'one more' and explored this concept in depth using objects in our areas of provision and then represented what we had found out as a picture. Wild Wednesday started back up and this term we are very excited to be sharing this time with Attenborough class. This week we reviewed our safe circle rules, played hide and seek, collected 4 sticks no longer than our arm to make a picture frame with and then created a nature picture inside! In PE we continued our gymnastics and I was very proud at how well the children listened to instructions, made the different shapes and moves, and showed very safe learning on the apparatus. Well done everyone! We also started our RE learning, looking at 'Why God is special to Christians' and talked about challenges and what to do when things are hard in PHSE.

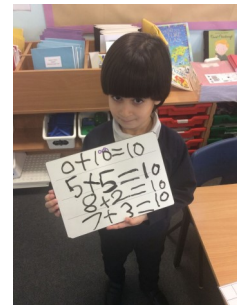
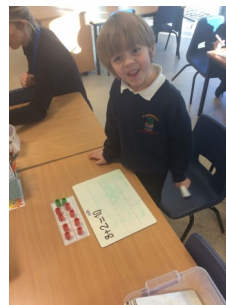


Attenborough - Year 1

What a great start to the Spring Term! We have been super busy bees. In Phonics we have been looking at the alternative sounds for a (ai), e (ee), i (igh) and o (oa). We have also learnt the new tricky words: Mr, Mrs, Ms and ask. Feel free to practice these at home. In maths we have started our new Math No-Problem learning with some of using our beautiful new workbooks. We are currently looking at the number 11-20 and how we write them in words and numbers as well as revisiting greater and less than. In English we have started our beautiful new story The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. I wonder if they can re-tell the story to you at home? We have started our Science and Topic learning about the seasons and which months of the year are in each season. Feel free to go through the different months of the year - there are some great videos on youtube to help with this.

In PE we are doing gymnastics this half term and the children have been practising the different positions such as tuck, straddle and star shapes. In our Wild Wednesday session we made some beautiful nature portraits.

Well done to everyone for coming back this term and starting their work so well. I have been very impressed with how independent everyone is! Keep it up!



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Johnson Class—Year 2

What a great week it has been in Johnson class. I have so enjoyed seeing all the children's progress already from last week. We have been using our new maths scheme in school and the children are really enjoying the challenges and thinking more deeply about their learning. We are focussing on multiplication and division so any practice with our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables would be amazing if not already known. In English we have been looking at our story Space Tortoise and trying to find adventurous vocabulary to use in our own stories that we will start writing next week. I love seeing the children's imagination in creating their own stories. We also started our Geography for this half term looking at Kenya and it was great to see the children comparing similarities and differences between our own country. We discussed our new topic looking at Animals and their offspring this week and the children's prior knowledge and enthusiasm was lovely. I am looking forward to more learning with this topic over the coming weeks.

We started our art this week on body sculpture and we had a fabulous lesson where the children had to create a human alphabet. We had such fun trying to get all the letters. Can you guess the letters below? I am so proud of Johnson class as they have come back after Christmas and really got stuck in to their learning. Have a lovely rest this weekend.



Farah –Class—Year 3 & 4

Compass points, plants, gymnastic moves and 8 ways to solve a mathematical problem.... just some of the amazing work the children in Farah class have performed this week.

As you will know, we are using a new Maths scheme, called Maths No Problem! We use lots of equipment and plenty of chat to show how many ways we can solve a question!

In English, we have continued exploring persuasive writing and how using flattery, exaggeration and emotive language can be really powerful to convince someone! We practised "selling" different products to each other before putting some of our ideas on the page!

Our new Science topic is Plants and our new Geography topic is *Where in the World? To begin, we explored both practically. We've pulled apart a tulip to name its core parts and tried to work out what each does for Science. In Geography, we recapped the compass points and then used real equipment to identify what in our school ground (and surrounding area) was in each direction.*

A superb start to 2022 Farah class!



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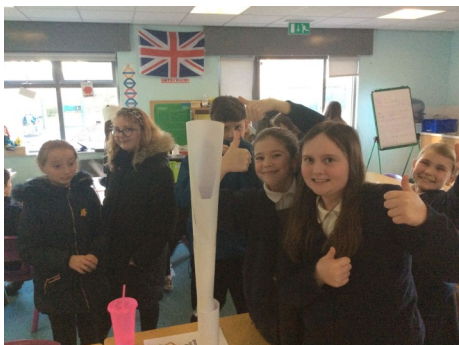
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Kahlo Class—Year 5 & 6

It has been a great week here in Kahlo Class, and everyone is having a really settled and focused start to the half term. We're now well underway with our maths, following the new whole school scheme and seeing some great developments in our mathematical thinking and understanding. In English, we've developing our knowledge of suspense stories and how best to build tension in our writing, whilst reading has seen us unpick some amazing poetry from both Percy Bysshe Shelley and Margaret Atwood.

We've also launched our Young Leader's Award this week, and all of the children gave it their all - getting involved, working well as a team and honing their skills of leadership and teamwork. In science we looked at how taxonomists classify various animals, PSHE saw us discussing our hopes and dreams for the future, in PE we continued to develop our gymnastic skills and we even enjoyed some time learning about music!

All in all, a busy but focused week with some great productivity and equally great behaviours for learning. Well done Kahlo, keep up the good work!



Covid update from the Department of Education

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

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York Families Update

Do you have a two year old?

Eligible families can receive up to 15 hours funded childcare at an Ofsted registered child-care provider, including childminders, nurseries and pre school playgroups.

To find out more and to apply for funded child-care visit or contact York Family Information Service on 01904 554444; TEXT '2yo' to 07786202241 or email fis@york.gov.uk

Healthy Start Support and free vitamins on offer for York families

If you are:

- claiming Child Tax credit
- receiving income support
- receiving income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- receiving Pension Credit
- receiving Universal Credit
- under 18 and pregnant, even if you are not claiming any benefits
- claiming income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and are over 10 weeks pregnant
- getting Working Tax Credit run-on only after you have reported you're working 16 hours or less per week

you could qualify for Healthy Start support to buy healthy foods and milk.

To find out how to apply, please visit <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply>

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in certain shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks. You can also use your card to collect:

There's still time to get more rewards this November!

There's still two weeks left to get 4 times as many points through the BetterPoints app this November. Once you download the app you can earn points every time you walk, wheel, run, cycle or use public transport.

You can find out more about how to start earning rewards with York's BetterPoints challenge online at <https://york.betterpoints.app/>.