



## School Newsletter

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### Message from Miss Boardman

This week in school we have been focusing on Internet Safety Day and Children's Mental Health Week.

Through various activities children have learned about how to keep themselves and help others to feel safe online and to tell an adult if they see something that they don't like. We have a number of activities for children and links to useful information for parents in the [Online Safety](#) section of our website.

Mental Health Week has focused on the theme 'Growing Together'. Children have been learning about different feelings, who they can go to for support and strategies for calming themselves when they feel angry or upset. The [Place2Be website](#) and the [Wellbeing section](#) of our school website has some great advice for parents to support children with emotional development and difficult times.

Children have certainly 'expressed themselves' on our fundraising day today. I have loved seeing their favourite colours, hobbies and interests through their outfits.

Thank you for your support in raising funds for Place2Be. It is not too late to donate to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-barnabas-primary-school>

**From Monday 28th February the school day will end at 3:15pm for all children.** The morning arrangements where children have the option to come in between 8:35-8:45am will stay in place. The official start of the day remains unchanged at 8:45am.

It was great to see some parents at the consultation about the school joining Pathfinder MAT. They asked some brilliant questions to myself and Andrew Daly, CEO of Pathfinder. There is another consultation for parents on Zoom on Thursday 3rd March at 6pm. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Andrew also spent the afternoon in school finding out about the work we have been doing recently to improve the quality of the curriculum and teaching and learning.

We have updated a number of important policies recently which can all be found on our website. Click on the name of the policy to view them.

[Behaviour Policy](#): We have made some changes to our rewards and sanctions as well as clarifying the types of behaviours that are acceptable and unacceptable at St Barnabas. At the current time we are working on approaches to managing behaviour so we can provide the most effective support for children with additional needs who find it difficult to manage their emotions and staff are attending training on this. As a result this policy may change further later in the year.

[Anti-bullying Policy](#): Bullying in any form is unacceptable at St Barnabas. As well as teaching children this important message through a range of curriculum activities, we encourage children and parents to report any bullying immediately to staff so that it can be dealt with.

[Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy](#): This policy sets out how we teach the statutory curriculum of Relationships and Health education including the type of sex education that is taught at St Barnabas. It has been updated to reflect the change in scheme of work, now called Jigsaw.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Dates For Your Diaries

\*new dates added

Thursday 17th Feb—School closes at 3pm 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

\*Wednesday 23rd March—Parents ' Evening 4-7pm

\*Thursday 24th March—Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm

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

**Term Dates** have now been set for 2022-23. [Click here to view them.](#)

## Parent Survey

Thank you to those who have already completed our Google Form Parent Survey. Your views are important in helping us to understand the areas that we are doing well in and those that we could do better. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete but gives us very valuable information about a range of areas.

The survey closure has been extended to **Friday 18th February** and the class that has the most responses by then will win a treat. At the moment, Nyongo class are still in the lead.

Click [here](#) to complete the Parent Survey.

## Attendance



**Our School Target is 97%**

**This week our attendance was: 90.08%**

**Nyongo: 76.67%**

**Attenborough: 87.65%**

**Johnson: 96.07%**

**Farah: 97.14%**

**Kahlo: 96.52%**

**The winning class is: Farah ! Well done to you all.**

## Pupil Absence

Please remember to contact the school office by 8.45am if your child is poorly and unable to come to school.

I have noticed that our school telephone number was incorrectly advertised on google . Please can you check that you all have the correct number stored in your phone 01904 555152.

Thank you

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## **Nyongo—Reception** **Miss Curry**

We've had another wonderful week in Nyong'o class, with everyone working so hard at their learning. Our Maths this week was looking at repeated patterns, seeing if we could make our own and then spotting any mistakes that had been made in my patterns! In Phonics we have continued to learn how to read longer words and then started to re-cap all the sounds we have learnt so far. We continued learning our 'Talk for Write' of the 'Three Little Pigs' story in Literacy and then helped Fire-cracker to write the start of the story properly, writing in the missing words and even some sentences. Lots of the children have made it to the centre of the 'Writing Rainbow' and we've had some lovely celebrations every time this happened. Miss Ross and I were so proud of how the whole class clapped & cheered to celebrate someone else's achievement.

In PSED we were looking at how we can be encouraging to each other about the learning we are doing and we all shared different things that we thought our friends were good at.

In RE we looked at the story of Creation again in more depth and talked about our favourite parts of creation. We all loved Wild Wednesday this week, playing some games, working together as one big group to build a fire again and then having a special treat of hot chocolate & marshmallows! Finally we also looked at who Lupita Nyong'o is, our class patron and then looked at different places in Africa linked to her and another story that we shared called 'The Water Princess'. This is based on the childhood experience of 'Georgie Badiel' who grew up in Burkino Faso.

## **Attenborough—Year 1** **Miss Davison**

Another week of amazing learning completed. Well done everyone!

This week we have been growing our phonics code with the sounds y=ee, ea=e, wh=w, oe/ou=oa and y=igh. Our tricky words this week are any, many, again and who. In maths this week we have completed our topic on addition and subtraction to 20 and started our learning on length and height which we are really enjoying. In literacy we have learnt all about adjectives and have labelled a forest picture with some brilliant adjectives.

This week was safer Internet week and the children created some safer Internet spells. We have also celebrated mental health day and have created posters about what makes us happy so that if we are sad we can help ourselves to become happy again.

On Wild Wednesday we collected sticks for our circle fire and then enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate whilst taking in the quiet and calm of nurture.

On Thursday we shared the outdoor space with Nyong'o class and enjoyed some fun times on the bikes and scooters. We were very safe and we did some great sharing!





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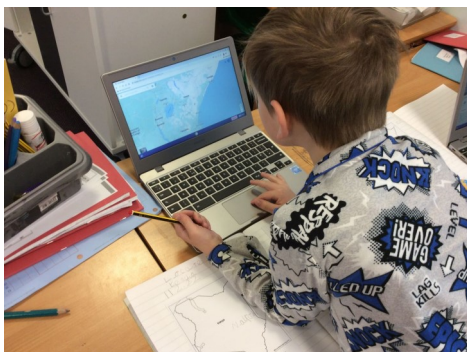
## Johnson—Year 2 & 3

### Mrs Taylor

This week we have started more work with money. It was great to see the children using different coins to make different amounts. We did have a few funny conversations about the fact there are no random coins such as 30p, 7p or 4p when solving a problem. Maybe this week dig out some coins and have a look (or if you're like me and rely solely on google pay maybe have a look at some online.)

In English we have started looking at reports. We started with a report on barn owls and looked at what made it a good report. We have then started to plan our own animal reports. As we are looking at the country Kenya in geography we will be writing a report on an African animal next week. We also started looking at maps of Kenya and finding cities, rivers and oceans that surrounded it using google maps.

I know I say this every week but I am so proud of all the children's achievements each week. They are responding well to feedback and listening to how they can make further improvements. I am looking forward to more fabulous learning next week. Have a lovely weekend!



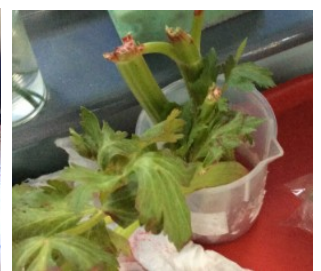
## Farah—Year 3 & 4

### Ms Graystone

Farah class have worked really hard this week on writing their story about Wilbur's Boast. They've even edited and up levelled their own work whilst finding time to help their friends improve theirs. I'm looking forward to reading the final versions when they have been completed.

In PE we used our equipment in gymnastics to travel, climb and roll! On one set of apparatus, Mr Scaling told them they couldn't use their hands - spot some of their creativity instead!

We continue to explore plants and we've seen how water travels in plants (through the xylem in the stem) - our red food dye definitely changed the way the celery and white carnations looked. We cut open the stems and saw what had happened for ourselves and had a really scientific chat about how we knew the water had been transported, as we could see the line where the red water had begun.



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## Kahlo—Year 5 &6 Mr Levick

What a busy week we have had in Kahlo Class! We started the week with a visit from YoYo, who have been guiding us through different bible stories and how we can use the lessons from them in our daily lives. Fast forward to Wednesday and we had Andy Hagon come in and do some leadership work with us - including leading us through an obstacle course blindfolded!

Elsewhere, we have begun writing food reviews, inspired by the incomparable Jay Rayner's incredible writing. We tweeted Dictionary Corner's Susie Dent when we were debating the spelling of appetising (or appetizing, we're still not sure). Our maths has seen us finishing decimals in Year 5 and beginning ration in Year 6, whilst reading has focused on Internet Safety Day. It has been a fabulous week, and I am super impressed with them all!



## Family Matters Courses



Family Matters are running the following courses in the next few months:

### Handling Anger in the Family

Monday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks starting 7th March, online via Zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 4 weeks starting 8th March at Clifton Children's Centre, Kingsway North YO30 6JA

For flyer click [here](#)

### Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years:

Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30pm for 5 weeks starting 9th March online via zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

### Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years:

Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm for 5 weeks starting 8th March at Archbishop of York's Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane, Bishopthorpe YO23 2QT

For flyer click [here](#)

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259

email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk) or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

We also offer **Reconnect**, a 5 session couple to couple mentoring service, focusing on relationship skills to help you strengthen your couple relationship. For details contact Emma at [emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk](mailto:emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk)

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## **HELP YOUR SCHOOL BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING.**

The Arena Group York Fun Run is back for 2022, taking place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August** it offers a great opportunity to get families and your school together, while staying active and healthy at the same time.

Kids aged 3-8 must be accompanied by an adult and those aged between 9 and 17 years old are free to run on their own.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to take part as they wheel, walk, jog or run the 2.4km route. We want every child to have the best experience as possible, so if a child has mobility issues or other considerations, please get in touch with us.

As well as the incredible atmosphere, ALL children receive a goody bag and that all-important medal to show off to friends..

We have a limited amount of free spaces. Please contact the school office if your child is interested in taking part.

## **Are you, or families you work with, eligible for Healthy Start?**

Healthy Start is designed to help families with the cost of healthy eating. If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy fruits, vegetables, and milk. To use the scheme you must be receiving one of a list of benefits, or meet other criteria.

Once you are signed up, you will be sent a Healthy Start mastercard with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. The card will be topped up ever four weeks. If you, or families you work with, are currently receiving paper vouchers for Healthy Start this scheme is ending early 2022, you need to re-apply online to continue receiving payments. You can still use Healthy Start vouchers until their expiry date.

## **Theatre Opportunities**

The Be Amazing Arts Youth Theatre presents the 'purrrrr'fect hit musical CATS!

The Team at Be Amazing Arts are looking for talented young performers aged 7 to 21 to join the cast of hit musical CATS this June.

**The marvellous hit musical is coming to York, and you could be part of the show!**

**Working with the team that brought you The Wizard of Oz and Bugsy Malone Live at Joseph Rowntree Theatre in 2018 and 2019 and we are very excited to add Cats into our performance mix for this year.**

**We are looking for a cast made up of dancers, singers and actors based across to Yorkshire to join us on this exciting adventure.**

**Our cast will embark on an intensive rehearsal period which will include a full week's rehearsal plus additional sessions, working with leading Directors, Choreographers and Musical Directors. This process culminates in 4 fully staged performances which includes: professional scenery, professional lighting, sound and production crew.**

**The project is open to all young people aged from 7 to 21 and is perfect for young people who have an interest in appearing on stage and learning all about the process of bringing a musical to life!**

Auditions will take place at Huntington School YO32 9WT Sunday 13th March 2022 2.30pm - 6.00pm with registration from 2.15pm

The performances will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June at Joseph Rowntree Theatre, York.

Register to audition at <http://beamazingarts.co.uk/cats-by-be-amazing-youth-theatre/>