



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Message from Miss Boardman

I was so proud of Kahlo Class this week as they put on a dazzling performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Theatre Royal. Each child showed real courage to perform on the huge stage, doing so with confidence and amazing acting skills using some very tricky language. Well done Kahlo Class! Key Stage 2 children all enjoyed a visit to Waterstones Bookshop this week and were all able to come back with a book too using their World Book Day tokens.

We decided that it was Spring today and opened the field and large play equipment for the first time this year. It was very exciting having so much more space to play in. We are still waiting on a repair for the log roller but hopefully this won't be too long.

Good bye Mrs Faletas

After announcing last week that Miss Stacey is leaving on 18th March, I am sad to say that Mrs Faletas will also be leaving on 8th April after 16 years as a teaching assistant at St Barnabas. I would like to thank her for her excellent work, care and support for so many children over this time and wish her well for the future. We are recruiting new staff and will keep you informed of any changes.

Dates For Your Diaries

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser — children to wear sports clothes to school. Sponsored event to complete a certain number of challenges in a set time.

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

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th April—Decorated Easter Egg competition

Friday 8th April— School closes for Easter

Monday 25th April—Return to school

Week beg 30th May—Half Term

Friday 22nd July—School closes for summer 3:15pm

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

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings. Remember to book your appointment on the Google calendar links emailed earlier in the week. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you have any problems booking a slot.

We are hope to see you at class Stay and Learn events in the next few weeks - details on the next



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Family Arts Event – Friday 18th March 3:15 – 4:15pm

York Learning are currently running a series of Community Arts projects across York on the theme of "Flight". They will be running an event for families at St Barnabas after school on Friday 18th March from 3:15pm to approx. 4:15pm in the school hall.

Come along to make wonderful birds from scrap and re-cycled materials.

It suitable for anyone, of any age, who enjoys making things. All you need is a little enthusiasm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please contact the school office to book a place for you and your children.

When collected, the flock will be exhibited within Explore York, from mid-June 2022, for about 6 weeks.

The flower display in our school entrance was made at a similar event several years ago so we hope that the birds will be able to 'nest' back in school after the exhibition at Explore York.



Stay and Learn Events

After not being able to hold these sessions last term due to the Covid situation, we are pleased to be able to welcome you into school again for the Stay and Learn sessions happening over the next few weeks. There will be a focus on Maths, in particular our new Maths No-Problem! scheme in Y1-6.

These 20-30 minute sessions are one of the ways in which you can find out what and how your child is learning in school so please come along if you can. Please arrive via the main entrance and sign in.

Nyong'o —Tuesday 22nd March at 2:45pm

Attenborough —Tuesday 15th March at 8:45am

Johnson —Wednesday 23rd March at 8:45am

Year 3 Maths Group—Wednesday 16th March at 8:45am

Year 4 Maths Group—Friday 18th March at 8:45am



YIKS offer support, friendship, training and outings for parents, families of children with a disability and additional needs. Their newsletter is attached and here is a link to their website: <https://www.yiks.co.uk/>

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH
9:30AM - 2:30 PM
PARK INN BY RADISSON
YORK CITY CENTRE
NORTH STREET, YORK, YO1 6JF

AUTISM CONFERENCE

YIKS Parent Carer Forum and Parent Carer Voice North Yorkshire are putting on the first of what we hope will be many events together, starting with this Autism Conference

Full details are on the YIKS eventbrite page
We are looking forward to welcoming

Living Autism IDAS Respect Programme OT4ME
Plus many more
Hot and cold lunch provided
To book visit - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-conference-tickets-289873678977>

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

What another busy week we've had in Nyong'o Class! This week we have been learning about shapes in Maths and we were amazed at the children's creativity in making different pictures and models with the shapes available to them. In Phonics we have been reviewing how to read words with double letters (chatter, butter, ladder) and then started to learn how to break down and read longer words like 'fantastic'! We have been learning the definition of fiction and non-fiction in Literacy and everyone was very excited to use a chrome book to research and find out about an animal of their choice.

Dance this week was a little different as we had to do it in a dark room! Everyone was very sensible and made sure that they moved safely around the hall. The rest of our PE session was hockey and everyone again tried really hard to move safely with the hockey sticks.

Wild Wednesday was lots of fun with Attenborough Class and it was amazing to see all the children working so well together in their teams to design a garden.

In Understanding the World we continued our learning about different countries around the world with a book called 'Desert Girl, Monsoon Boy' by Tara Dairman and discussed the different habitats that they lived in.

In RE we learnt about Palm Sunday and in PSED we looked at why exercise is good for our bodies, playing the 'beans' game!

Attenborough

Miss Davison

Attenborough has had a very fast paced week. In phonics we have been finishing some more of our alternative graphemes for our sounds - amazingly remembering them all! We have learnt some very complicated tricky words; with though, thought, friend and work.

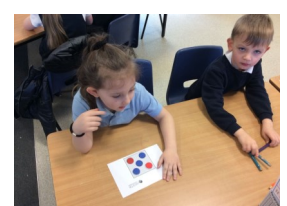
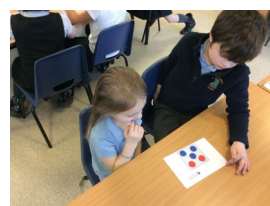
Maths learning has been completing our understanding of numbers up to 40 and we have been doing some comparing, more and less than and counting in our 2's and 10's. Please feel free to practice counting in 2's and 10's using youtube - the children will be able to show our cool songs. In English we have been looking at our super power word 'and' and how its powers joining words and sentences together! I wonder if the children can tell you some words that can join together using 'and'.

In history, the children were introduced to Queen Elizabeth 1st and Queen Victoria and were very excited to learn about them.

In PE they carried on their dancing and Wild Wednesday saw them designing some wild gardens with Nyong'o class.

In music the children learnt our new song - can they remember how it went?

For PSHE we discussed all about being healthy and in computing we thought about how we group and label different objects then the week finished with some RE learning about some important aspects of Jewish religion.



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Johnson

Mrs Taylor

What a busy week we have had in Johnson Class! We have started with our fractions in maths and the children have been trying really hard to write halves, quarters and thirds this week. We have also completed our second times table test this week with our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Thank you for practising TTRockstars at home and keep it up as they are getting quicker each week.

In Writing we have been doing lots of work with our core text this week "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig." The children have learnt the text well and have been doing lots of lovely work this week. Next week we are looking to change parts of the story to make it our own.

We started our clay sculptures this week and the children were absolutely amazing. They really listened well to hints and tips when I modelled making one and I know they and myself are really looking forward to sharing these with you. For now enjoy some of the pictures from the lesson below.

P.E was again amazing this week! The children played some great rounders and I was so impressed with their batting skills. They also pushed themselves in circuits this week trying to do as many burpees, sit ups, planking and push ups! What a busy week it has been! Have a lovely rest Johnson class.



Farah

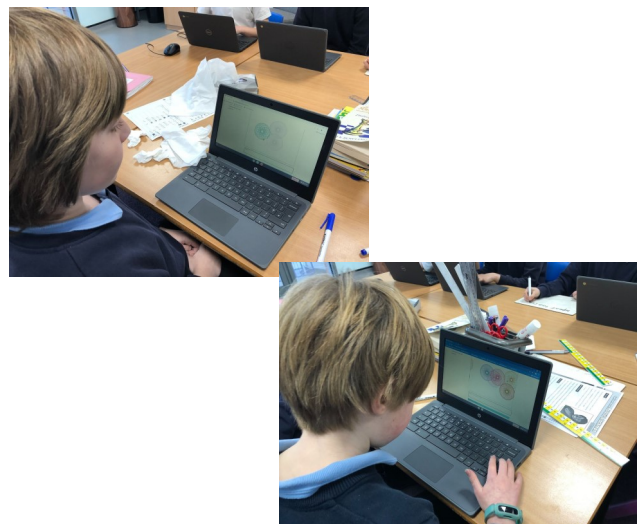
Ms Graystone

Another week for Fabulous Farah! We have continued our work in English by planning what our biography will include and analysed our model text to see what ideas we could "magpie" for ourselves.

In Science, we have looked at what sugary drinks would do to our teeth, by putting boiled eggs into jars of liquid. The eggshell acts as the enamel of our teeth. Ms Graystone shocked us all by showing just how many teaspoons of sugar were in a bottle of Coca-Cola!

In computing we have been learning how to use Turtle Academy. We have learnt how to make different shapes, how to repeat them and how to write short cuts. This week we put it all together and used different colours to make some fabulous designs for wrapping paper.

Finally, we of course had a wonderful visit to Waterstones in York. Our guides (Margaux and Isabel) took us on a tour of the children's sections and then tested our listening skills with a team quiz! Once we had finished, we were lucky enough to exchange our World Book Day voucher for a free book. Waterstones gave each of us a little bag to carry our new gift in and when we got back to school, we realised it had some freebies in it - stickers and bookmarks! An amazing time was had by all!



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Kahlo

Mr Levick

Kahlo Class had, quite possibly, the busiest week that any human has ever seen! We kicked off the week with an exciting workshop provided to us by the National Archives. In this, we investigated different sources of information, looked at how to use our inference skills and decoded different aspects of history. Tuesday saw us perform at the York Theatre Royal, and their performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* was honestly phenomenal.

Wednesday afternoon we wandered over to Waterstone's and had a very welcoming tour of the book store. We learnt all about publishing and how a bookshop is ran, as well as getting our free World Book Day book. Whilst all of this has been happening, we've also had our assessment week! The children have been calm, ready to learn and enthusiastic, and I couldn't be prouder of them.



General Notices

- All the Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions which have been attended have now been recorded on Parent Pay. Please log on to your account and make payment before Thursday 31st March 2022.
- After the Easter holidays we will only be accepting online bookings through parent pay for Breakfast Club and After School Club. These sessions need to be booked with at least 24hrs notice. If you need to book it last minute or in an emergency please contact the school office on 01904 555152 or email at stbarnabas@york.gov.uk
- Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the day. School finishes at 3.15pm. If children haven't been collected by 3:20pm we will need to send them into after school club and a £5 charge will add to their parent pay account.

Little Wandle Books

- We have a number of our new phonic books missing. Please can you have a look home over the weekend and return them to the class teacher on Monday—Thank you.