



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

We had lots of fun being active on Thursday for Comic Relief. Starting with our Wake and Shake dance session on the playground first thing in the morning. Children also completed various sporting challenges through the day. The dancing continued at break times too and great fun was had by all. Hopefully 'Disco Thursday' will become a regular feature now we have our new outdoor speaker. Children have brought home sponsor forms—if you would like to sponsor them, any money raised will be shared between school and comic relief.

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

Johnson —Wednesday 23rd March at 8:45am

Dates For Your Diaries

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

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

Friday 1st April—Non uniform day. Please wear Blue and Yellow clothing to support the people of Ukraine.

Friday 1st April—Johnson class bake sale please donate cakes for a sale after school. Cakes will be available from 50p

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.](#)

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

This week in Nyong'o, we all finished writing our animal fact files. There were some amazing examples and we are so proud of the work they put in! Even Miss Boardman was blown away by the children's work after she came down to visit. In maths, we were learning all about addition; using lots of resources to show the different number bonds and explain their thinking. We then moved on to doing this pictorially to represent the different ways of making up each number. In phonics, we have been learning to read words with more than one digraph like shark, farmer and shorter (which has three!).

We thoroughly enjoyed challenging ourselves in PE and during our sponsored Comic Relief activities. These included trying to score a goal, throwing a beanbag into a hoop and seeing how low we could go under the limbo pole. On Wild Wednesday, we looked at different spring flowers and completed observational drawings and paintings of them. In RE, we learnt all about what Good Friday is and enjoyed eating some hot cross buns. All in all, a really great week in Nyong'o Class.

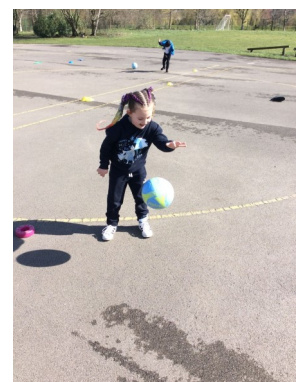


Attenborough

Miss Davison

The children have done very well this week as it has been a strange week with a few things out of routine! Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to our Stay and Learn, it was lovely to have you join us for our starting part of our maths lesson! I am most impressed with how well the children have done with their maths work this week as it has been a week focused on problem solving and has required lots of reading and thinking! In phonics we have been growing our phonics code even further with some challenging graphemes! In English we have been thinking about the jobs that a capital letter has and have been using them to write our character descriptions for the Big Bad Wolf!

Our Wild Wednesday session this week had to be done inside due to the weather however the children created some beautiful live drawings of our flowers that we will be planting soon and these pictures are going to be sent to The Minster to be shown on display! Thursday saw us getting active for our Sports Fundraiser day! We started the day dancing in the playground, throwing bean bags for points before lunch and seeing how many laps we can do of the netball court in 10 minutes! I was so impressed by our determination and participation!



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Johnson Mrs Taylor

How lovely it has been to see signs of spring this week! This was one of the discussions we had in Johnson class this week and it was lovely to discuss the changes we can see.

In English we have been adapting a fairytale story of The 3 Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. I always love to see the children's ideas and imagination come to life. We have looked at using speech marks in stories and the children are getting good at spotting these now in books they are reading.

In maths we are still working hard on fractions. It has not been easy for many but through discussions they are finding it easier each lesson. Great perseverance Johnson class! We are also working hard on learning our times tables so any practise on this at home would be very beneficial.

Year 2 has started a new Science topic looking at the life processes of living things. The children were amazing and enjoyed letting me know facts they already knew and were able to tell me lots they had learnt in the lesson. In P.E this week we used our lesson to set ourselves challenges for Sports Relief. The children worked so hard at pushing themselves and did not stop for the full session. We had welly throwing, ball activities, running, how many goals they could score and even dancing. If you would like to sponsor the children for a worthy cause they definitely earned it!

Another great week Johnson class, have a lovely rest.



Farah Ms Graystone

Another incredibly busy week. We have been continuing our work on biographies, writing about our famous person's early life and their pivotal moments.

In Year 4 Maths, we have begun to look at extending our knowledge of fractions, including how to write hundredths and mixed numbers (where we have whole numbers and fractions of numbers).

Science allowed us to consider the impact of sugary or acidic food on our teeth. We used all our powers of observation to see what happened with our eggs that had been sitting in orange juice, vinegar, coca-cola or water! The enamel of the tooth was represented by the egg shell. Coke stained it and vinegar took the enamel off completely! We learned that water was our best bet!

Comic Relief brought us all joy, as we danced, ran, threw, cheered and lobbed wellies!

Finally, the class bid a fond farewell to the most wonderful member of our team.... Miss Stacey! We will miss her SO much and we can't underestimate her contribution to us. Thank you from the bottom of our Farah hearts for all you have done to help us learn!



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Kahlo

Mr Levick

This week, Kahlo Class have worked incredibly hard and should be really proud of themselves. Whether it was exploring Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet in our reading session, producing some amazing newspaper reports or grappling with algebra and geometry, they have put their all into everything. We analysed the assessments we did last week, and we all worked together to decide on how best to answer specific types of questions. The teamwork was wonderful.

In Computing, we started our new unit on databases and created a flat database about different animal types. Our history lessons have seen us continue to learn more about the Anglo-Saxons, whilst in PSHE we were introduced to the unit 'healthy me'. We set ourselves lots of challenges during our Comic Relief fundraising afternoon, so please do sponsor us for all of our hard work! Overall, Kahlo Class proving yet again that they truly can achieve so much, well done.



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 added to their parent pay account.

School Uniform

All children in school are expected to wear school uniform and we hope to have the parents co-operation in this. Here is a reminder of our school uniform:

- Navy Blue sweatshirt or Cardigan (either plain or embroidered with the school logo)
- White or pale blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Plain grey, black, navy blue school-type trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or blue/ white check summer dress (not including leggings, jeans or chinos)
- Plain tights in school colours
- Black shoes. For safety reasons shoes should be flat and fit securely

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Thank you.