



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

It has been fantastic to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. I know the teachers have enjoyed telling you about how well your children are doing in school. I'm sure that you were able to see their progress and wonderful work in their books too. If you couldn't attend an appointment this week please get in touch with the office or your child's teacher who will be happy to meet with you at a different time. Thank you for completing the Ofsted ParentView Survey. Your views are important to us. You can view the responses [here](#).

We enjoyed a really interesting visit from Rachel Maskell, MP for York Central, today. She spoke to children in Year 2 –6 about the role of an MP and how laws are made. Children shared the local and global issues that they think need to improve such as pollution, disability access, women's' rights and flooding. Kahlo class had prepared some challenging questions and presented her with their written reports about the effects of future global warning on York with the hope that she can take their views to a discussion in parliament.



We are in the process of electing our new School Council and it's great to see the number of children who have put themselves forward. Next week, children will give their election speeches before polling day on Thursday. The successful candidates will be presented with their School Council badges at Celebration Assembly on Friday. Parents will be informed on Thursday that your child is 'receiving a certificate' in assembly to keep it a surprise for the children.

These events and activities help children to learn about the process of democracy, one of the 'British Values' that they are required to learn about

We have a new Facebook Page

In response to parent comments last year that Facebook is the preferred social media, we have set up a new page which can be viewed by the public. The previous page, which could only be viewed by approved people has now been closed.

Please like and share with family and friends who are interested in the news from St Barnabas.



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Easter Celebrations

Egg Decorating Competition

We are looking forward to seeing lots of creative designs for this year's competition. Entries should include a decorated real or fake egg. There is no need to buy special materials—it is always great to see how creative children can be with the materials they have at home.

Entries should be brought in Monday—Thursday in week beginning 4th April. The winner from each class will be announced at Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th April.



Easter Service

We hope you can join us for our Easter Service in church on Wednesday 6th April at 9:15am. Children will be performing a short musical based on the Easter story called 'The Tale of Three Trees' with Year 4 leading this.

We will also be presenting children in Reception with a Children's Story Bible, kindly donated by St Barnabas Church.

Easter Holiday Activities

There are a number of free holiday clubs running across York for children entitled to free school meals. Click [here](#) to find out more. If you would like to book a place, please contact school as we need to do this on your behalf.

There is a range of other holiday activities for all children available. Click [here](#) to see details.

Dates For Your Diaries

Friday 1st April—Non uniform day. Please wear Blue and Yellow clothing and send in a cash donation 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

Wednesday 6th April 9:15am—Easter Service at Church.

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.](#)

Please send in any sponsor money from last week's Comic Relief / School fundraiser by the end of term. Thank you.

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

We have all had another lovely week in Nyong'o Class enjoying the gorgeous weather whilst doing our learning! In Phonics this week we have been learning about words ending in -ing and compound words (two or more words grouped together to make another word e.g. farmyard, carpark). In Literacy we continued our learning about the Gruffalo and all drew and labelled a story map to retell the story. Maths this week was all about subtraction and I am so proud of how quickly the children picked it up, worked out different subtraction facts and then recorded it as a picture and a number sentence. Well done everyone!

We thoroughly enjoyed Wild Wednesday this week, playing various outdoor games and then going on a Spring Hunt all round the school grounds. In RE we learnt about the next part of the Easter story, focusing on the excitement for Christians that they believe Jesus did not stay dead but that he rose again and is alive. PE was lots of fun again on Thursday, doing Write Dance in the Hall first and then hockey outside. We learnt how to use watercolours carefully this week in Art and made some lovely paintings of Spring flowers and in PSED we talked about why it is important that we all get a good sleep!



Attenborough

Miss Davison

A lovely sunny week has been enjoyed by Attenborough this week. We took advantage of the weather on Wednesday with a Spring hunt during our Wild Wednesday session and on Thursday afternoon when we shared the outdoor area with Nyong'o class. Inside the classroom saw us reading a new book in English - The Book with No Pictures, which was very silly to read! We had some discussion about it having no pictures and used a dictionary to help us work out the meaning of the new vocabulary. In maths we have been finishing off our unit on addition and subtraction word problems looking at difference and using our number bonds to 10 to answer the questions. In history we compared the main events during the Elizabethan and Victorian times and in science we looked at the different parts of the human body. In PE we were dancing with a focus on our arms and moving them to create large and small movements with some scarves.

Thank you to all the parents that came and had a chat at parents evening. It was lovely to share their progress and achievements with you.



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Johnson

Mrs Taylor

I can't believe another week has gone by! It was so lovely welcoming families into our classroom this week. The children were so excited and loved showing what they have been working on.—even correcting a mistake Mrs Taylor had made. I have loved sharing all the children's progress with parents this week, it's so nice to see how far they have come.

This week we have been finishing our Fairy Tales unit in Writing this week and the children have written their own. They are all truly amazing and every one is completely different.

In Maths we have also finished our fractions unit and started 2D shapes. The children have shown they have remembered lots of the basic 2D shapes so we are off to a great start. Get ready to hear lots about vertices, polygons and lines of symmetry.

In History we have been looking at George Leeman this week and why he was an important person. It was nice to look at someone close to home and the children enjoyed the discussions. We will continue to look at how our local area has changed through the years. One of my favourite subjects this week has been Science as we have been looking at living things and their habitats. The children are so enthusiastic during these lessons and love sharing facts and discussing things they already know. It's been another great week Johnson class and I hope you enjoy the sunshine.



Farah

Ms Graystone

We started the week learning about the human digestive system. Ms Graystone modelled exactly what happened using a range of everyday items.

Many of the children started off thinking it was a little bit disgusting but by the end, they really enjoyed seeing how a banana and a cracker was used by the body for nutrients for energy and growth.... and well, what was left.... waste material! (Everyone knows what happens to that!)

Finally, to secure our learning, we had a relay race, where we had to stick the body part on the apron and tell Ms Graystone what it did in the digestive system. The last child in the race had to feed their team leader (in the apron) a haribo and tell everyone what was happening to it in the process!

We spent a lot of time looking at the correct terminology for each of our body parts, which we will need for our English lessons - where we are writing an explanation text about the digestive system and how it works!



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Kahlo

Mr Levick

Kahlo Class have had another brilliant week, and are continuing to amaze me with their skills, work ethic and kindness. We've all been knuckling down with geometry this week, and have found this quite tricky. However, we all persevered and kept a positive attitude! Our reading this week has looked at conservation; learning lots about national parks and David Attenborough. This has linked well to our English, where we have been writing explanation texts about how York would be affected by global warming.

On Friday, we were visited by local MP Rachael Maskell, with whom we shared our explanation texts with. It was an amazing opportunity for writing in context, and equally allowed us to ask lots of questions about how being an MP works and we found it really interesting. We've also really enjoyed the change in weather this week, spending some time outside in the sun, which did wonders for our concentration. Yet again, another great week. Well done Kahlo!

KS2 Book club

The KS2 book club has decided to shadow the Yoto Kate Greenaway medal award. We have all the shortlisted picture books and are going to look at a different one each week. I can't wait to see what creativity is inspired by these books. There are still some spaces if anyone else would like to join us after school on Mondays.



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 be 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.