



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

We have had a great start to the half term this week. Children look amazing in their costumes to celebrate World Book Day today - thank you for your support with this. We have enjoyed lots of book related learning this week including a 'Booknic' this afternoon with older and younger children reading with each other. Next week, Farah and Sentamu classes will be visiting Waterstones to spend their book vouchers and find out more about the bookshop.



I was very proud of the children in Year 3 and 4 who began their swimming lessons at Bootham Pool this week. Some of them were a little nervous but they showed great courage and did brilliantly. After almost 2 years of not being able to go on school visits, walking to Bootham and swimming in their lovely pool was very special indeed. We can't wait to go out on more visits now!

We have also learned more about healthy foods in our assembly led by Hannah from Phunky Foods.

Next Tuesday evening, Kahlo class will be performing their part of the Shakespeare play 'Much Ado About Nothing' on the stage at the Theatre Royal. I know they have worked so hard to prepare and I'm sure they will give an amazing performance. I can't wait to see it. Tickets are still available [here](#)

Thank you and Goodbye Ms Stacey

Ms Stacey our Children's Champion will be leaving us in a few weeks after working at St Barnabas as a Teaching Assistant for 21 years, some of these at the old St Barnabas school building. I would like to thank her for her wonderful care and support for so many children and families over this time. We are sad to see her go but wish her well as she moves on to a new job supporting children in a different setting.

Dates For Your Diaries

Thursday 17th March - Sports Relief Fundraiser — children to wear sports clothes to school. Sponsored event—more information to follow

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.](#)



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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

Kahlo —Friday 11th March at 8.45am

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

We have been very busy in Nyong'o class this week, learning about lots of different things. In Maths we have been learning about position and direction and everyone did so well at placing teddy or Firecracker in the correct position and then explaining that position to me. In Phonics we have been recapping the Phase 3 sounds we learnt last half term (ai ee igh oa oo **oo** ar or ur ow oi ear). The children continually amaze me with how well they can now spot these sounds in words and then sound and blend to read the words. In Literacy this week we started the story 'Owl Babies'. Everyone was very enthusiastic to write a profile about one of the characters in the story to share with Mr Levick's class!

This term in PE we are starting hockey! Mr Scaling and I were very impressed with how well the children did in their first session and are looking forward to the next one! In RE we looked at a book called '10 things I can do to help my world' and this generated a very lively discussion about whether we turn off the tap when we're brushing our teeth and if it's ok for trees to be chopped down! As a class we are really enjoying our class worship sessions and the children are enjoying taking on more of a lead role in these, doing the welcome and the prayers at the end.



Attenborough

Miss Davison

A very happy class to be back was Attenborough this week. They have blown me away with their attitude and getting straight back into their learning. We went straight into our new maths topic: Numbers to 40 and we have been looking at counting up to 40 and introducing the terminology tens and ones. In English we started our new story Little Red Riding Hood and all children gave a prediction for the story, contributed to our class story map and have written some or all of the story! In phonics we have been continuing to 'grow our code', finishing some of our phonics family sounds: le/al=l, c=s, ve=v, o-e/o/ou = u sounds. We practised our previously learnt tricky words and have learnt some new ones: school, call, different and thought. Feel free to practice these at home!

In history this week we learnt all about our current royal family, matching the names to their photographs. In art we were practising our pencil control for fine detail with drawing fish scales and in PE we had our first Dance lesson with Lizzie. We learnt all about our body parts and their senses and how we can move our arms, legs, hips and head and started to learn a dance routine!

In our Wild Wednesday session, we talked about what we need for growing plants and we have planted some seeds! We will keep an eye on them over the next few months to see what beautiful flowers may grow.



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Johnson

Mrs Taylor

What a busy week it has been in Johnson Class. The children have returned ready to learn and have done some exceptional work this week. We have started a new topic in English looking at Fairytales and are using the book "The 3 Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig." I have loved seeing and hearing the children's expression when retelling the story.

In maths we are finishing off our Money topic and were working on some very tricky word problems this week. The children are getting so good at discussing how to solve a problem and trying different strategies. I think giving change was a hard concept as so much is done on cards these days so any role playing with shops at home would be great extra practise. We also completed our first times table test which the children will try every week to beat their scores. Keep trying to get on TTrockstars at home and practise those 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3 started their swimming this week and were very excited to tell us all about it when they got back. Year 2 have been pushing themselves trying different challenges in our circuits P.E lesson. We had lunges, star jumps, running, skipping and squats. They needed a little rest after all that! Year 2 also started rounders this week with Mr Scaling and I was so impressed with how they developed even after the first lesson.

A great first week back Johnson class, well done!



Farah

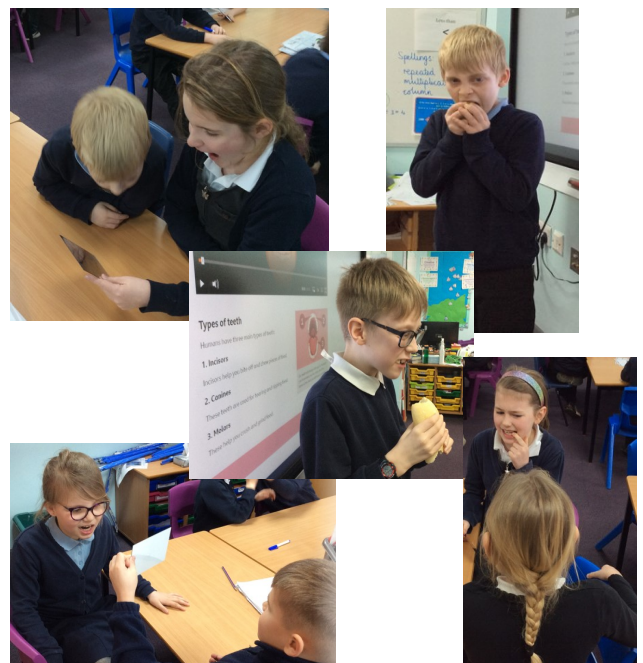
Ms Graystone

What an incredible first week back! We have started our new topics in Science - teeth and digestion and in History - the Anglo Saxons. The children have been enthusiastic about all their learning and keen to ask questions to understand and explore more, which is a fantastic start. The photo shows the children exploring how many teeth they have and what types. We then looked at what each type of tooth did - chew, bite or grind food? Some children even demonstrated by eating some bread, apples and..... sweets!

Year 4 has been looking at graphs - how to read them, scales, axis and what data tells us. We've even moved on to drawing our own.

In English, we have been considering the impact famous people might have had on us and we're re-researching an individual of our choice, ready to write a biography about them. We're currently learning Ms Graystone's mode about the life of Sir Mo Farah (who our class is named after).

Finally, the whole class (and the Year 3 children from Johnson) walked to Bootham School and had their first swimming lesson. We didn't have long in the pool this week as our new swimming teachers wanted to see how confident we were, but next week.....get ready!



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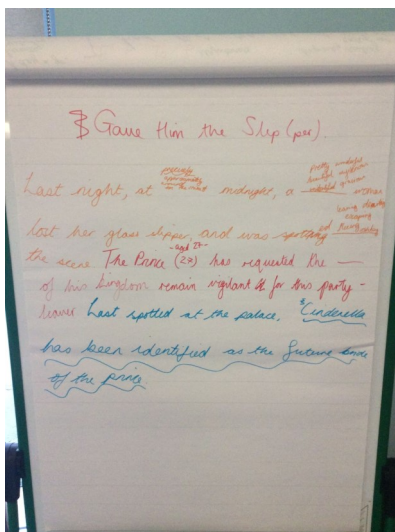
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Kahlo

Mr Levick

Kahlo Class have worked hard this week, and grappled with some fairly complex ideas and concepts. In maths, Year 5 have been tackling using protractors and working with angles, whilst Year 6 have been working hard with algebra. Thankfully, we all realised it wasn't as hard as it looked and we've done really well with these concepts. In reading, we've been diving into the works of Oscar Wilde (Mr Levick's favourite author) and our English has seen us become journalists as we learn how to write newspaper articles and reports.

Elsewhere, we used our PSHE session to discuss what we're excited and worried about for secondary school (and moving into Year 6), in PE we started learning about tennis with Mr Scaling, in History we began our unit on the Anglo-Saxons, whilst our music unit this half term is all about our identity and how music helps people express themselves. This half term is shaping up nicely, and we're all very excited about what we can achieve.



Sports Update

This week, the Year 3 and Year 4 children went for their first swimming lesson at Bootham School. We walked there and back!

The pool is wonderful and perfectly sized for us! Next week, the children will be split into two groups and either begin to learn or improve their swimming skills.



We have also been asking the children what equipment they would like to have to enhance their play-time. They asked us for a limbo pole, badminton rackets and nets, skipping ropes, and new basketball hoops.

Here they are with some of their new toys!

