



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

What an interesting week of weather! This time last week we were enjoying the warm sun and these last few days we have been chilly in the snow. It hasn't stopped us from having a great week in school.

YOYO helped us to reflect on the Easter story with a whole school assembly and workshops with Johnson and Kahlo class. We always enjoy these visits, especially the action songs.



Thank you for supporting our fundraiser for refugees from Ukraine today. Please send any further donations in by next Friday so we can make our school's donation.



The elections for our new School Council have taken place this week. We were extremely proud of all the children that put themselves forward and gave amazing speeches to their class. Everyone had brilliant ideas about what they would like to do to improve the school if they were voted in. On Thursday, it was polling day and a secret ballot took place to vote for a boy and a girl from each class. The elected children were presented with their badges in assembly today and are very proud and ready to listen to the views of others.

The new School Council are:

Nyong'o—Giavanna & Joey

Attenborough — Sophia and Gabriel

Johnson — Arlo and Evie

Farah — Alick & Freyja

Kahlo — Zain & Queenie



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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.

Unfortunately the Bibles for Reception children have been delayed so these will now be presented at service later in the year.

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

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.](#)

Bag2School

We have arranged a Bag2School collection on Friday 8th April. Empty bags will be sent home with your child on Monday, please fill them and return them to school on the morning of Friday 8th April.

They will accept:

All clothing (men's, ladies and children's)

Paired Shoes, Belts, Handbags

Hats, Scarves, Ties, Lingerie and Socks

Soft Toys

Linen, Curtains, Towels, Bedding

Unfortunately they will NOT accept:

Duvets, Blankets, Pillows or Cushions

Soiled or wet clothing

School uniform, corporate wear

Carpets, rugs and mats

This is a great and easy way to raise funds for the school whilst also creating some space at home.

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

This week in Nyong'o class we started learning our 'Talk for Write' for the Gruffalo story. Everyone was very enthusiastic about suggesting actions for the different parts and we had lots of fun acting it out. We then used it to help us write the beginning of the story and I was very proud of how hard everyone worked to remember the features of a sentence. Well done everyone! In Phonics we have been learning about the different sounds of 's' at the end of words e.g. at the end of fights & cooks— it sounds like a 's' but at the end of queens it sounds more like a 'z'. We also looked at some words with 'es' endings too!

In Maths this week we have been tackling odd and even numbers! Everyone has had a really good try at identifying which numbers have an even top and which numbers have an odd block. They even started to spot them in our 'doubles or not doubles game', working out that the doubles were even - amazing!

Wild Wednesday started out a bit wet but we all persevered (and sheltered!) and it soon stopped. We worked brilliantly in teams with Attenborough class, making dens out of different materials and then predicting which one would be the most waterproof. In PSED we looked at why it is important to keep clean and especially wash our hands before we eat any food to get rid of the invisible germs! We then had a lovely time bathing the dolls in the water tray and making sure they were all clean. We also listened to our friends give their speeches for the School Council and then voted for who they should be. We continued our Write Dance for our first PE session and this week we were dancing and drawing a growing tree. I think we saw every type of weather whilst playing hockey this week, but we carried on regardless and are becoming good at defending our cones! In RE we read the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and discussed who the hero was in the story and what it teaches us about helping. All in all another amazing week of learning from Nyong'o Class, very well done!

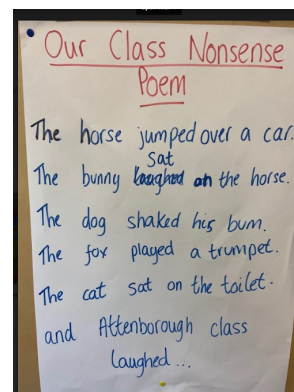


Attenborough

Miss Davison

Well done Attenborough for another brilliant week. Only 1 more week to go until the Easter holidays. This week we have kept busy with learning some more phonics graphemes: (or) a, (o) a, (air) ear, ere and (ur) ear. In maths we started to learn about multiplication and have been brilliant counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's (feel free to practise at home!) and in English we have been learning all about poetry with rhyming words, poetry songs and nonsense poems and even created our own funny class nonsense poem...

In DT we finished our fish by painting them in their rainbow colours just like the Rainbow Fish story and in history we completed our learning about the Royal Family with learning about the Royal Jubilee. During Wild Wednesday Attenborough and Nyong'o class worked in teams to create a waterproof shelter. They did a great job, although not all of them were waterproof...



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Johnson Mrs Taylor

We have been busy learning about shape in maths. We have investigated the number of sides and vertices and learned to draw shapes accurately on different types of grid paper. We had to remember to use the lines and the dots, a ruler and a sharp pencil to draw the shapes accurately. It took a lot of practice but we eventually managed to draw beautiful straight lines.





In PE, we have been learning to play rounders. This is a summer sport so we expected to be playing on the field in the sunshine but as it was snowing we had to move indoors. We learned that we are more likely to hit the ball if we watch it carefully when it is being bowled to us.

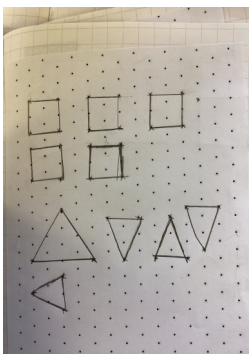
We have been poets in English - exploring rhyming patterns and alliteration then using these in our own poems about animals.



Identified Practice

Name each polygon.
Count the number of vertices and the number of sides.

name of polygon	number of vertices	number of sides
 square	4	4
 rectangle	4	4
 triangle	3	3
 triangle	3	3



Farah Ms Graystone

The children have made incredible strides this week in their understanding of the human digestive system, including learning lots of technical language and fascinating facts. Did you know the human body produces between 1 and 2 litres of saliva a day? This knowledge is now being converted into fascinating explanation texts.

Within our computing lessons, we have learnt about databases and used a programme to create our own. Lots of the children have been using this at home too!

The Year 4s have started rehearsals for our Easter performance of Three Trees, with lots of wonderful drama on display. We do hope you'll come and join us to see this in church next week with the whole school singing the songs to accompany the play.

Finally, we have been learning a little about the democratic process as we became a polling station, placing our votes for our preferred candidates for the school council. Ms Graystone made it as much like a real voting station as possible. All the children who stood for council, made a short speech to explain what made them an excellent candidate and how they would bring their ideas to life!



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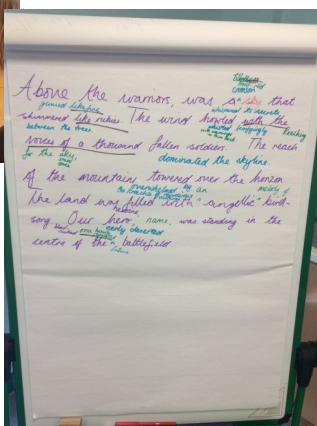
Kahlo

Mr Levick

In Kahlo Class this week, we have been learning lots of new things and we've persevered whenever we have found things tricky. Our work in maths has taken the year 6s into angles and the year 5s into measures. The whole class are now really confident in using a protractor (a very difficult skill!) and can confidently tell you how long a line measures.

Our reading and writing sessions have been all about legends. We've learnt about the Lambton Worm, a scary creature that lurks in the River Wear as well as Beowulf and his battles with Grendel, an evil fiend. This learning was then adapted into some setting descriptions that have seen us use some beautiful writing techniques to describe a multitude of different places.

Elsewhere, we have been enjoying our tennis sessions in PE, delving deeper into the Anglo-Saxons in history (which helped with our understanding of Beowulf) and some delightful workshops from Yo-Yo about Easter. The children were incredibly well behaved and you should be incredibly proud of them. Keep the good work up Kahlo, you're doing fabulously!



Reading Pictures: Seeing Stories Festival

Explore York Libraries have some brilliant, free activities happening across our libraries this Easter. There are dance workshops, drama workshops, story-telling, crafts, and comic illustration to choose from.

All sessions are free but you do need to book your place, so take a look at our Eventbrite page for full details
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/reading-pictures-seeing->



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Covid-19 Update—Vaccines

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents of 5 to 11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

For 5 to 11 year old and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, please use this link to book [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment. Appointments and walk-ins can be accessed for 12 to 15 year olds now, and bookings will open up for 5 to 11 year olds from the beginning of April.

Updated Guidance from the 1st April

- Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or child-care when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

General Notices

- Please send in any sponsor money from our Comic Relief / School fundraiser by Friday 8th April. Thank you.
- Please like, follow and share our new facebook page.



Events happening in York

Please click on the links below to find out what is happening locally and ways to help us live actively, everyday.

- York residents invited to 'Our City Festival'** <https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/952/york-residents-invited-to-inaugural-our-city-festival>
- Full steam ahead for York's Great British Raileways bid** <https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/954/full-steam-ahead-for-york-s-great-british-railways-bid>.
- Holiday Activity and Food** <https://www.york-ok.org.uk/young-people/haf>.
- Make a difference in the Great British Spring Clean** <https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/958/make-a-difference-in-the-great-british-spring-clean>.
- Changes to testing sites in York** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>
- Helping you live actively, everyday** <https://www.itravellyork.info/>, <https://www.york.gov.uk/CYHealthTrainers>, <http://www.livewellyork.co.uk/stayingphysicallyactive/>, <https://youtu.be/WqBLbTHrKpM>