



School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Message from Miss Boardman

What a great start back to the half term it has been! Nyong'o class have settled really well with their new teacher for this half term, Mrs Costello and children across the school have been working really hard.

It was great to meet parents of our Reception new starters for September at their welcome evening this week and we are looking forward to seeing the children very soon for their transition sessions. If you have a child starting school in September and weren't able to attend the meeting, your information packs have been left with Playgroup. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions.

On Monday we will be marking St Barnabas Day (11th June) by hearing the story of Saint Barnabas and thinking about how we can be brilliant encouragers like him. Unfortunately the church service planned for Monday has had to be cancelled as Reverend Paul, who was planning to lead it, is unwell.

Classes for September

I wanted to give you some information as soon as I could about the classes for the coming academic year, starting in September 2022.

Due to lower numbers of children than in previous years starting school we will be moving to 4 classes. These low numbers are replicated across many areas of York as it seems to be a low birth rate year.

The class arrangements for September will be as follows:

-Nyong'o class - Reception and Year 1 - Miss Davison (24 children)

-Johnson class - Year 2 - Ms Pena Harran (18 children)

-Farah class - Year 3 and Year 4 - Ms Graystone (24 children)

-Kahlo class - Year 5 and Year 6 - Mr Levick (22 children)

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Lennon will both sadly be leaving at the end of term in order to spend more time caring for their family.

As you can see, classes are still reasonably small and we may have a rethink of the class names. Children will have the opportunity for some transition sessions in their new classes in July.

You will notice that this is a change in class structure for Reception and Year 1. There are a number of schools in York and across the country which have Reception/Year 1 mixed classes and this can work very successfully for both year groups. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers of children currently in Reception to come and meet with us to discuss the plans and provision for this class next year at a short meeting straight after school on **Monday 13th June** in Attenborough class (children are welcome to come along with you). If you can't make this meeting, Ms Pena Harran or I will be happy to answer any of your questions at a different time.

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Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

Nyongo: Bethany and Myley

Attenborough: Penelope and Kara

Farah: Jake and Eva

Kahlo: Laila and Xander

Sentamu: (Y3 morning): Thomas

Headteacher Award: Isabella (Johnson)

Support with the cost of living

With increases in the cost of living, remember that all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal every day. This could save you approximately £10 per week. There are 4 delicious choices each day which parents need to book in advance via Parent Pay. Please contact the office if you would like any help with this.

If you are claiming benefits or your income is below a certain level your child may be eligible for benefits related free school meals. It is quick and easy to apply here.

Children entitled to free school meals are not treated any differently to those who pay for them as bookings are all completed electronically so there is absolutely no stigma in claiming the free meal.

If you are struggling with the cost of food, the website below has advice and support for York residents.

<https://www.york.gov.uk/HelpWithFood>

The council are no longer providing school meal vouchers in the holidays for everyone entitled to free school meals however you can apply for vouchers via the website above.

Dates For Your Diaries

Monday 13th July 9am —St Barnabas Day service at church—**CANCELLED**

Friday 1st July—non uniform day & Nyong'o bake sale

Wednesday 6th July - Year 6 transition day at secondary schools

Friday 15th July—family picnic and sports day 12:-3:15pm

Thursday 21st July — end of term disco in the evening

Friday 22nd July 1:45pm— Leavers' Service at church / 3:15pm school closes for summer

Term Dates have now been set for 2022-23.

[Click here to view them.](#)

Media Consent

Thank you to everyone who have completed the google form to update their preferences. Unfortunately I am still missing quite a few responses. Please click the link below to complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/23aDy9QXQf9paaeA9>

Thank you

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Nyong'o

Miss Curry

We have had a brilliant first week back in Nyong'o class!

This week we have been learning about the past. We have looked at some buildings and discussed whether they are new or older. We even had a go at making our own old style houses from boxes, card, tubes and other craft materials. We thought hard about what we could see in the older buildings and tried to copy those on our own, including an impressive chimney.

Another old building we have researched this week was Castle Howard. We have worked hard to write fact files about the building in Literacy. The adults were really impressed by what the children remembered.

In maths this week, we have explored ways of making number bonds with subtraction facts.

We have practised writing number sentences and finding all of the subtraction facts for numbers up to 10.

This week, we started our new RE topic this- Islam. We looked at the outside of different Mosques and learned what the different parts are called. I was very impressed with the observations the children had made. We drew pictures of a Mosque using oil pastels, some of us even used the new words we had learned to talk about what we had drawn.

We have enjoyed Wild Wednesday (or Wild Thursday as it was this week). We learned about camouflage and had a go at hiding into our surroundings so no one could see us in a game of hide and seek.

Well done Nyong'o, you've all made me proud this week with how well you've adapted to a new teacher!



Attenborough

Miss Davison

Welcome back everyone for the start of Summer 2. The children have done brilliantly this week with lots of changes and so much hard work! Attenborough class have impressed all the adults most in maths - we have been learning about telling the time to an hour and to half past and they all cracked it so quickly! All the children have made me so proud this week in phonics - especially their phonics screening check as they all tried their hardest and smiled throughout. In English this week we started our new book - The Tale of Peter Rabbit. We have read the story, described Peter Rabbit and wrote some brilliant character descriptions about him using our amazing adjectives.

Our week started off with some DT learning all about fruit and vegetables and the children were tasked with sorting them into their two groups before trying some of them! In computing we got to use the school iPad's and we learnt about how to use the Scratch software to programme a cat across the screen - lots of fun! In science we took our turn at thinking about what plants need in order to grow and then planted some seeds and we will keep an eye on them in the next few weeks to see how well they do. Wild 'Thursday' we had a go at camouflaging ourselves and playing hide and seek to see if we could make ourselves invisible.

Well done everyone this week you have tried super hard!



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Johnson

Mrs Taylor

Mrs Taylor has been absent for the last part of this week but Johnson class have been absolutely fantastic and the supply teacher has praised all of them for their brilliant work and behaviour. She will hopefully be back on Monday.

The Year 3 children enjoyed their 2nd session with Alfie the therapy dog. Everyone was so much more confident this week, reading their books to Alfie and stroking him. He even followed the children's commands for him to 'wait' and the signal to eat his biscuit treat. Year 3 will have another session next week before Alfie goes on holiday for a few weeks.



Farah

Mrs Bruce

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed your Jubilee celebrations. It was fantastic to see the children back again this week.

In science we finished off our sound topic by looking at how the ear works and naming the different parts. We then made paper cup telephones and investigated how to make them work successfully.

In maths, we have moved on to looking at mass, volume and length. There has been some very challenging learning going on but they have risen to it and shown resilience and perseverance. Well done!

In English we are looking at the features of myths and learning the names and characters in Norse mythology to link in with our new history topic, The Vikings. We have learned about some of the Gods and Goddesses, their characteristics and the lands they live in.

The children had a wonderful PE lesson with Miss Boardman on Thursday afternoon, working in teams on an obstacle course. Please make sure children have PE kit and a water bottle in school on Thursdays as they will normally have lessons all afternoon.



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Kahlo

Mr Levick

What an amazing first week back Kahlo class have had! Whether it was battling tricky word problems, creating amazing portal stories or reading all about Charles Darwin, they have thrown their all into it. In our afternoons, we've continued learning all about evolution, adaptation and inheritance, discussing the issues with comparing ourselves to others and even colour matching using water colours.

The perseverance and work ethic of all members of Kahlo should be commended this week. We've settled back into school really well after the half term holidays, and the children are filled with enthusiasm for their work. We started our swimming lessons this week too, and the swimming instructors were so impressed with their skills, attitudes and support of each other. Big well done Kahlo, a great start to the final half term!



This week we have been focusing on our rule of 'Be Safe'- thinking about how to help each other to be safe and to feel safe.

These are some of the ways we show safe behaviour in school.

- *Kind feet, kind hands, kind words*
- *Walk inside the building, hands out of pockets*
- *Hands and feet in your own space*
- *Chairs pushed in*
- *Items picked up off the floor*
- *Play safely (no rough play / use the large equipment safely)*
- *Play in the places where you can be seen*
- *Follow instructions straight away*
- *Ask permission to come inside at break-times e.g. to the toilet (so adults know where you are)*
- *Safe behaviour online – keep yourself safe and be kind to others*
- *Tell an adult if you see or hear something unsafe or you are worried about something*

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Clubs

Craft and Games Club for EYFS and KS1—Every Wednesday from the 15th June to the 13th July 3.15 to 4.15pm

Cricket and Rounder's Club for EYFS and KS1—Every Thursday from the 9th June to the 7th July 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Dance Club for KS2—Every Tuesday from the 14th June to the 21st July 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Hockey Club for KS2—Every Friday from the 10th June to the 15th July 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Everyone who has already completed the google form has been given a place and there are still more spaces available! If you would like to sign your child up after the half term, please contact the school office on 01904 555152 or email stbarnabas@york.gov.uk

Local Events



St Leonard's Hospice
Caring for Local People

Summer fair

Come and join the fun!

Petting farm, BBQ & refreshments, prosecco tent, homemade cakes, tombola, games & fun for the children. Oodles of prizes and much, much more...

Pop-up shop for children's toys and clothes.

£1 entry donation for adults
fundraising@stleonardshospice.org.uk
01904 777 777 stleonardshospice.org.uk

Sunday 3 July

12noon to 4pm at St Leonard's Hospice
185 Tadcaster Road, YO24 1GL

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St Leonard's Hospice
Caring for Local People

Join St Leonard's Hospice on
Saturday 18 June
for the Jubilee Walk!

It promises to be a celebration like no other!

Walk the royal miles (approximately 7 of them...) to support your local Hospice.

St Leonard's Jubilee Walk

Book online stleonardshospice.org.uk
or call 01904 777 777

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