



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

As we approach the last week of this half term, I'm sure, like me you are appreciating the lighter mornings and evenings.

Remember that, next week, we are only in school Monday to Thursday as we have a training day on the Friday.

The choir are busy preparing for their performance at Young Voices with several thousand other children at Sheffield Arena next Friday (when everyone else is off school!). They are going to be amazing!

We have welcomed a number of new families into school in the last few weeks, many of whom have moved to York from out of the UK. Our children have been so friendly and welcoming, helping our new pupils to settle in and get to know our routines. Any language barriers have been easily overcome!



Our behaviour of the week this week has been 'Wait your turn'.

We have been working on taking turns with the play equipment and when speaking and listening, remembering to put our hands up in class. There have been lots of dojos awarded for excellent turn taking.

## Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

**Attenborough: Theo, Corra and Jackson**

**Hadid: Kara, Ella and Esmae**

**Farah: Kayden, Jake, Evie and Nasma**

**Kahlo: Abbas, Nadhi, Roqhia and Esme**

**Well done everyone!**

## York Family News

### 'Colour and Light' at York Minster

'Colour and Light' is an immersive projection experience for the whole family, illuminating York Minster during the dark evenings of winter.

The free public show will be visible from the South Piazza of the Minster from 6pm to 9pm every evening from February 10 – 23. The show will be on an 8-minute loop, and viewers are invited to stay for as many showings as they wish. No booking is required

### Half term plans

With half term approaching many families will be looking for activities to help keep little ones entertained.

If you're looking for ways to spend time during the February half term visit the YorOK website to find activities, ofsted registered holiday clubs, spring activities and free things to do.

Find out more at <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/>

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## This week's attendance

**Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 85.92%

Attenborough Class: 84.53%

Hadid Class: 91.16%

Farah Class: 89.53%

Kahlo Class: 87.06%

Well done to Hadid class - they will have a reward of extra playtime.

Please remember to phone the school office before 8.45 am if your child is unwell or at a medical appointment.



## Dates (new dates added)

Monday 6th February—class photos

**Tuesday 7th February—Attenborough Stay and Learn 8:45am**

Friday 10th February - school closed (INSET)

Choir children to Young Voices

Thurs 23rd Feb—Farah begin swimming lessons

Friday 3rd March—World Book Day Event

Friday 17th March—Dress in bright clothes for Comic Relief

Tues 21st / Weds 22nd March—Parents Evening

Friday 31st March—Term ends for Easter

Monday 17th April—Children return to school (No INSET day)

Monday 1st May—Bank holiday

Friday 5th May—Non uniform (£1) and cake sale (Kahlo to bring cakes please)

Monday 8th May—Bank holiday for King's coronation

Tues 9th—Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS

Friday 26th May—INSET School Closed

Monday 29th May—Half term

Monday 3rd June—Children return

Tuesday 25th July—School closes for summer

## Are your family up to date on their vaccinations?

If you are planning to travel abroad, especially to Europe, during the half term holidays, please be aware that childhood illnesses such as measles could be circulating.

Please take this opportunity to check that your child's vaccinations are up to date. This can be done by contacting your child's GP.

You can find out more about the importance of vaccinations, including the MMR vaccine, at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>.

If your child missed any of their vaccinations as babies, they can still get all their vaccines at any age, by contacting your GP. This includes adults who may have missed their childhood vaccinations.

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## **Attenborough Miss J Davison**

This week the year 1's have completed their Maths learning on shape and pattern. They have done brilliantly at learning their 2D and 3D shapes, grouping the shapes and creating patterns. The receptions have been looking at the composition of 5 and one more = 6. They have made 6 in many different ways and practised showing 6 with their fingers.

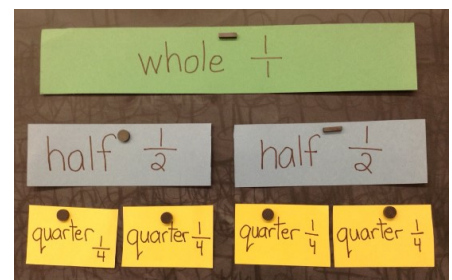
In art this week we looked some more at printing. This time we looked at how we can print using foam. We used a tool to create a flower shape into foam and then printed the flower onto paper. We thought about the different colours for the flowers and how we had to be really careful with the foam so we wouldn't break it.

In the role play area this week we have been astronauts in space going to the different planets in our solar system. We have worn our space boots and flown our rocket away from Earth to our chosen destination!



## **Hadid Ms Pena-Harran & Mrs R Bruce**

This week we have started a new maths topic and we are learning about fractions. We have been investigating how to divide shapes into 2 or 4 equal parts to make halves and quarters. The children have been finding different ways to do this and learning how to write down the fractions.



We have been continuing our work on Meerkat Mail in English and have been planning our own postcard writing from Sunny's point of view. We are remembering our capital letters and full stops and making our writing more interesting by using conjunctions.





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## **Farah Ms Graystone**

We have had another full week continuing our learning within Maths on formal division (in Year 4) and how to convert measurements from mm to cm and cm to metres in Year 3. We can find it tricky to apply this to word problems, so we can make this more practical for real life situations.

The children continue to be fascinated by the research they have done on their critically endangered animals and are turning this into some factual non-chronological reports. Watch this space for the finalised versions and how you can help those poor creatures out with our top advice.

Finally, we began to look at classification keys in Science. Can we write yes/no questions to sort animals so we can identify which is which. To see how this could work, we first created a whole class physical version Guess Who! And then we tried to apply what we had learned using sweets. Could we take a bag of mini Haribo and ask questions to sort them out to identify which is a fried egg vs a jelly ring?



## **Kahlo Mr Levick**

Another great week in Kahlo Class! We've welcomed three brand new students into our class this week. Everyone has been so kind and lovely, and they've settled in brilliantly. Our highlights this week include:

- Diving further into our Shakespeare rehearsals and beginning to practise our parts.
- Investigating how exercise can impact our heart rate by exercising for two minutes and then measuring our pulse.



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## More investment in early help for young people's mental health in York

Young people experiencing mental health problems can now access early preventative support thanks to a new service commissioned by City of York Council.

The new service offers a bespoke package of support needs, as well as counselling sessions. The service commenced in Autumn 2022 and has already delivered over 250 counselling hours and supported over 44 young people.

Anyone in need of one-to-one support who is aged 12-25 years can now self-refer for online or face-to-face sessions via York Mind – Young People's Service or be referred by a professional.

You can self refer online at <https://www.yorkmind.org.uk/how-we-help/young-peoples-service/>.

Demand for such early help is high and a waiting list may operate from time to time, but the aim is to keep this to a minimum.

Find out more at <https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/1184/more-investment-in-prevention-of-and-support-for-young-people-s-mental-health-in-york>.

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## OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

### Support Staff Vacancies

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Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request.
Closes	N/A

Job	After School Club Manager
School	Badger Hill Primary School
Details	Grade 5, Level 1 – £22,704 to £23,854 per annum, reduced pro rata. Permanent, Part Time: 17 hours per week, Term Time Only. 3pm to 6pm Monday-Friday plus 2 hours planning time to be worked at an agreed time.
Closes	Thursday 16 February at midnight

Job	TA level 2 / MSA
School	St Lawrence's CE Primary School
Details	TA: Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£21,120—£22,288 reduced pro-rata). MSA: Grade 2 Level 1-4 (£20,253 reduced pro-rata) Part time: 19 hours per week (14 hours TA2 & 5 hours MSA). Working pattern is 8:30am to 1pm, 4 mornings/week. (Days tbc)
Closes	Thursday 16 February at midnight

Job	Science Technician
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Salary: Grade 5 Permanent, Part Time (6 hpw) Term Time/Full Year—negotiable 2 hpd during afternoon Mon, Wed, Fri—negotiable
Closes	Wednesday 22 February at 8am