



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found it useful - I know that the teachers enjoyed telling you about your child's achievements. If you have any follow up questions please get in touch.

Our Easter focus started this week when YOYO visited us this week for a really fun Easter themed assembly for the whole school and workshops for Hadid and Attenborough. The children engaged well and had some thoughtful questions about the Easter story. We all enjoyed the instrumental demonstra-



tion this week from York Arts Service - we heard and learned about the violin and the recorder. Lessons in these instruments are available in school—please see the separate letter sent out this week.



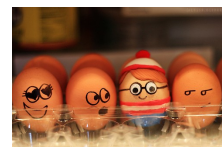
Everyone is invited to join us at St Barnabas church for our Easter service on Friday 31st March at 10am. Children will be reflecting on the Easter story through readings, acting and songs.

## Easter Egg Competition

We are looking forward to seeing all the creative entries in the egg decorating competition next week. Children should bring in their decorated boiled eggs from Monday to Thursday. They will be on display in the library area so please pop in to see them after school.

They will be judged on Thursday after school and winners announced in the service on Friday with one prize given to each year group.

Your children will bring their model home with them on Friday 31st March.



## Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Well done to Hadid Class who had the highest percentage of children walking, cycling or scooting to school this week. We will continue the competition next week so please keep up the active travel to school. The winning class for the fortnight will get a prize!



## Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

**Attenborough: Elsie, Corra and Myley**

**Hadid: Piot, Brian and Georgia**

**Farah: Sophia, Livvy and Julia**

**Kahlo: Abbas, Emma and Harry**

**Well done everyone!**

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## This week's attendance

**Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 91.76%

Attenborough Class: 96.76%

Hadid Class: 92.22%

Farah Class: 93.16%

Kahlo Class: 91.49%

Well done to Attenborough class.

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

Going to school **every day**  
can help your child experience  
new things.

For more information on school absence, visit  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



## Dates

Monday 27th—Thurs 30th March—Egg decorating competition

Friday 31st March—10am—Easter Service at church

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 5th June—Children return

Tuesday 25th July—School closes for summer holiday

Tuesday 5th September—School reopens

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

## Good luck!

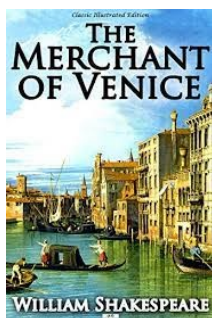
To Kahlo class as they will be taking part in a performance of the Shakespeare play, The Merchant of Venice, on the huge stage at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday evening.

They have worked incredibly hard to learn their actions and lines, which are in the original Shakespearian language.

Tickets are available for just £6 by clicking the link below.

[https://](https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/york-associate-schools-the-merchant-of-venice/)

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## School Meals

We have noticed an increase in the number of school meals being booked as late as 11am on the day of the meal. From next week all school meals will need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance .

Parent pay allows meals to be booked for multiple weeks .

Click [here](#) to view the menu



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## **Attenborough Miss J Davison**

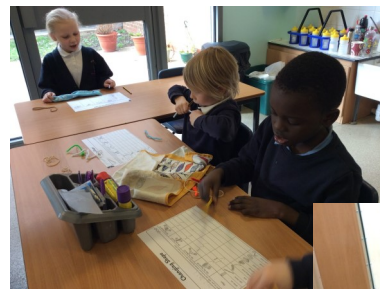
An amazing quiet week in Attenborough! Who knew we just needed some eggs and chicks for the children to be calm and quiet in the classroom... The children have been in awe at the eggs, hatching and adorable chicks this week. They have taken such care to not disturb them and to help me look after them. We have 9 amazing names for our chicks: Delilah, Caroline, Spring, Penny, Maya, Henrietta, Doddy, Betty and Frieda. Hopefully next week we will get a chance to pet some of them.

Even with all that excitement the children have done some brilliant learning. In history we looked at the American Astronaut explorer Sunita Williams and how exciting her journey's have been.



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

This week in science we have been investigating how we can change the shapes of some materials by squashing, bending, twisting and squeezing. The children have discussed why it is important for some materials to be flexible while others need to be rigid.



On Monday Yo-Yo (Christian Youth Organisation) came to deliver a school worship and a workshop for Hadid class. We played some memory games to help us remember the important parts of the session. We learned about different aspects of the Easter story and some of the symbols associated with it.



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## **Farah Ms Graystone**

It has felt like origami week in Farah class as we've done lots of colouring and folding of paper circles and bar models to look at equivalent fractions and to help us compare them. Year 4 has been tackling mixed numbers and simplifying fractions. They've managed to work out that two-quarters and three-sixths is the same as one-half! Year 3 have looked at adding fractions and enjoyed working out how much of a sausage roll or a loaf of garlic bread, two people have shared if each takes some of the eighths (sixths, quarters etc)!

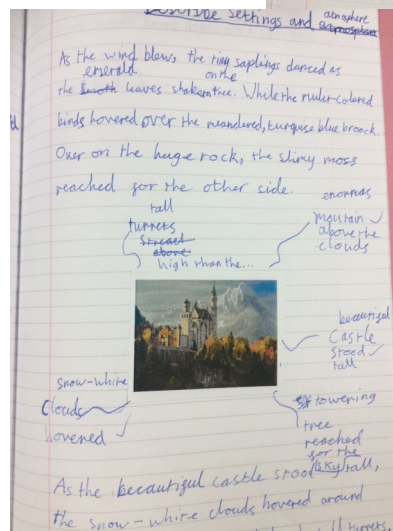
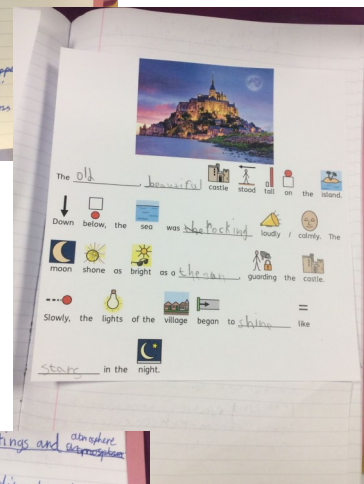
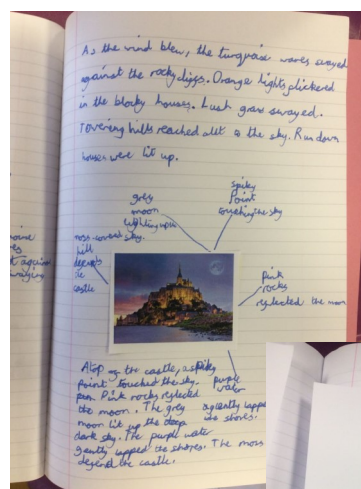
In Science, we tried our first experiment using measurements. The children chose a hypothesis and tried to see if it was correct using real life cases. Many children wanted to explore if head circumference was linked to height..... Or if the taller you are, the larger your shoe size. We're lucky Mrs Cook is tall to try our theories out....however, Ms Graystone does have remarkably big feet for a shorter person!



## **Kahlo Mr Levick**

Another great week in Kahlo Class. It has been lovely to see so many of you at our parents evening appointments - please message via Class Dojo if you would like an appointment before the end of next week! Our highlights this week:

- We learnt lots about internet safety and staying safe online from the NSPCC performance at St Peters' school!
- We have been creating some wonderful characters and settings, ready to write up our twisted fairy tales next week!





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## Spring

into action with Family Matters York

**Would you like your family to bloom and thrive, rather than just be blooming hard work? Fancy trying out some fresh parenting ideas?**

As the spring flowers burst into life across our city, it's a great reminder of new life and opportunities ahead. At Family Matters York we would love to support you and your family in sharing ways to help your family thrive. We offer FREE parenting courses and events across the city to give you a safe space to learn and share ideas with others, to help make daily family life that little bit brighter this spring.

Sign up to our parenting courses - starting soon:

<https://fmy.org.uk/york/>

We would love to see you.

For an overview of our upcoming April/May 2023 courses, click [here](#)



Is your child.....Anxious?

Stressed? Feeling down?

Lacking confidence?

Knowing how to support the emotional and mental wellbeing of our children and young people is one of the biggest challenges parents & carers face today. Join us for a single session parenting event to share, discuss and learn strategies to equip our children and to support them in building their emotional well being and resilience.



**New FREE Event**

**'A Mind Of Their Own'**

**Tues 2nd May**

**7 - 9.30pm @ 60 South Bank**

**Avenue YO23 1DP**

For flyer click [here](#)

### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

This course, led by trained facilitators, will help you to better understand, recognise and manage anger in your family and give you the chance to share your own thoughts and ideas. You will quickly see you're not alone!



Wednesday evenings

7.30 - 9.30am (4 weeks) starting 26th April @ The Gateway Centre, Front Street, Acomb YO24 3BZ

### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE PRIMARY YEARS

This course will help you to support your child as they start to find out how the world works & learn to manage their feelings. You'll get evidence based information, and opportunity to share ideas with other parents, quickly learning that you are not alone.



Thursday mornings

9.30 - 11.30am (5 weeks) starting 27th April @ The Barnabas Centre, Salisbury Terrace YO26 4XP

### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE TEENAGE YEARS

A course to help you to navigate the challenges of the teenage years & the changes in your relationship with your child. With a mix of evidence based teaching & discussion time, you will grow in confidence & feel more equipped for your role as a parent.



Thursday evening (online)

7.30 - 9.15pm via Zoom starting 27th April (5 weeks)

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Jen Wootten Tel: 07393 147259

Email: [jenwootten@fmy.org.uk](mailto:jenwootten@fmy.org.uk)

Or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/york/>

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## OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

### Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code



Job	Estates & Facilities Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice National Minimum Wage Level 3 Apprenticeship Training Course - Facilities Management Supervisor
Closes	N/A

Job	Cook (External Vacancy)
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Hutchison Catering Term time only, £10.88 per hour 10.5 hours per week – Wednesday & Friday 08:30 to 13:45 Please contact – Susie Arnold 07500 958950 or email <a href="mailto:susie@hutchisoncatering.co.uk">susie@hutchisoncatering.co.uk</a>
Closes	N/A

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 2, Level 1: £20,253 (reduced pro rata).  Full Time, 7.5 hours per week, term time only
Closes	N/A

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