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### Headteacher's Update



It has been a very busy, exciting (and somewhat messy!) day today, as the children have enjoyed getting creative with our special 'Christmas Crafts' theme day. Of course, this doesn't mean there won't be more arty fun over the coming weeks, but it has been a joy to see and hear the whole school engaging with hands-on creativity at the same time. We are really looking forward to our next Christmas events, as shared in last week's newsletter.

I would like to say a really special thank you to our children who returned to school on Wednesday for our open event for prospective parents/carers. It was evident how proud they are of what our school has to offer and the learning they were sharing, in addition to being brilliant guides (and all in line with Covid-19 safety measures too!). As always, it really shone out how polite, caring and articulate your children are. Thank you to our PTA members who supported the provision of refreshments and also to the members of our governing board who came along.

We are very hopeful that the scaffolding will be removed this weekend (weather permitting); we are very much looking forward to seeing how much smarter our school frontage will look, as a happy additional benefit to the replacement of the roof section. It will still be a couple of weeks before the works are completely finished.

Please be aware that we have had 1 positive case of Covid-19 reported this week, in our lower junior phase; parents/carers of the relevant class have been informed.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, I do hope you can enjoy it.



### Daily Christmas Post Box!

We are pleased to share that we feel we can safely facilitate the Christmas Post box this year (unless anything changes). We are aware that we now have some parents/carers and children who have never experienced this! Children can bring in their Christmas cards for others in the school and post them in our special Christmas post box in the entrance area. Santa's special (sanitised!) Year 6 elves then sort and deliver the post around school on a daily basis.

To help the elves, it is really important that each envelope:

- ◇ Is clearly written
- ◇ Has the child's first **and** last name on it (if your child knows it)
- ◇ Has the child's Class on it e.g. Class 5

Thank you for your support with this.

**First Post:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Last Post:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



### Upcoming Events

10/12/2021	Christmas Non-Uniform Day (PTA event)
w/c 13th Dec	Christmas Nativity ( <b>Rec, Yr1 &amp; 2</b> )
16/12/2021	School Christmas Dinner





In phonics this week we have practised reading tricky words. These words follow no rules – we cannot blend them, we simply have to learn to sight read them. We have enjoyed playing bingo with these words, writing, reading and finding them in books.

In Maths we have been exploring different shapes. The children painted beautiful Kandinsky inspired artwork using circle and triangle shapes.



The children have been movie stars this week as we began filming their Nativity performances. Their playful characters have shone through in the recordings and we are so pleased and proud of them. The children worked hard on speaking loudly and clearly when delivering their lines. Their singing was fantastic and their dancing would rival that of most of the strictly contestants! We cannot wait to see the final result.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

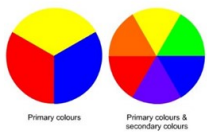
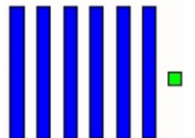
**Miss Knowles, Mrs Greenwood & the EYFS team.**



## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

This week, the Year 1 children have focussed on reinforcing their knowledge of split diagraphs in phonics. As a reminder, split diagraphs make the letter sounds a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e. They have learnt how important the role of the letter 'e' is in creating the long vowel sound, for example changing an 'a' to an 'ai' sound. The children have enjoyed practising this through a range of games, activities and while reading during the week.

In maths, the children have explored different methods of subtraction using practical equipment to solve calculations and word problems. Everyone worked really well with the Diennes equipment to recognise the value of the number, in order to practically subtract a smaller number.



During the week, the children have really enjoyed exploring colours in our art lessons and learning about primary and secondary colours. Using paints, they have mixed primary colours to create secondary colours and used these to paint colour wheels.

We have also been very excited to be practising for our nativity plays and the acting and singing is progressing well. Next week, we shall be filming the plays and we're looking forward to sharing them with you, once they are edited!

As a reminder, all children have access to Phonics Play (online). To access the games and activities, please search for Phonics Play or use this link <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The school login details are

Login – ralph1

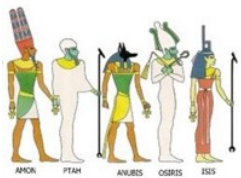
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The level of game(s), to choose for all children, should be up to and including Phase 5. If you have any queries about this or any other questions, as always, please do ask.

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson**

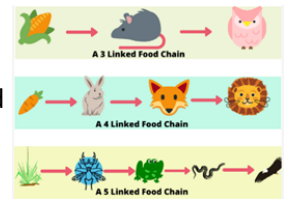


## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



This week has been varied and creative in Year 3 and 4. Our history this week has been all about Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses. The children learned about just ten of the about two thousand gods and goddesses who the Egyptians worshipped for different reasons. They then combined the qualities of at least two gods or goddesses to make new deities with the features, responsibilities and powers of both. They certainly came up with some interesting new creations!

In science, classes 6 and 8 have been grappling with food chains and learning about what these are and how to make one. It was quite tricky as they had to know which animals ate plants at the start of the food chain and then which animal ate that and which animal ate that one – it was quite hard at first, but they got there in the end. Class 7 meanwhile, have been having a go at making a set of model human teeth out of red and white plasticine and there were 'smiles' all round when they completed the task.



Our Christmas craft day has been a great success with each class working in turn with each of the Lower Junior teachers to complete a Christmas activity. With Miss Hodgson, the children got to make a wonderful Christmas card, with Mrs Petruso they made different decorations to take back to their own classroom to decorate it and with Mrs Greenwood they made a different decoration to take home with them.

Super work, Year 3 and 4!

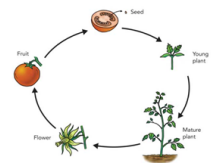
**We wish you a peaceful weekend.**

**Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Petruso**



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In science, we drew the entire life cycle of a flowering plant using our knowledge built up over the last few weeks. The children were able to apply their learning to create an accurate diagram.



In maths, Class 9 are consolidating their division skills in the context of decimals and money whilst Class 10 and Class 11 have begun work on fractions. The children are realising that their times tables knowledge is crucial in many aspects of mathematics. Continuing to build up fluency and speed in this area is beneficial to all.

The Year 6 pupils welcomed Mr Messias back, who is working with them to guide them in how to be resilient and develop a positive growth mindset. We have additional sessions planned which we hope will support them with their learning over the coming months.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod**



## Nut-free Snacks

May we please remind all our parents/Carers that we are a nut-free site? This includes Kids Club. Thank you for your cooperation, we really do appreciate your help and support with this.





Thank you to everyone who attended the **Christmas Film Night** for Years 3-6...it felt great to be able to run an event in school after nearly two years. We can't wait to be able to do more next year! We started taking card payments on the night which I'm pleased to say all went through ok – this is a good step forward in taking cashless payments. We also raised £350 which was amazing too! Thank you.

### PTA Christmas

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** will be a Festive Non-Uniform day in school and in return we would like you to donate a **sweet /chocolate item** (NO NUTS please), which we will collect Friday morning at drop off.



After school, on the same day, we will then use this to run a sweet /chocolate tombola when we will be also be selling hot chocolate and a biscuit again.



We can't hold our normal Christmas Fair – but we hope this spread a little Christmas spirit with an afternoon treat before the last week of term!



### Christmas Eve Treat Bags



Thank you for all your orders – these will start to be given out in school during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December; please be aware therefore that not all children, who have ordered one, will receive their bag(s) on the same day.

### FINAL WEEK - The BIG Christmas Prize Draw

It is the final week to buy tickets for the BIG Christmas Prize Draw. Please get involved and buy a ticket, and be in with a chance of getting one of 26 prizes!

This is the link: [RBs BIG Christmas Prize Draw](#). It will be drawn on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – local delivery/collection of prizes only



Prizes include...a Nintendo Switch Lite and Game, Harry Potter Lego, M&S Hamper, £50 Amazon Voucher, Nestle Hamper, Bettys Christmas gift bag, Beauty Treatments, lots of Family Days out, Beauty products, Headphones and lots more.

Joanne Barrow—Chair PTA



### Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School

**19th November 1937** - This afternoon the King and Queen visited York. The school closed for the occasion



King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit Terry's factory in Bishopthorpe Road, York





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

4 sessions on managing our anger and our children's anger

Starting Monday 17th January 7.15 to 9pm  
Online via Zoom

To book contact Helen on 07393 147 259 or email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk) or for more info visit [www.fmy.org.uk](http://www.fmy.org.uk)

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Starting Tuesday 18th January 9.30 to 11.30am  
@ The Avenues Children's Centre Sixth Avenue York YO31 0UT

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5 sessions looking at some of the issues and how to survive!

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Starting Wednesday 19th January 9.30 to 11.30am  
Heworth Methodist Church Heworth Village, YO31 1AE

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Starting Thursday 27th January 12.45 to 2.45pm  
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