

Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

I hope you are looking forward to attending our summer fair – the first for 3 years! I would like to thank our wonderful PTA (we are really fortunate to have such a dedicated, proactive PTA), for the hard work that has gone into organising it. I would also like to thank you, for either helping at, or supporting, this year's fair if you are able to.

I do need to give a loud, special shout out to our Year 6 children, who, despite all of the disruption of the last couple of years, have achieved phenomenal results in their statutory tests (that they took in May). Here is a summary of these very well deserved results, compared to the national average:

Subject	Children achieving expected standard or higher (%)	Children achieving above expected standard (%)
Maths	94% <i>(National 71%)</i>	51%
Reading	94% <i>(National 74%)</i>	53%
Grammar punctuation and spelling	98% <i>(National 72%)</i>	62%
Reading, writing and maths combined	89% <i>(National 59%)</i>	17%

Year 5/6 parents/carers are in for a treat with the production of Oliver next week; I am really excited to watch it as the snippets I have seen already, are just wonderful. All parents/carers also have the sports days to look forward to - on Monday 18th July for Y3/4/5/6 and Tuesday 19th July for Reception and Y1/2 (both 9:15am – 12:00pm).

As it stands, we haven't had enough offers of help to make supporting the development and maintenance of a Ralph Butterfield Primary School allotment viable. If this is a project that you and/or family members would be able to help with, I would be most grateful if you would please click on the link below and complete the online form **by Monday 11th July**. I will then be able to get back in touch with Mr and Mrs Lambert, who have made the generous offer of an allotment, and let them know whether or not we are in a position to accept it. Thank you. [Please click here to register interest](#)

Finally, high temperatures are forecast for next week; thank you for supporting us by ensuring your child(ren) attends school with sun protection and a cap/hat.

Hopefully you can enjoy our summer fair and your weekend; I'm sure lots of us will be taking in the sights and sounds of Haxby Carnival!

Liz Clark



For our understanding of the world activity, we investigated how we know dinosaurs lived in the UK and we looked at fossils of plant life as well as dinosaur bones. We also learnt about Mary Anning and her famous dinosaur discoveries in Dorset.

In maths we did more odd and even activities and sharing to consolidate this learning. Our next learning will be counting on when adding and problem solving.



In our literacy this week, we have been enjoying a variety of dinosaur stories and the children have been writing sentences to go with pictures. We have been focussing on making sure our writing makes sense and that we have included finger spaces.



In PE this week, the children have really enjoyed playing a variety of games including 'stuck in the mud', we have also been working in teams throwing bean bags into a hoop and to each other. The children also had opportunities this week to play football with Mr Keaney, which they absolutely loved!

We have had a couple of the Big Cat Phonic reading books returned, thank you. However, if your child still has a reading book at home, they will not be able to take home a new book this week. All the books are numbered and we have a record of all missing books. Please can you ensure all books are in the book bags every Monday. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Next week we will be having some extra PE sessions to practise for sports day. Please could you ensure that trainers and PE kits are in school every day.



Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Daniel and the EYFS team.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

In art this week, we have been learning how to make paper sculptures in the style of the famous artists, Lauren Clay, Li Hongbo and Roberto Benavidez. We have had lots of fun experimenting with paper folding, curling, rolling and cutting to create various shapes, sizes and detail, just out of coloured paper! The children then created their own 3D paper sculptures and they look fantastic.



To continue our story writing focus this week, we have designed our own desert islands and planned our own stories using the island as the setting. It has been lovely to see the children use their creative imaginations to plan volcano eruptions, shipwrecks and mermaid tales. The stories are being brought to life through the use of exciting adjectives and conjunctions to add detail and extend sentences.

Do you have a hidden talent?

This week, we are asking children in Years 1 and 2 to think of a talent that they would like to share with us. This could be telling jokes, playing a musical instrument, dancing or doing a magic trick (to name a few). Please practise this talent ready to share it with your class on Thursday 21st July.

We are looking forward to sharing our talents with you too!



Please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss any questions you may have.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves

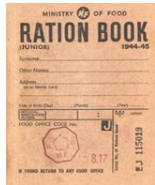
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

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Year 3 & 4
Music
Showcase



Firstly, a HUGE well done and thank you to all the children in Year 3 & 4 for their amazing Music Showcases this week! They all sang beautifully and played their ukuleles brilliantly. We are so proud of the children for their outstanding performances. It was also wonderful to see so many parents and carers back in school for the children's live performances.

In science this week, we have literally 'ramped' things up as the children investigated friction. After learning about friction the children completed a practical investigation. They used ramps with different surfaces and wooden buggies to test the amount of friction caused by each surface type.



Our English this week, was based on writing a WWII recipe. We learnt about recipes as a form of instructions and spent time looking at the layout and features of them. We also learnt about rationing, especially food rationing. The children then took notes whilst their teacher made scones from an authentic Second World War recipe. The notes helped them to write their own fabulous scone recipes.

What an amazing week's work, Year 3 and 4!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Wishing you all fantastic weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Bennett and Miss Clapham.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



The Year 5s thoroughly enjoyed a game of rounders this week. We had an opportunity to further develop our understanding of the rules and played a couple of exciting games. As we got into the match, we began to work together more as a team and started to develop different tactics and strategies.

The staff were delighted to meet their new pupils this week. We welcomed the new Year 5s to Upper Key Stage 2 and began to get to know our new class mates. Our new teachers told us about themselves and we had the opportunity to share information about ourselves. We cannot wait to get together again next week!



Primary

Secondary

We have had some fantastic feedback from the new Year 7s and their day out to their various secondary schools. They talked excitedly about the lessons they had undertaken and the new friends they had made.

We are incredibly proud of the results shared this week. These showed how hard **ALL** our Year 6 worked by taking on board advice given, and their perseverance and positivity, which allowed them to reach their full potential. All children are now ready to embrace the challenges that lay ahead in the next stage of their education.



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

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



Instrumental Assembly

Thank you so much to everyone who came to watch our instrumental assembly this morning. We had children who played the flute, clarinet, violin, guitar, trumpet and saxophone. For many of the children, it was the first time they had ever performed in front of anyone and they were simply wonderful.

A huge thank you to Miss Freitas and Mrs Loughran who were also there this morning and the rest of the instrumental teachers who supported the pupils to be able to perform this morning. I could not have been any prouder of our fabulous pupils.



Menu Change w/c Monday 11th July 2022

Please be aware that there is a menu change on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this week (w/c 11th July).

Chicken Curry/Veg Paella will be served on Tuesday 12th July and Ham/Cheese pizza will be served on Thursday 14th July.



Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

We are pleased to share that each child will today receive a free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The book was commissioned by the UK Government and is published by DK Books.

Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.

In the story, Isabella sifts through Great Granny Joyce's treasure box of souvenirs, which act as introductions to the contents of the book. These include recent and historical events across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, Inspirational people, landmark innovations and inventions, and a selection of the best art, design, and culture. The book also includes famous quotes from the Queen, facts on the coronation ceremony, content on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life.

We hope everyone enjoys reading their special commemorative book and it serves as a keepsake of this special year for Queen Elizabeth II.



Snippets from the Log Books



10th July 1935 – Annual trip to Scarborough due to attendance merits.

15th July 1937 – School closed – children taken to Yorkshire Show held on the knavesmire.

10th July 1940 – 58 evacuees admitted to school from Middlesborough schools. School classrooms moved around to allow the evacuees to board at the school.





SUMMER FAIR – Friday 8th July 6-8pm

Come and join us at the Summer Fair this evening from 6pm.

Adults £1 and children Free.



There will be lots going on including a hot food stall, Prosecco and beer bar, inflatable assault course, test your strength, racing pigs, 3 popular tombolas, cake stall, ice creams and lots of traditional games. We look forward to seeing you!



Sports Day



We are pleased to let you know that V Dub Coffee/Tea Van will be joining us on both Sports Days; you can treat yourself to a drink and cake whilst the children have fun. Please bring your re-usable cup and a percentage of their profits will go towards the school. **Thank you for your support.**

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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Explore York are excited to be launching Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge on Saturday 16th July.

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit their local library and get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, which has a science and innovation theme this year. Children need to read 6 books of their choice over the summer holiday, and they will collect rewards along the way, and a medal and a certificate when they've completed the challenge.

There are lots of events and activities happening over the summer holiday, children can create electric buggies and have fun making squishy circuits, attend Stories of the Stars with Hoglets Theatre, take part in an illustration session with Summer Reading Challenge 2022 illustrator Julian Beresford and so much more.

By reading books and attending an exciting range of events and activities over the summer holiday, the Gadgeteers will help to spark children's curiosity about the world around them and encourage them to feed their imagination over the summer holiday. They will be boggled by brilliant facts, gaze at the stars, and be inspired by getting hands on with creativity and invention. With plenty of great options across all our children's books there's lots to keep children busy at Explore York Libraries and Archives this summer.

To find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and our summer programme of events visit <https://exploreYork.org.uk/> or pop into your local library.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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Launches Saturday 16 July

Visit your local library this summer holiday!

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge and take part in some of the events and activities on offer. There's lots to keep children busy at your local library this summer.



Illustrations by Julian Beresford 2022



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Has your child outgrown their primary or secondary uniform?

COME ALONG TO OUR

School Uniform Bank

Drop off clean, good quality uniform, PE Kit and school shoes at the Methodist Church on **Wednesday 27th July 10am-4pm**

Pick up new uniform from the Church on **Saturday 30th July 10am-4pm,**



Drinks and refreshments available
Any queries, contact Lorraine at families@hwmc.org.uk or 07850 631168