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Acting Headteacher's Message

Inspiration Assembly: Believing the Impossible is Possible

This week, we were thrilled to welcome Edith's Mum, Mrs Robyn Davies, who delivered an inspiring assembly to the children all about believing that the 'impossible is possible'. She shared an exciting and ambitious expedition she will be taking part in as part of Equine Para Adventures. In February 2026, she and five other women will travel to Argentina and ride on horseback across the Andes Mountains, finishing their journey in Chile. Remarkably, one of the team members is wheelchair dependent, making this challenge even more extraordinary. All kit and equipment needed for the expedition, including the wheelchair, will be carried on mules whilst the team make this arduous journey. [Click here](#) to donate.

Mrs Davies spoke to the children about the importance of mental and physical preparation, facing challenges with determination, passion, courage and the strength that comes from working together as a team. The children were truly captivated and left the assembly feeling motivated and empowered to believe in themselves and chase their own dreams.



Proud

We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 children whose statutory test results were released this week. We hold wellbeing at the heart of all we do whilst also being passionate about children being ready for each new stage of their education. It brings us such joy to send children to secondary school in a position to hit the ground running in Year 7. In the table below you can see how the children have achieved, including in comparison to national figures.

Subject	National		Ralph Butterfield Primary School	
	<i>Expected standard or above</i>	<i>Above standard</i>	<i>Expected standard or above</i>	<i>Above standard</i>
Reading	75%	33%	90%	54%
Maths	74%	26%	88%	30%
Writing	72%	13%	96%	30%
SPAG <i>Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</i>	73%	30%	88%	50%
Science	82%	n/a	96%	n/a
Reading, writing and maths combined	62%	8%	86%	18%

We wish everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Helen Stephenson



Please note that the next newsletter will be shared on the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Seaside special



On Wednesday, all of our Reception children had a fabulous visit to the beach at the North Bay in Scarborough. We enjoyed the coach journey when children watched out of the windows and commented on the buildings seen on the journey. Upon arriving at the beach, the children all carried their own bags and we eagerly set up our plot on the beach. We were so proud of how well they all played together and the fun they had building sandcastles, mermaid tails and big holes! Some children found pretty shells, pebbles and even some sea glass!

Unfortunately, the RNLI lifeguards were flying the red flag so this meant we could not go for a paddle but the children coped with this change amazingly well. They persevered at cleaning their hands of sand and sat in the sunshine enjoying their packed lunches.

We were so pleased with the children's independence skills including, looking after their own belongings, keeping themselves safe by wearing their sun hats and playing within our marked out area - and their manners were fantastic. It was so lovely to see the joy on their faces throughout the day!

An ice cream at the end of our visit was the highlight of the day for all children and the adults too. The coach journey on the way home was considerably quieter than the initial journey to Scarborough!

We hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos from our day on Tapestry.

Thank you

We do have to mention that the visit would not have been possible without the support of many adult volunteers and we are very grateful for their help on the day.

Finally, all of the staff and volunteers were extremely grateful and a little overwhelmed by the very kind donation from yourselves. This enabled all adults to have a drink and ice cream during our day. A truly remarkable gift which we are so thankful for. Please accept our sincerest thanks.

Reminders

Next week, **Class 2** will be visiting Haxby library to return their books. Please remember to put the books and the library card in your child's book bag. If any children from Class 1 would like their books returning to the library, please bring them to school on Thursday too and we shall take these back for you. Thank you.

Please ensure all school reading books are returned to school on Monday 14th July. Each year we audit the books to ensure they are in good condition and we have all sets/books ready for September. However, don't worry, children will continue to read at school during the week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



We are nearing the end of the school year but our children are still amazing us and having a brilliant and exciting time. This week, we were thrilled to welcome Mr Grindlay into school to run a golf session with all three classes. He set up seven different activities and the children had a go at them all. We tried to hit cones and get the ball into hoops or through tunnels. The children (and staff) had a fantastic time, displayed a positive attitude and had a lot of fun. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Grindlay for volunteering to give up his time and give us this fantastic experience!

Away from the putting green, we have been preparing for the transition into next year's classes. We have spent more time in our new classes, meeting the staff and children that we will be with in September. We have also been working on transition booklets with information about ourselves for our new teachers, including the things that we like both in and out of school, our friends and the things that we feel like we need help with. These will get passed to our new teachers so that they know about us when we start in their class.



This week, many of us have been building our playground models in DT. Having been to the park and investigated real structures, we designed our own model swings, slides, climbing frames and roundabouts. We have started to construct these models, making the shapes that we saw out of wooden dowel and lolly sticks. We needed to learn how to use a saw to cut the wood to the right length and how to be accurate so that our structures were stable and strong. We still have some work to do on these but they are looking incredible already.

On Friday, the Year 2 children were delighted to showcase the amazing work they have done this year, learning to play the recorder. They held a special recorder concert, first to parents, carers, friends and family, and then to the whole school. They recited a number of songs that they had been practising with Miss Freitas and were absolutely fantastic. We were so proud of them and how well they played despite the presence of a live audience. It was clear just how hard they had been working all year long to get to the standard they were at. Well done, Year 2.



With just over a week to go before the summer holidays, we are almost at the end of this year's learning journey. We are so proud of all our children for keeping going strongly right to the end. Well done.

Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It's been a brilliant week of learning and fun in LKS2!

This week in geography, as part of our fieldwork unit, the children carried out a traffic survey. They observed and recorded the different types of transport passing by, carefully using tally charts to collect their data during a 15-minute observation session from the playground. The class then used their tally data to create bar charts, developing key skills in presenting information clearly and accurately. They worked hard to apply correct scales, label their axes, and answer questions by retrieving information from their charts. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting hands-on with their learning and demonstrated great enthusiasm for real-world data collection and analysis!



This week in computing, the children learned how to search the internet efficiently and safely, building their digital literacy and research skills. First, the class discussed what makes a search effective - such as choosing the right keywords, checking sources, and scanning for relevant information. Then, using the search quiz on Purple Mash, the children answered questions using a search engine. Finally, the children created their own search questions. They tested them first and then swapped them with a partner to answer each other's questions, encouraging collaboration and critical thinking. The

lesson gave pupils valuable experience in navigating digital spaces responsibly, and they showed fantastic curiosity throughout the session.



Many thanks to those who have already returned their pleasure for reading books. If you haven't already returned your book, please do so as soon as possible. We will also be collecting in colour banded reading books next week. The children will continue to practise their reading in school but they will not bring any reading books home to share with you. Thank you.

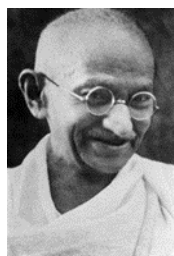
If you have any questions, concerns, or news you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Wishing you a wonderful and restful weekend! Enjoy the sunshine!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.
Mr Daniel, Miss Clapham and Mr Povey

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Wow! The staff, family members and governors, who came to see our performance of Wonder, were so impressed with our theatrical talents. The chorus, actors, dancers and stage hands played their parts and ensured the show was a huge success. Thank you for all your support.



As part of our RE lessons, we identified some of the values that Gandhi followed and learnt about his life. It was clear that, even though he chose to be non-violent, he was able to have a huge impact on the lives of people around the world. We then considered how some of Gandhi's principles and words could be applied to address contemporary situations, such as a falling out with a sibling or friend. We drew what might happen and considered how a more peaceful approach to disputes could change our everyday lives for the better.

In science, we learnt about the importance of a balanced and varied diet, and a healthy lifestyle. Utilising the 'food pyramid', we began to understand how different foods are used by our body, i.e. carbohydrates are used for energy. As a class, we then discussed the impact of exercise on our long-term health and wellbeing before conducting an experiment to investigate how pulse rate is affected by exercise. Initially, we recorded our resting pulse to use as a benchmark, before jumping on the spot for 30 seconds. We then compared our results. We then repeated the experiment twice more, increasing the duration of the activity to 60 and 90 seconds. Once the experiment was finished, we recorded our results onto a line graph and bar chart before concluding our findings. We learnt that, when exercising, our bodies require more oxygen; consequently, our heart rate increases.



Reading books

If you have not already returned your reading scheme books and reading for pleasure books, please ensure all book are back in school for 14th July please. Thank you for your support.

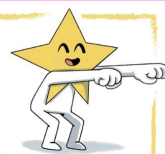
REMINDER, all Year 6 pupils are attending Crucial Crew on Monday 14th July, during the morning. Each child needs to wear school uniform. As we are travelling by coach, which is due to leave at 9am promptly, **please ensure you child(ren) arrive for registration at 8:55**. We will return to school in time for lunch.



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

Mr Bennett, Mr Carpenter Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Tod

Today, Year 6 children received a visit from Brian Dunning of *Good News for Everyone*. He shared a short reading from the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs, and spoke briefly about their messages. Following this, the children were offered the opportunity to take home a copy of the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs as a gift, if they wished to accept it.

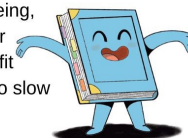


Summer Reading Challenge launches 12 July!

Over the summer children are encouraged to read/share six books of their choice. There are stickers to keep them motivated, and fun activity sheets and character hunts in libraries to complete, and a medal and certificate for all who finish by Saturday 13 September.

All participants will be entered into our weekly summer prize draws and we have some fantastic family tickets up for grabs – including tickets to York Maze, Cinderella at The Grand Opera House, Aqua Splash, Roller Skating, Clip 'n' Climb, and Wonderlab!

Children who are read to or read regularly are more likely to thrive and not just academically. They gain better emotional wellbeing, increased confidence, reduced stress, and a greater imagination! And it's not just the children who benefit – curling up with a good book gives adults chance to slow down, relax, and take a break from the world.



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