



## Headteacher's Message

Hello

Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with parents/carers over the next couple of weeks. If you have booked your appointment to be face to face on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, please note that due to the PTA disco in the hall on that day only, those meetings will take place in your child's classroom. Please wait near the external door that your child usually enters school through in the morning and your child's class teacher will let you in at your appointment time. All other face to face appointments that week will take place in the hall; for these, please enter the school via the main entrance and head straight for the hall. Thank you.

This week I would like to share some news with you. Mrs Fliss Mawson will be leaving her school secretary post, due to a house move, at October half term; we would like to thank Mrs Mawson for her work with us since July. I am pleased to also be able to share that on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we will be welcoming a new school secretary to our staff team, Mrs Laura Wakelam.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend.



Liz Clark

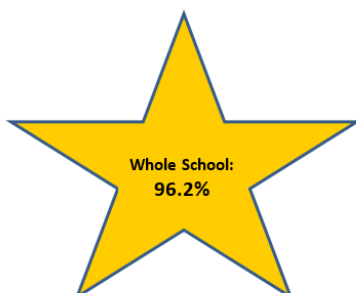
## Jackson's Bakery

We were delighted to discover that, at this year's Great Yorkshire Show, we had been nominated to receive a donation of bread from Jackson's bakery. This only came to light when we very excitedly responded to an email saying that we had been selected as one of their winners!



The bread arrived this week, smelt absolutely wonderful and will be served from the school kitchen, alongside school lunches. Thank you to whoever it was that was kind enough to take the time to nominate us.

### This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

## Cross Country Competition

Thank you so much to the children who took part in the cross-country competition that was held at Askham Bryan College on Wednesday after school. Miss Dawson and Mrs Newsome said that you ran with such enthusiasm and didn't give up. I have not yet received the results but wanted to say a huge well done. Thank you to the parents/carers for battling through the traffic to get their child there in time for the race and for Miss Dawson and Mrs Newsome for supporting the children and giving up their time.

Mrs Atkinson- PE Leader

## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



We have continued our learning journey in **phonics** this week by learning four new phonemes; h, b, f and l. The children are also excited to be making progress with sounding out and blending phonemes together to begin to read words. They are delighted that they are beginning to crack the code of reading!

If you would like more information about how we teach phonics, please do refer to the parent/carer workshop materials shared this week or explore the Little Wandle 'parents' section. This has some valuable videos and resources.



As part of our theme, Marvellous Me, we have continued to explore how people can help us to keep healthy and safe.

This week, we have learnt how firefighters work as a team to keep everyone safe. The children enjoyed reading texts which explained the role of a firefighter. They also practised putting out number fires (only pretend) with water squirter. As you can imagine, they had great fun!

We also enjoyed welcoming Mrs Broom into school, to talk to the children about her role as a community nurse. She explained how she helps to look after people, the types of jobs she does and showed us some of the equipment she uses to help her, for example, bandages.

The children have loved learning about different roles in the community. If you have an occupation, which you think the children would like to hear about, please do contact us.

This week, the children have found out about Pantosaurus. They watched his song and heard his message. This song teaches children that their pants are special because it covers up their private parts. It also teaches children how to respond if someone asks to see/touch their private parts - with a firm "No". The children listened well to the song and engaged positively with the message.



If you would like to watch the song, please follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI>



We hope you are enjoying the Tapestry observations which we regularly share with you. The children are so busy in their learning at school. If you would like to share any adventures, learning or theme related posts, we would love to share these in school.

Well done to the children for another fantastic week in Reception!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



## Reception Autumn Challenge for Parents/carers

We would like to invite the parents/carers of the children in Class 1 and 2 to an Autumn challenge session. Families can choose to attend on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Parents/Carers are invited into the classes from 8.45 - 9.45am. During this time, the children will introduce their learning environment to their parent/carer and work together to complete Autumn themed challenges.

It would really support the smooth running of this event if only **one** parent/carer joins the child on only one of these dates. As I'm sure you will appreciate, our setting would struggle to fit 80 people at one time!

We look forward to sharing our learning with you.



## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

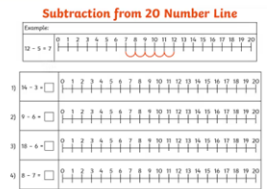
The children in Key Stage 1 have continued to show their enjoyment of learning this week. And what a busy week it has been!



The children were continuing their learning about instructions and independently created another set of instructions for how to do a craft. This time they made a hedgehog collage, using leaves. They went out and collected the resources they needed first. Then they used colouring pens to provide the background before sticking on the leaves to create the effect of the spines. The resulting artwork was beautiful and the children used the techniques effectively. Following this, they were inspired to write a set of instructions to tell people how to make one of their own. These included a clear sequence of commands, with details added through the use of

imperative verbs and adverbs. The children's writing was very carefully considered and clearly communicated the steps.

In maths, the children were learning about subtraction, the times when we use it in real life and the skills of accurately counting backwards on a number line. There was a lot to remember and they did a great job of thinking carefully about what they were doing so that they didn't make any mistakes. They were also learning about measuring mass and weight. This involved a lot of practical work as the children used balance scales to compare the weights of two objects. They used comparative language and the greater than and less than symbols to describe this. They also used non-standard units (counting cubes) to describe the mass of objects from around the classroom.



In P.E, the children have been developing their movement skills and coordination. They have been moving in a variety of ways, including hopping, side-stepping, hop-scotching, skipping and pivoting. We then put these movements into a game in which we had to move in the way determined by a dice. It required good concentration but the children did a great job.

Our computing work has been focussed on online safety. We have been concentrating on the skill of logging into websites by typing in a username and password accurately. This is a very complicated skill because of the precise nature of the login details and the necessity of typing them absolutely perfectly.



However, we have also learned about why logins are necessary and why it is important to protect your password. Your child should have a copy of their Purple Mash login details so that they can log on at home, use the creative tools and show you what they have been doing in school. If you require a copy of these login details then these can be re-printed for you.

Finally, can we please give you a reminder about our Key Stage 1 Phase Event coming up on the afternoon of **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 2.20-3.20pm**. This will be an opportunity for a parent, carer or family member to come into school and enjoy doing an art project with the children. It really means a lot to the children to be able to share this experience and it will be a lot of fun so we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

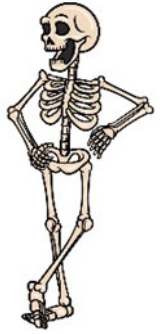
Well done Key Stage 1. You are all working so hard and we are very proud of you.

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Reeves

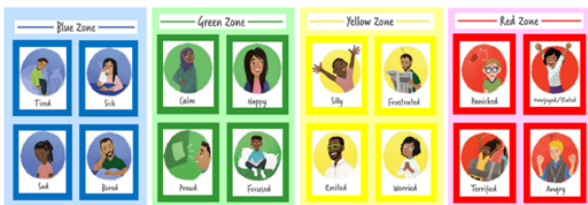
## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Another busy but very enjoyable week in lower juniors! We have all thoroughly enjoyed a variety of activities. Some of the highlights of our week have been testing our Shadufs, designing our own Cartouches, practicing our touch typing and continuing to improve our football skills.

In science, we have been learning about skeletons and their functions. To help us understand the human skeleton we sang and danced along to 'Bones, Bones, Bones'. This helped us learn some of the scientific words for the bones such as clavicle, humerus, ulna, radius, pelvis, femur, tibia and fibula. After meeting Skelly the skeleton and looking at where all the bones were positioned, the children worked in groups to see how quickly they could put the bones back together on a large floor skeleton. Amazingly, it only took about 3 and a half minutes to get the bones in the correct place to recreate a skeleton.



In PSHE this week, the children have revisited the Zones of Regulation and have delved deeper into their understanding of their emotions. In particular, the children thought about how their



bodies react when they feel a certain way. For instance, if they feel nervous they may have butterflies in their stomach, they may feel shaky or they may cry. The children identified that they may feel all of these things or just one and that everyone reacts differently to the emotions they are feeling.

In addition to our PSHE lesson, each class, learnt about the 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' campaign run by the NSPCC. To begin, the children watched an age appropriate video provided by the NSPCC that made the children aware of various forms of abuse. Each child was made aware that they have the right to speak up, talk to a trusted adult and receive help if they, or someone they know, encounters abuse.



On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 marked World Mental Health day by taking part in two activities during the day to promote positive mental health. They started their day off with a positive affirmations mat. The children drew a picture of themselves under the title 'I am perfect the way I am!' and identified 6 brilliant qualities about themselves to reinforce how AMAZING we all are. Later on in the day, they participated in a number of mindful moment activities such as breathing activities, doodling, colouring and exploring their senses. All fantastic strategies to help us maintain good mental health.

Please do come and speak with us if you have any queries, questions or would like to share any news with us.

**We hope that you have a relaxing weekend.**

**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham**

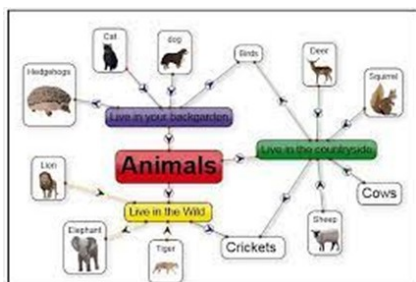


## Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



As part of our RE this week, we began to collate what we have learnt about people's belief in God: we considered the different ways that God is perceived; we thought about the way good and bad news can be interpreted and we considered the viewpoints of philosophers, religious leaders and Humanists. We then set about writing a balanced argument that summarised the different viewpoints of theists, agnostics and atheists alike.

In our PE sessions with Mr Stephenson, we have been developing our ball skills. As part of lessons, we have been learning to dribble with the ball, to pass and shoot accurately and to tackle one another safely. It has also helped us to develop our ability to coordinate as a team so that we were able to successfully defend an attack.



Starting this week, we have begun to learn how to use 2Connect as a tool to help us organise our learning and to collaborate. By creating boxes, we can organise information much like a thought shower. 2Connect will also allow us to connect web links and further information to some of our ideas. We can also link different boxes with arrows and, should one side begin to look crowded, reorganise the entire document by moving the information around. Additionally, 2Connect has a collaborative setting which allows the whole class to contribute their ideas to one document. This is especially useful when we are discussing a new concept or wish to share our ideas.

The Year 6s thoroughly enjoyed their trip on Tuesday to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall to give the children a chance to recall important dates and events in British history. They took part in a debate to decide who should be admitted to the hospital and the role played at being entrepreneurs in the 1850s.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please come and speak to us.

**Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod**



**31 Oct 2023**  
Secondary school application deadline



Was your child born between

**01 September 2012**

and

**31 August 2013?**

Apply online at:

[york.gov.uk/Admissions](http://york.gov.uk/Admissions)

**Before 31 October**



## PTA News



### School Disco

Don't forget it is the school disco next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Timings will be:

4.30 – 5.30pm - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

5.45 – 6.45pm - Year 3 and Year 4

7.00 – 8.00pm - Year 5 and Year 6

The cost of the disco is just **£3 per child**, which includes a bag of tuck shop sweets. Unfortunately, parents won't be able to stay at this event. Please bring a labelled water bottle and your dancing shoes!

### Christmas Card proofs



Please order your Christmas cards and gifts by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Unfortunately, you cannot order after this date so please order early!

Thank you for your support!

### Bags2School

A Bags2School collection will take place on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – when we ask you to bring in unwanted clean and usable old clothes, sheets, towels, bags and paired shoes. These are collected and raise money for school.

If you are having a sort out – please do keep it for us!

### A date for your diary!

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – York Concert Band will be joining us again this year and playing Christmas carols and show tunes. It's a really lovely festive evening!

Please save the date!

