



FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

'Nice to know'



FRIDAY 26th JANUARY 2024

MR COOPER AND MR GARDINER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers, Families,

It's been a windy, but super week. We are fighting a few viruses in the school community, but we're also battling on through some end of winter colds. School has stood up to high winds really well, we've nearly finished the resurfacing of 'the woodchip area', and we're enjoying the mornings and evenings getting lighter. It helps us all get out of bed!

Learning has been enriching, hardworking, creative as ever. Reception have had a visit from Northern Ballet, some Y4 girls took part in the West York football festival, we have had a visit from The English Hub to talk about the teaching of phonics (and we think they are going to help resource better home reading books in KS1 and EY), and we've just confirmed the next phase of our school decorating. By September the whole school will be newly decorated!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and that you stay safe in the windy weather. Soon we think we'll have a new look, easier to access newsletter!

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Cooper

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

MILLTHORPE SECONDARY SCHOOL

We were aware there was a rather strange interview by our local MP on Look North last Friday. Whilst the feature was mainly focused on provision at Millthorpe School, it was also quoted that perceived problems were 'spreading to the Primaries' at South Bank. Strangely the funding crisis in schools, specifically our school, seems a bit of a blind spot. For those parents who are interested in the response from Millthorpe, here's the link. As I'm sure that you appreciate, we, and our colleagues at Millthorpe, are trying to do our very best for our families.

<https://millthorpeschool.co.uk/2024/01/letter-from-headteacher-22-january-2024/>

KNAVESMIRE'S GOT TALENT

We are pleased to announce that Knavesmire's Got Talent will be back by popular demand in Spring 2024. From brave gymnasts to speedy mental maths whizzes, we want to invite our pupils to share their talents. Children have been given the opportunity to sign up in Music lessons with the first round taking place in Music lessons this half term. The second round will be in Key Stage singing assemblies following the February half term and the final event will be an evening of celebration on March 14th. With an emphasis on participation and enjoyment we welcome all children to enter and share their unique talents or to show their support and be entertained!

KNAVESMIRE CHESS CLUB – FREE

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and is FREE. If you are interested in chess and want to volunteer please let me know using the form, you will need a valid DBS from the school to attend the sessions:

Thursday sessions will be Years 1, 2 and 3 and will run from 3:30 to 4:00 pm.

Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/86bkANo27ZCk4tSy6>

Tuesday sessions will be Years 4, 5 and 6 and will run from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/ZHWXGocPdk7TtWkj7>

I also wanted to let people know about other chess clubs and local competitions.

<https://eborscouts.org.uk/event/chess-competition/> - If your child is in the Scouts or Guides there is a competition for them to enter.

If you cannot make any of the sessions but want to attend another club see the links below:

<https://www.yorkchessclub.co.uk/> - Every Wednesday at Guppies (on Nunnery Lane)

York Explore library in town Sundays 2-3 pm during term time

Once you have completed the form I will email all parents more details.

If you have any questions please let me know by email to shroud.king@gmail.com or ask me in the playground.

Thanks, Larry

RSPCA

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals cares for all animals everywhere. If you'd like to help support there is a collection box in the school office.

REFUGEE APPEAL

THE WINTER CLOTHES AND SHOES NEEDED APPEAL IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. Donations for all age groups will go to the refugee home in Bradford. **Please drop any donations into the school office foyer.** Please make sure all donations are as good as new or new, washed and clean. There is no capacity to wash once donated so this is really important. Underwear and toiletries including sanitary items are always needed and have to be new. Donations for men in particular are harder to get and most needed. Thank you so much!

LOST PROPERTY

Tis the season of the lost gloves and hats. We appreciate they're often hard to name as they lack labels. But in an effort to reunite as many as possible, all missing woolly things will be placed in the gazebo in a tub for as long as possible before they go mouldy.

Please check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items.

Any pieces of unnamed uniform are either recycled into the clothes bank or added to the Friends clothes rail in the office and sold to raise funds for the school. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140233959376362/permalink/6818721288194229/>

CLOTHES BANK

Our fundraising and recycling clothes bank is situated at the entrance of the car park to the rear of the school. Please click on the following link to see Mrs Wogan-Wells from Y6 explain a little more about how it all works.

<https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankId=KnavesmirePrimary-School>

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

LIBRARY UPDATE

A date for your diaries - World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March! More details to follow.

The School Library is open to children with their parents/carers every day after school 3:15-4pm (3:15-3:30 for browsing only). Children can use this time to borrow and return books as well as use the library for quiet reading during this time.

Miss Smith

SCHOOL MILK

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register.

NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery, we've had a fabulous week! The children have been learning about 2d shapes and positional language in maths, the letter 'g' in phonics as well as rhyme matching and generating! In handwriting the groups enjoyed creating spiral patterns on whiteboards, practicing a pincer grip and developing control. We enjoyed a PE session using the parachute to sing songs and play games! We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Happy Friday! This week, we have done /ur/ /ow/ /oi/ and /ear/ in Phonics. In Maths, we have looked at part- whole modes to understand composition of numbers in different ways. In Literacy, we have continued to write about different pictures using sentences. In PE, we learnt how to do a bounce pass! This included holding our netball properly in a 'w' shape. In Big Idea, we have been lucky enough to have two visitors. On Monday, we have a visit from Oli's mum, Suleika, who is a doctor. We looked at x- rays, discussed where doctors work and what they do. We even learnt how to find your pulse. On Thursday, we had a visit from Leo's dad, Graeme, who is a Paramedic! The Children learnt about Stethoscopes, Otoscopes, Extrication Collars and much more. Thank you to both our visitors. Please remember that we are a nut free school so please make sure your children's snacks do not contain any nuts. Thank you and have a lovely lunchtime.

The Reception Team.

YEAR 1 CLASS MESSAGE

This week, Year One have been exploring what occasions people celebrate and what happens at a celebration. They also made their own invitations to our party and are looking forward to giving them out to their families next week. In Maths, the children have worked hard on comparing numbers with greater than, less than and equal to as well as ordering numbers from smallest to greatest. In English, the children have written some beautiful poems all about parties, which we have been very impressed

with! We hope you have a great weekend.
The Year One team.

YEAR 2 CLASS MESSAGES

Year 2 have had another fantastic week learning all about Pokemon! We have used clay to model our own Pokemon that we had previously sketched and then used paints to make them colourful, the children can't wait to show you their final products! We have also been getting prepared for writing our non-chronological reports all about Pokemon, so we have been learning all about different features that we could add! In maths, we have been doing lots of work on measuring and working super hard to solve tricky word problems. Just a quick reminder that we are inviting parents in on the 8th February at 2:30pm to show you all of our hard work from this half term!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 CLASS MESSAGES

This week, we have enjoyed learning about mummification and we even mummified an orange which we will keep an eye on over the next few months! During the final dance PE session, the children created and performed their own routines to the rest of the class. In maths, we have recapped some calculation methods and finished off the week with an online measurement quiz. Next week, we will move onto mass and capacity. We have finished off our descriptive narratives where the children really showed off their vocabulary! We have started to look at features of instruction writing ready to write our own set the week after next. Maths homework (4x tables) and spelling homework (contractions) will be stuck in homework books. We will set some optional tasks on Spelling Shed next week. If your child doesn't have their homework book in school, you should find the sheets in their school bag! Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 CLASS MESSAGES

It has been an exciting week in Year 4 as we planned and designed our "shoe box fantastical kingdom" projects. We have also painted the backdrops of our shoe boxes, ready to add in human and physical features of our fantasy worlds next week. The children have thought up unique and creative ideas, spanning from ice kingdoms to lands filled with sweet treats! In Maths, we have continued with the fantastical theme, using our learning of how to measure perimeter to create and measure mystical creatures. In Writing, we have started a new unit based on discussion texts. The children examined Lucy's dilemma in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: should Lucy enter Narnia or return home through the wardrobe? Creating a 'conscience alley' for Lucy to walk through, they presented balanced sides of the discussion. They also spent time learning and reciting our imitate text and looked closely at the features of a discussion text.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR 5 CLASS MESSAGES

Year 5 had another fantastic week, drafting, editing and publishing their non-chronological reports about a new species they have found in the rainforest. They then started to illustrate their report with a water colour drawing of their animal. In Maths, they have been working hard on multiplying fractions. They have carried on their Big Idea work on the Rainforest and Life Cycles and have been looking at ways human activity is impacting the rainforest and how we can prevent future damage. They enjoyed another amazing session in forest school learning about how birds have evolved and adapted throughout generations. In PE, we have started our new unit - hockey. Please remember to bring in a named jar and hand it to a member of Year 5 staff next week. Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 Team

YEAR 6 CLASS MESSAGES

This week, Year 6 have been editing their missing chapters from When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit. We have also been learning all about angles and how to calculate missing angles. In Big Idea sessions, we have been learning about the Blitz and have been busy creating our own Blitz inspired big pieces of art- we can't wait to show you them! In PE, we have been learning different vintage dance moves that we will be putting into sequences and showing off at our VE Day celebration on Thursday 8th February. Parents are invited to celebrate with us and celebrations will begin at 2.45pm. Children are welcome to dress up in WW2 attire on Thursday 8th February. We are really looking forward to our trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum next Thursday 1st February. Please give your permission on ParentPay, and on the day, please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch and warm clothing as part of the workshop will take place outside. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

Date reminders Tuesday 30th September - Trip to York Dig to learn about how archaeologists and paleontologists help us to learn about the past! Please can you ensure your child has a pack up on the day.

The School House has had another busy but brilliant week. The children have been busy learning about the Cretaceous period and how the dinosaurs became extinct. We looked at the theory that an asteroid hit Earth and we investigated this using science. We conducted an experiment to see which asteroid (different sized balls) would cause the most devastation in our dino world! It was great fun and we made lots of observations too. Next Tuesday, we will be visiting the York Dig to learn about how we use fossils to tell us about the past. This will inform our Big Idea lessons for the rest of the week when the children are going to make their own fossils/dinosaur skeletons out of clay! They will use these to take some Reception children on a dinosaur hunt in week 5. As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us. Have a lovely

weekend.
The School House team

Best wishes

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An informal, relaxed one off evening with video clips and couple only discussion (no group work) for couples wanting to focus on their relationship away from the distractions of life!

We'll be hosting a single video and discussion based session from Care for the Family that looks at the importance of commitment in relationships. We'll explore what we can do to prioritise our partners and what it takes to stay together when the tough times come. Join us - book your free tickets NOW!



Friday 2nd February

7.30 - 9.30pm

@ St Pauls Church, Holgate Road Acomb, York, England, YO24 4BF

For more information about this event click [here](#) or for a flyer click [here](#).

Book your free tickets [here](#).

Or contact Emma for more details : emmamarshall@fmy.org.uk; 07491 910239



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Listening Event

Preparation for Adulthood

Tuesday 30th January 6pm online

Meet Ruth Horner, Preparing for Adulthood Coordinator from CYC.

Understand how to plan transition into adult services in social care, health and education. What you should do and when? Know where to find information about the processes and changes

Ask questions or give feedback on your experiences

Please email pcf@yiks.co.uk and we will send you a link with joining instructions.



Coffee Morning

Come Join us for a peer support coffee morning. All welcome.

Tuesday 30th January 10am

Choose 2 cafe

Marjorie Waite Court,
Evelyn Crescent, Clifton, York

Annual Conference

Wednesday 7th February

9:30 - 2:30 Principal Hotel York

We have a few remaining places for York parents / carers for this event. Meet other parents and carers and listen to a series of short informative talks from senior professionals in education, health and social care on new initiatives and what is available to our young people in York. To Book your place and for more information please email pcf@yiks.co.uk





NEWS LETTER

IMPs Holiday Club: Let's jam!

Friday 16th February

Ages 5-11: 10am-12pm

Ages 11+: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Cost: £10 (subsidies and sibling discounts available, just ask!)

To book your place, email
imps@aamedia.org.uk or call 01904
 626965



Parent-led advocacy course for families in Yorkshire and the Humber

Bringing Us Together is bringing together a team of trainers, including those with lived experience of peer advocacy, for a series of free online workshops. These workshops are designed for Yorkshire and Humber families and parents/carers.

The workshops are welcoming, supportive and informative. Open to any parent/carer or family member with an autistic child and/or a young person with a learning disability.

- Thursday 6 February, 7-9:30pm – Getting to know one another
- Thursday 20 February, 7-9:30pm – Children's Rights and Human Rights
- Thursday 5 March, 7-9:30pm – Different type of advocacy
- Thursday 19 March, 7-9:30pm – Working together for children and young people
- Thursday 2 April, 7-9:30pm – Person-centred planning

It is recommended that you attend all 5 workshops. If you are unable to attend all of the sessions, a recording will be sent to you.

To book a place, please contact karen@bringingustogether.org.uk. For more information, please contact katie@bringingustogether.org.uk.



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