



FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

'Nice to know'



FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

MR COOPER AND MR GARDINER'S MESSAGE

Happy Friday!

I hope you've had a good week. We've had some fantastic enrichment opportunities throughout school with visits to Dig, Elvington Air Museum and Eureka! Our Year 6 girls' football team continued their brilliant season with a win in the first round of the cup. Our X (I still refer to it as Twitter) account showcases all this and more.

Our visits and enrichment trips are central to our curriculum and KPS Character. We rely on contributions from parents and also from contributions from Friends of KPS to make them happen. We love the Friends of KPS events through the calendar year and they only happen due to the hard work of volunteers and staff. We want to say a thank you to Helen Overhill-Smith and Hollie Richardson who have given so much time and effort over the years and are now stepping away from their roles. A particularly special mention though goes to Helen Bainbridge who steps down as Chair after tirelessly driving the group for a number of years. They've all made a huge difference to our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the 6 Nations, which starts this evening!

Mr Gardiner

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE

After a busy Christmas term, we're kicking our fundraising for the new year in style with our **Valentine's Cake Sale** next **Thursday, 8th February** immediately after school on the playground. As always with these events, we rely on your kind donations to sell, so do **please bring in all donations of nut-free cakes, biscuits and other sweet treats** next Thursday morning and pop them on the table in the office lobby. If you are able to help us to set up or run the stall, do please let us know at knavesmirefriends@gmail.com. As our fundraising for this term starts, we are **welcoming several new people to Friends**, including Lily Reuter (Reception parent) as Chair and Charlotte Rumsby (year 2 parent) as Vice-Chair. We're delighted to have some new people with some fresh ideas come to join us. At the same time, we are sad to say goodbye to Helen Overhill-Smith and Hollie Richardson who have both contributed so much of their time and energy to helping the Friends of Knavesmire over the past years. Both are year 6 parents and are stepping down now to allow us an orderly transfer of responsibilities before their children leave in July. Helen has been treasurer for the past 2 years and has not only brought digital payments and charitable gift aid status to Friends alongside her other duties as Treasurer, but has also been instrumental in sorting out many of the amazing raffle prizes and events that you've enjoyed over the past few years. On behalf of everyone at school, thank you for bringing Friends into the 21st Century and for being such a driving force over the past few years. Hollie has been involved in Friends for nearly 8 years now and has done so much for Friends, both at events, but particularly behind the scenes that it is hard to know where to start to thank her. If you've enjoyed our Christmas shopping evenings, one of our sweetie cones or were lucky enough to win one of our amazing Knavesmire Bake Off winners' aprons - all of that, and much more, was down to Hollie. On behalf of everyone at school, thank you for your time, energy, crafting skills and kindness over the last 8 years - you're quite the act to follow!

Finally, you can all look forward to some more succinct newsletters as I step down as Chair and hand over to Lily. Thanks to everyone who has given Friends support over the past few years when I have been Chair - it has been a privilege to work with such a kind and talented group of people to raise money for school and bring smiles to little people's faces.

Helen Bainbridge

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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!

CIRCUS SKILLS – CHOCFEST.NET

Chocfest 2024 is tomorrow 10am – 9pm and Manor CE Academy. Chocfest is York's very own circus festival with lots of

chocolate cake! There will be lots of circus activities for young and old to try and an evening show where you'll see Circus Stu perform!

If you'd like to sign your child up to Circus Skills in school on a Friday lunchtime – or any of our other external clubs - please visit our website for details: <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/community/extended-school>

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, and have immersed ourselves in all things dinosaur as the children created skeletons, dino eggs and masks! We have also made a start on our End Goal with the children each painting their favourite dinosaur!!! The results have been amazing so far! In phonics we've been looking at the letter 'o' and in maths we've focussed on numbers to 5 and the children are developing their confidence week by week! In handwriting we had a visit from the cheeky fairy and worked on our spirals, another shape that will help the children master their letter shapes. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Happy Friday everyone! This week, we have learnt the trigraph /air/ and the digraph /er/ in phonics. We have also been learning how to read words with double letters, such as 'hammer' and 'rabbit'. As these are longer words, we have learnt the skill of 'chunking', by reading the first half and the second half of the word separately, before joining them together. In literacy, we have been writing about characters from the stories we have been reading this week. We have written sentences with full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. To further our understanding of the stories, we have been discussing the role of the different characters. During our quick write session, we started to write different sentences about the images on the board. In maths, we have been learning about mass and capacity. We used weighing scales to see which objects were heavier and lighter. We also challenged the misconception that larger objects are heavier! To learn about capacity, we went outside into the water tray to see which containers held the most water. This involved lots of predicting and reasoning. In PE, we have practised catching the netball accurately. Using either a bounce pass or a chest pass, we focused on carefully catching the ball from our partner. In our Big Idea, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Constable John and Darren. They spoke about what their job entails and what equipment they use. We were also able to try on their uniform and sit in the back of their police van! We loved our school trip to Eureka. We explored the different areas and learned a lot about keeping our bodies healthy, sound and music, and learning about nature is a giant- sized garden! Thank you to all of our lovely parent helpers. Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team.

YEAR 1 CLASS MESSAGE

This week, Year One have been exploring what it means to stay healthy and some of the ways that we can stay healthy. In Big Idea, we made our own 'spinner' game and we are looking forward to playing with them at our party next week! In Maths, the children have worked super hard with counting on using a tens frame, a bar model and with a number line. In English, the children have imitated and innovated instructions to make a sandwich. We hope you have a great weekend.

From the Year One team

YEAR 2 CLASS MESSAGES

What another brilliant week Year 2 have had! In Maths, the children have looked at lots of different units of measurement and have also revised some key skills and methods. We are continuing this next week to make sure the children are confident with all of the key Year 2 skills. The children have also worked incredibly hard to write their own non-chronological reports about their own Pokémon that they created. We are incredibly excited to share these with you next Thursday as well as all of the other amazing creations the children have made this half term. In Big Idea, the children have been using Scratch to explore how to program an object to do different things like move, spin or change colour. They are using this knowledge to complete their end goal of creating a mini Pokémon game. A reminder that you are all invited to come and look at the children's incredible work and play their Pokémon games next Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you then! A final note that we will be reviewing the children's book banks next week as we will aim to do each half term. Please do let us know how your children are getting on with their reading books throughout the term but please be reassured that we check in each half term to review them. Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 CLASS MESSAGES

This week, we have enjoyed learning about hieroglyphics and how everyday life in Ancient Egypt compared to the present day. We even had a go at some games that the Ancient Egyptians played. In PE, we are fine-tuning our gymnastic skills ready to create a final routine over the coming weeks! In maths, we have started to focus on mass and capacity. During our English lessons, we have looked at key features of instruction writing and created our own set of instructions on *How to Mummify a Pharaoh!* Maths homework (3x tables) and spelling homework (common exception words) will be stuck in homework books. We will set some optional tasks on Spelling Shed. If your child doesn't have their homework book in school, you should find the sheets in their school bag! Have a brilliant weekend.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 CLASS MESSAGES

What a messy, creative and fun week we've had in Year 4! Last week in DT, we prepared our kingdoms by painting the backdrops of our Shoebox Fantastical Kingdoms, inspired by the painted backdrops from movies like The Wizard of Oz. Now, we have carefully selected construction materials so that we can fill our kingdoms with human and physical features such as waterfalls, volcanos and fairy castles. The children have impressed us with their fantastic creations brought in from home, including light-up volcanos, hobbit houses and beautifully painted shells and we thank those at home for helping them to source materials which have brought their designs to life. In English, the children have been writing shared paragraphs to discuss, "Should Charlie help Slugworth?". They have shared their opinions clearly and confidently, using sentence starters such as, "Moreover,", "Critics feel strongly that," and "There is no doubt that,". Next week, they will write independent discussion texts based on a new topic. During Maths, we have focussed on fractions, beginning by counting in tenths and studying equivalent fractions. We have started to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and the children have used their "maths talk" to answer reasoning and problem solving questions.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR 5 CLASS MESSAGES

Year 5 dived into this week by identifying features of nonsense poems before acting them out using drama and using their own imagination to create their own made up replacement words! In Maths, they have continued their work on fractions and started work on decimal places. Thank you to everyone who has sent a jar into school as we designed our own rainforest terrariums ahead of making them next week - if you have not already sent in a jar then please do before Tuesday. 5U enjoyed forest school on Thursday with Mrs Banham who once again delivered an incredible lesson to all the children of 5U - 5H you are next week! Have a great weekend.

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 CLASS MESSAGES

We have really been enjoying learning about Anne Frank this week and have been planning our own WW2 diaries in English. On Thursday, we had an amazing time at the Yorkshire Air Museum! The children became paratroopers, looked at the iconic aircraft from WW2 and learnt what life was like for children during the war. The children represented themselves and Knavesmire wonderfully (the museum sent the Year 6 staff an email saying how well the children represented the school and they loved having them at the museum!) Next Thursday (8th February) Year 6 will be hosting their VE Day celebration. 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. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had another busy week! We went to York Dig on Tuesday to learn about how archaeologists uncover

historical artefacts. We had lots of fun digging for artefacts and we will use these skills when devising our own fossil hunt for some of the Reception children next week! The children represented Knavesmire brilliantly on the trip and we were really proud of how they engaged with their learning. Next week, we are very excited to welcome two artists into the School House! Lincoln Lightfoot (a local artist) will be visiting the children on Monday to show them how he makes his dinosaur artwork and we are also having a dinosaur drawing lesson with Ellie Lewis (a local illustrator and KPS parent). We are really looking forward to meeting both of them! As always, if you have any questions, please come and talk to us. Have a wonderful weekend.

The School House Team

Best wishes

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Tweens & Teens

(8 to 18-year-olds)

The tween and teen years are periods of great transitions for our young people which can come with great highs and lows in our parenting journey.

Hormones
Friendships
Pushing boundaries
Battles of wills
Sense of identity

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 8th of February for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on our tweens and teens, whether you are living through these years right now or if you want to be prepared. The talk focuses on what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

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