



FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

'Nice to know'



FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

MR COOPER AND MR GARDINER'S MESSAGE

Happy Friday!

We are trying to work out how we are as tired after a 5 week half term as we are after a 7 week half term...

What we do know is that it was an absolute pleasure to have so many parents in school this week to celebrate the end of the Y1, 2, 3 and 6 Learning Journeys for this half term's Big Ideas. It gives our pupils' learning such purpose to be able to show off what they have achieved to their nearest and dearest. Thank you for supporting this.

We also know there's been a lot of illness swirling around as ever and we'll continue to wash hands, bin tissues and the like so we appreciate your support on getting children in school every day.

Our Local Governing Body is really important to Mr Cooper and myself because they offer a real sense of being a critical friend, and they help us ensure we are a community school. It can be a great way to help shape our school and improve the bits we need to. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role of the school governor, then please drop school an email FAO Chair of Governors.

schooloffice@knavesmire.southbank.academy

Have a wonderful week wherever you are or whatever you are doing next week and we'll see you on Monday 19th February for an action-packed five weeks.

Mr Gardiner

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE

We were very sorry we had to postpone our planned Valentine's Cake Sale this week due to the unexpected wintery weather but we're very much looking forward to give it another go at the end of February and celebrate Leap Day instead. It only comes around every four years after all!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

KNAVESMIRE'S GOT TALENT SHOWCASE

We have really enjoyed the wide variety of acts that we have seen this week in Music lessons. The children have been very supportive of their classmates and we've talked about how wonderful it is to be entertained by our brave, creative friends. We will be continuing with the first round in the week after the holidays and there is a list of acts and dates displayed in the glass next to the main entrance, visible from the playground. We will have the second round in our Key Stage singing assemblies where we choose a variety of acts for the final showcase. Details of the final showcase to come.

RECEPTION SPARE CLOTHES

If you have any underwear, tights or clothes you can donate to the reception classes to use as spares, it would be much appreciated.

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

NITS

As ever, we have had lots of cases of nits reported in school this last week. Please check your children thoroughly over the holidays and help us break the cycle.

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 finishing off our big idea and painting our favourite dinosaur!! The children have done an incredible job and demonstrated a wonderful eye for detail. In phonics we've been learning all about the letter 'c' and in handwriting we've attempted figure of eights! Next half term we will be learning about space and the children are very excited about it! Have a wonderful half term break, we look forward to seeing you all when we get back!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have learnt all about Lunar New Year this week, we have made lots of different crafts and learnt about some different traditions and stories. In Literacy, we have concentrated on sentence writing, in Maths we have focussed on measuring length, height and time. We have sent home a pack with some different activities to do over half term I'd you would like to and our next Big Idea is focussed around Handa's Surprise. Have a wonderful and restful half term!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 CLASS MESSAGE

Year One have had a busy week working towards our End Goal of 'Hosting a Healthy Celebration.' In Big Idea, the children drew designs of their cheesecake and added labels. They had a brilliant morning with Clare's Kitchen making their cheesecakes and showed super chopping and mixing skills! In English, the children have written their own invented instructions and in Maths, we have explored number bonds to 20 and doubling of numbers. Thank you very much for coming to our party, we all had a great afternoon and the children had lots of fun showing off their work. We hope you all have a restful break.

From the Year One team.

YEAR 2 CLASS MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant end to this half term! The children have worked incredibly hard to publish the writing they have done over the half term and they thoroughly enjoyed sharing this with you on Thursday. Thank you so much to all of those who were able to share in our End Goal afternoon. The children were delighted to show you their mini pokemon games, read their work to you and show off their amazing clay pokemon! We hope you enjoyed seeing everything they have created. Next half term, our Big Idea will be the History of Chocolate in York with an End Goal for the children to design, make and evaluate their own chocolate products. As part of this, we are excited to have a lesson with York Cocoa House to learn about the journey of a cocoa bean in week 2. In order to make this happen, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £4 per child to put towards the cost of this exciting opportunity. Please see separate email sent today. Next half term, in weeks 1-4 we will also be having forest school sessions on a Thursday morning. Please ensure children have a coat and wellies with them (if the weather calls for it!). Thank you so much for all of your continued support and we hope you have a lovely and restful half term holiday!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 CLASS MESSAGES

Thank you for all your support with the Ancient Egypt exhibition. The children were extremely excited to see you all and show you all their work from this Big Idea. The existing knowledge that some children had about the topic was amazing and I think everyone enjoyed learning from each other! In maths, we have rounded off our focus on mass and capacity and we will start the new term by moving onto fractions. During our English lessons, the children have created their own set of instructions based on ancient Egyptian spells/potions. There is no homework over the holidays as the children deserve a well-earned break!

However, if you want to keep things ticking over, there is TT Rockstars, Number Gym and Spelling Shed to have a go at. Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 CLASS MESSAGES

What excitement this week as we have rehearsed for and completed our auditions. The children have performed their auditions so well and we are currently making our final tweaks to the scripts. Parts are shortly coming out for the upcoming play so please keep your eyes open during the beginning of half term for the script and cast list. We are really looking forward to seeing the children perform!

The Year 4 Team

YEAR 5 CLASS MESSAGES

Well done to Year 5 for an incredible start to the spring term! This week we have made terrariums, drafted, edited and published nonsense poems and learnt all about decimals. We then watched the live action Jungle Book or Rio 2 to bring our Rainforest Big Idea to an end. Thank you to all parents for sending in jars and we hope your child's terrariums made it home safely. We would like to take a moment to welcome Miss Downend - a trainee teacher - who will be working closely with 5U until April 19th. Thank you for your hard work Year 5. Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you for a busy and fun spring 2! Wishing you a happy, safe and relaxing half term.

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 CLASS MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant week in Year 6 this week. In English, we have been writing our World War Two inspired diaries. In DT, we have been creating real rationing recipes and in PE we have been perfecting our VE Day Jive dances. We would like to say a huge well done to the children for hosting such an incredible VE party for our end goal. Thank you parents and carers, for the children's wonderful costumes they looked amazing and it really brought the day alive and transported us back in time. We will not be setting the children homework over half term as we would like them to enjoy a well-deserved break and rest. Have a lovely half term.

Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant week in the School House because we have welcomed 2 local artists to come and showcase their art and talking about their work. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Lincoln Lightfoot for coming to talk to the children about his inspiration and for looking at the art work the children had created! If you would like to look at his artwork, his details are: Instagram- @lincolnlighfootart Website- <https://lincolnlighfoot.com/>

We would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to Ellie Lewis, who is both a parent and local artist. The children had so much fun drawing their own dinosaurs in her workshop! If you would like to look at her artwork, her details

are: Instagram- @ellielewisillustrator Website- <https://ellielewis.com/> We are really looking forward to our next Big Idea which is all about Religion. We will be specifically looking at Christianity, Islam and Judaism. We hope you have a restful half term!

The School House Team

A message from Miss Gilligan

Next half term, I will be available at the School House every Wednesday morning to give parents a chance to catch up. If you ever have any questions or want to chat please do email me first and foremost and I can then loop in Miss Smith and Class Teachers. I will also continue to be at the Coffee Cart each Friday morning to give parents a chance to ask any SEN questions. Have a lovely half term everyone!

Miss Gilligan.

Best wishes

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Parent Carer Forum Update

York Inspirational Kids has hosted the Parent Carer Forum in York since 2020. The decision has been made that the Parent Carer Forum in York will now move forward to becoming its own independent organisation with charity status. We anticipate that this will happen in April or May 2024. The Parent Carer Forum would like to thank York Inspirational Kids for hosting the service for the last few years and both organisations look forward to continuing to work closely together. For Parent Carer Forum details email engagement@yiks.co.uk or see our website www.parentcarerforumyork.org.



Coffee Morning

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

Monday 19th February 10am
The Range Cafe
Huntington York
FIRST DRINK ON US

Better Gym

Yearsley Grove, Aqua Splash SEN Session

Friday 16th February 14:00 - 14:50

Reduced capacity and no music

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/york/yearsley-pool/aqua-splash>

Energise York Inclusive Swim

Tuesday 13th February 10:30 - 11:30

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/york/energise/timetable>

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NEWS LETTER



**Connecting
Families Online
Group**



**Monthly evening group session for parents and carers of
children and young people with vision impairment (0-25 years)**

Next Zoom session:



Tuesday 16th January, 7-8pm

"Meet and Greet 2024!"



To register email: familiesfirst@rsbc.org.uk



Registered Charity No. 307892

New Play Experience in York

Oxygen Active Play is opening on Monday 12th February. It is more than just trampolines. It's a high-thrills universe where the experience comes first – whether you're a parent or child. State-of-the-art facilities with trained leisure staff. Peaceful play sessions promise all the activities but calmer and with fewer visitors.

<https://oxygenfreejumping.co.uk/activity-parks/york/peaceful-play/>

Every **Wednesday and Sunday afternoon** See link for booking and further details

OXYGEN
ACTIVEPLAY

Burnholme Drop In

Tuesday 13th February

9am - 11am all SEN

11am - 13:00 pm SENs only (Hob Moor and Applefields main site children)



Thursday 15th February 9am - 11am all SEN

10:30 - 12:00 noon SENs only (Hob Moor and Applefields children only)



FEB HALF TERM

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PUTTSTARS
mini golf & more

This promotional poster features a dark purple background with a central graphic of a golf ball surrounded by yellow dots. A red banner at the top reads 'FEB HALF TERM'. Below the ball, a large white '50%' is displayed. Another red banner below the percentage reads 'MINI GOLF'. Further down, a red box contains the text 'USE CODE: FEBFUN50'. Below this, white text states 'CODE MUST BE USED FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE 11:00'. At the bottom is the 'PUTTSTARS' logo with the tagline 'mini golf & more'.



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Chatterbooks taster



Saturday 17 February

10 – 11 am | Dringhouses

Come along and try a Chatterbooks session – a reading group for children. Talk about books you've read and make a Viking dragon or longboat!

Suitable for ages 6-11 years

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Valentine's Crafts



Half Term Crafts

Monday 12 February

3-5pm | Dringhouses Library

The Friends of Dringhouses Library are holding a half-term craft session celebrating love and Valentines Day! Come along and make some love bugs and friendship cards. Suitable for children 4-11 years

Booking required | Free

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