Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

We've had another fantastic week at school with plenty going on. Year 3 are continuing their swimming and are loving the sessions at Energise. Year 6 have enjoyed Forest School and braved the cold, while continuing their learning outdoors.

Thank you to the attendees of our quiz last week. We were really pleased to raise over £350 towards some of our exciting educational visits.

Mr Cooper and I have ended the week visiting two schools in Wigan, Orrell Newfold and Marus Bridge, with our friends from Scarcroft. It's fantastic to learn from others and share what we all do. We've come away with some great ideas.

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner



The school email has changed to admin@knavesmire.elt.org.uk
Please delete any other email addresses which you may hold for the school



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

We hope that the new School Newsletter format will prove helpful in better communicating information between school and home.

While ever evolving we will broadly including the following sections - please click on the links below to move directly to any section (direct links may not work on all devices):

- Whole School Information
- Trips, Activities and Performances
- Key Dates
- Cool Kids Club
- Year Group Messages
- Community Messages







Christmas Dinner Day



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!!!

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 11/12/24.

Please can <u>ALL PARENTS</u> complete the item on ParentPay detailing whether your child will be having a "Red Option", "Green Option" or "Home Pack Up/Home Dinner".

We have been chasing outstanding responses. If you have not completed this, please do so ASAP and no later than Monday 25/11/24!

This is different from previous years as we now need a response for every child.

Christmas Menu

- Red option Roast Chicken with Pigs in Blankets (Not Halal)
- Green Option Quorn Fillet (Vegan, Vegetarian and Halal)

Both red and green options come with:

- Roast Potatoes
- Sprouts
- Carrots
- Stuffing (inc stuffing suitable for vegetarian and gluten and dairy allergies)
- Yorkshire Pudding (omitted for gluten and dairy allergies)
- Gravy (including gravy suitable for vegetarian and gluten allergies)

Dessert

- Reindeer Biscuits (dairy free)
- Homemade Gluten and Dairy Free Christmas Biscuits

COMPLETE THE ITEM ON PARENTPAY THIS WEEKEND!



NUT FREE SCHOOL



For the safety and health of our school we are committed to being Nut Free

We need your help to make our school a safe place for those with food allergies.



Some examples of foods containing nuts - some are not as obvious as others...

Please do not bring any nut products Into school









TURE VALLEY

PEANUT BUTTER







BBC Children in Need



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE KNAVESMIRE OFFER

If your family qualifies for free school meals (aside from the universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you will also qualify for The Knavesmire offer. This means, in addition to free school meals, families can be provided with:



- a school jumper <u>or</u> a school cardigan
- a school footwear voucher
- School milk
- one term free swimming travel costs
- two half-terms of free extra-curricular club participation
- free school trips
- negotiated costs for residential visits

Please come to the school office for a form so we can order your child's jumper/cardigan, shoe voucher and milk.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals are automatically applied to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This entitlement can be extended to children where families are in receipt of certain benefits and earnings do not exceed a threshold. These benefits include:

Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit)

North Yorkshire County Council have launched an online portal for free school meal applications that will give you an instant decision on whether your application is successful: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

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OFFICE ADMIN

When communicating with the school about your child, please remember to include their full name and class.

Please note that as of September 2024 we are required to see evidence of any medical appointments. Please send any screenshots to accompany your absence email so that we can log this absence appropriately.

MENU CHANGES

Week 3 Permanent Menu Change

Mondays Red Bacon Macaroni Cheese Green Macaroni Cheese

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

We will be asking for all Library Books returning ahead of the Christmas Holidays so please check to see if you have any at home!

Just a reminder that your child has a library session scheduled each week - please ensure that your child's library book is in school on that day to swap for a new one. If you find any library books at home which may have been 'lost' please return them to the box in the School Office.

Miss Smith



"'But my dear boy, he cried out, that means you've won!"

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?bankld=KnavesmirePrimary-School

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

REFUGEE APPEAL

There is a pause on donation collections for the moment, but please bear this in mind for the future if you have suitable items.

SCHOOL MILK

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

SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please be reminded that the use of scooters and bikes is **not allowed on the school playground** - it is too great a risk of injury to riders and others.

Please make sure you wheel bikes and scooters off the playground before riding them.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair. For information on how to spot & treat, please click on the NHS website. Do note that in many instances, nits look a bit like dandruff. Whilst we cannot enforce it, we recommend long hair is tied back to help prevent further spread of headlice - thank you.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

LOST PROPERTY

'Tis the season for discarding unnamed warm stuff. We have set up a box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground.

Named clothing, if found, will be sent to class. Unnamed clothing will be donated or recycled if an owner can't be found.

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

https://www.facebook.com/groups/14023395 9376362/permalink/6818721288194229/

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart is back in the playground in the mornings. Mr Taylor, our Pupil Mentor, will be outside Miss Hall's classroom, located near the main gates, every morning (when it's not raining!) before school starts with the Coffee Cart. Mr Taylor will be with some amazing Year 5 students who will be ready to sell some lovely cups of tea, coffee or hot chocolate, exactly what you need to start your morning.

All money raised goes back into restocking the coffee, tea and hot chocolate and any that is left over goes back to the school to help buy essential supplies. The young people who help out gain many skills and they thoroughly enjoy the challenges it brings. Miss Gilligan, our school SENCO will help out on a Friday morning and is available for a quick chat or to answer any questions you may have.

All drinks are only £2.00 and we accept cash or card. Please note that we do not serve coffee or tea to any children at school but we do allow hot chocolate as long as the drink is finished before the start of school and not taken into any classroom.

We look forward to seeing you soon.





CLOTHES LABELS

Our school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted.

Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

(Please see next page for Christmas activities and performances)

Year 3

Swimming - Please see the email sent 03/09/24. The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Year 4

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, 03/12/24 - Please see email sent (18/10/24).

<u>Robin Hood's Bay</u> - Please see email sent (18/10/24). The payment item is now live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25.**

Year 5

<u>Astrocampus at York University, 12/12/24</u> - See email sent 15/11/24. Please complete the combined consent on ParentPay by **Monday 25/11/24**. Please can children arrive at school at 8.30am on the day of the trip and bring a packed lunch.

<u>Matilda Performance at Millthorpe School, 16/12/24</u> - See email sent 15/11/24. Please complete the combined consent on ParentPay by **Monday 25/11/24**. Children need a packed lunch for this trip.

Art Workshop at Millthorpe School, 17/12/24 - See email sent today (22/11/24). No additional consent required.

<u>Carlton Lodge</u> - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is now live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **31/12/24.**

Year 6

Barcelona 2025 - The payment plan is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by 30/11/24.

Other

<u>Young Voices Concert, Friday 10/01/24</u> - Please see email sent 13/09/24. The deadline to sign up has now passed and we have submitted our final numbers to Young Voices. We are therefore unable to accept any late requests to attend.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES



Nursery

- <u>-Nursery Christmas Sing Along, Tues 10/12/24, 9.30am 10.15am</u> Information will be communicated through Class Dojo.
- <u>-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 3.30pm 4pm -</u> See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.
- -FoKPS Santa's Secret Shop See email sent 08/11/24. Sign up on ParentPay by Thursday 28/11/24.

Reception

- <u>-Christmas Play, Thurs 12/12/24, 2pm 2.45p, and Fri 13/12/24, 10am 10.45am</u> See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp
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- -St Chad's Carol Concert, Wed 18/12/24, 2pm 2.45pm See email sent 08/11/24. No need to book, just turn up!
- -Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 ALL PARENTS need to complete the item on ParentPay ASAP.
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Year 1

- <u>-Christmas Play, Tues 10/12/24, 1.45pm 2.30pm and Wed 11/12/24, 9.45am 10.30am</u> See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp
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Year 2

- <u>-Christmas Play, Tues 10/12/24, 1.45pm 2.30pm and Wed 11/12/24, 9.45am 10.30am</u> See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp
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Year 3

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- <u>-York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal and Concert at Millthorpe School</u> The rehearsal is on Wed 11/12/24, 6:45pm to 7:30pm and the concert is on 14/12/24, 3:00 pm. Please see email sent 09/10/24. (The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.)

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES (Cont)



Year 4

- <u>-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 5.15pm 6pm -</u> See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.
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Year 5

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Year 6

- <u>-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 5.15pm 6pm -</u> See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.
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- <u>-Choir Members singing in St Helen's Square, 23/11/24</u> See email sent 18/10/24 to Y6 choir members. (The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.)

Other

<u>-KS2 Choir at York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican, Sunday 15/12/24.</u> - Please see email sent 25/09/24. The deadline has now passed to sign up your child. Parents/carers will need to transport their child to and from the venue. Full information with plans for the day will be sent in due course.

You do not have to attend the concert as a spectator however, if you would like to, parents/carers are responsible for purchasing their own tickets and can do so at the link below:

https://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk/whats-on/york-annual-community-carol-concert-2024/

CLUBS

The following clubs and music lesson are run in school by external organisations. Please contact them directly for more information or to book a place.

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk or email: info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk
Dance with Miss Caroline	Miss Caroline runs drama, cheerleading and street dance clubs for all school aged children on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.	To sign up for these sessions please follow this link https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c or for more info, email Miss Caroline: dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website: www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: <u>clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk</u>
Chess Club	This club in run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer. The club is currently full, however, Larry would love more helpers at the sessions so he can accommodate more children.	If you are interested in being a parent helper please contact Larry by email. shroud.king@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS

Dance with Miss Caroline

Miss Caroline missed out the times for her after school clubs in her recent letter. To confirm, Tuesday, Years 2-6 finish at 4.10pm and Wednesday, Reception- Year 1 finish at 4pm.

Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE

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

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 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/QzLnkWzypbaSMnLs5

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

Thursday 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/s5EeJRfJneuobeNk6

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. Ask around for Larry.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



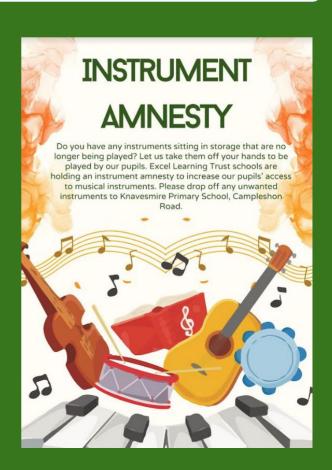
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

The following music lesson are run in school by peripatetic teachers. Please contact them directly for more information.

Instrument	Name	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk
Drums	Alex Woolgar	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com
Brass	Andy Hillier	https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form

MUSIC NEWS

Please check back for updates



KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery	10/12/24	9.30am - 10.15am Christmas Songs
Reception	12/12/24 13/12/24	2pm - 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance 10am - 10.45am Reception Christmas Performance
Year 1	10/12/24 11/12/24	1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Year 2	10/12/24 11/12/24	1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Year 3	11/12/24 14/12/24 17/12/14	6.45 - 7pm York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal @ Millthorpe 3pm - York Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert @ Millthorpe 2.45 - 3.15pm - Ancient Egypt Big Idea Exhibition
Year 4	03/12/24 05/12/24 02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25	Trip to Merchants Adventurers Hall Ancient Greece themed dress up day Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential - Class tbc Robin Hood's Bay Residential - Class tbc
Year 5	12/12/24 16/12/24 17/12/24 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Astrocampus Trip Matilda Trip @Millthorpe School Art Workshop @ Millthorpe School Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Barcelona Trip
The School House		
Other	23/11/24 28/11/24 06/12/24 11/12/24 13/12/24 15/12/24 16/12/24 18/12/24 19/12/24 10/01/25	ELT choir carol singing at St Helens Square 10am - Y6 choir members 3.25-3.40 KS1 Choir Carols in the playground FoKPS Santa's Secret Shop Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Disco. Nursery and Reception - 3.30pm - 4pm, Years 1-3 - 4.15pm - 5pm, Years 4-6 - 5.15pm - 6pm KS2 Choir, York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican. 3.30 KS2 Choir Carols in the playground 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 Young Voices Concert

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We hope you all had a good week and enjoyed the sunny days as well as the first snippets of snow.

Please be reminded that it's almost time for the Knavesmire Christmas Shopping Evening. Next Thursday, on the 28th November, in the school's hall from 6-8pm you'll be able to find lots of great local sellers, artists, food and drinks. It's always a lovely event so you really shouldn't miss it and we hope to see as many people as possible there - so tell your friends, family and neighbours. (The KS1 choir will remind you next week as well.)

Another reason for this date to be put in your calendars is that by 5pm on 28 November you'll have to have paid and signed up for the Secret Santa event on 6th December. If you haven't managed to fill in all the necessary information on ParentPay by then your child won't be able to attend. This advance date allows us to make sure there will be enough presents on the day as well as gives us time to wrap them all up. We hope you understand the importance of setting a deadline as we just want to avoid disappointment.

If you have already signed up but feel you're able and happy to give a bit more then you can find an item on ParentPay labelled Friends' donation, which is meant to possibly cover for children whose families might not be able to afford the Secret Santa this year. Thank you very much for your consideration.

And of course, you can also still look forward to the school disco on 13 December and you can still buy tickets (as well as donate items) for our big Christmas Hamper Raffle which will be drawn, accompanied by the KS2 choir and hopefully some delicious cakes, on the 16 December right after school.

Have a good weekend everyone.





COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR STAFF TRAINING DAYS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH CHILDCARE BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOLS - THEY WILL BE FOUND UNDER 'HOLIDAY CAMP' ON YOUR BOOKING ACCOUNT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Bookings are now open for the Christmas Holidays. KCKC will be open as follows:-

Monday 23rd December 2024

Thursday 2nd January 2025

Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025

If you would like to book spaces, please follow the instructions below.

Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

- 1. Click here to access the online booking system (or visit https://knavesmire-primary.cbfs.uk)
- 2. Register your online booking account (5 mins)
- 3. Use the 'Bookings' dropdown menu at the top of your Dashboard to begin requesting your sessions

Queries and system support

If you have any questions, or difficulties navigating the online booking system, please contact Childcare Bookings for Schools (our partner for any administration, booking and finance aspects of our wraparound care) directly:

T: 01444 523335

E: knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk

Their office operates between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, all year round (including the school holidays).

Lots more information is available on the school website www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc

CLUB INFORMATION

BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve Breakfast between 7.45am and 8.30am. If you require your child/children to have breakfast, please ensure that they are at KCKC no later than 8.20am.

BIKES

Now that the evenings have drawn in, we advise Parents that bikes should be locked-up in the bike shed in the staff car park to the rear of school, so that they are easily accessible when collecting your child/children from KCKC in the evening.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

We note that there are a large number of outstanding invoices on ParentPay from before the change over to the new booking and payment system. Please can all Parents check their ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. If you believe that you have already paid by vouchers please can you provide KCKC with all the relevant information regarding payment, including voucher type, amount paid and date of payment.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

It has been a very chilly week in Nursery as we explored the frost, ice and snow! We have spent lots of time practicing independently dressing ourselves in all our warm clothes to go play in the garden.

We have continued our learning about Goldilocks and read an alternate story called 'The Three Snow Bears'. We discussed the similarities and differences between the stories.

In maths we have continued exploring size and have been sorting items into 'big', 'medium' and 'small' with the help of the 3 bears.

We had lots of fun in our first Forest School session where we played lots of games including Hide and Seek! These sessions will be every 3 weeks on a Thursday morning for the remainder of the school year.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had another great week as we have started to learn the song and dances for our Christmas Performance! Please label all costumes and bring them in by Friday 29th November, if you have any problems please let us know.

We have learnt /z/ /qu/ /ch/ /sh/ in phonics and have continued to learn about Diurnal and Nocturnal animals in Big Idea then we wrote about them in Literacy.

In Maths we have focussed on the number 5 and made different compositions of the number.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

We have had another wonderful week in Year One. In Big Idea, the children have made magical potion bottles using chalk. They have also carried out science experiments using magnets, glitter and soap to make their own magic!

In English, the children thought of their own ideas to adapt the magical part of the Cinderella story. The children wrote this new version out in their own words. In maths, the children have been working on number bonds of 5 and 10 and have written number sentences using the symbols of + and =.

This week, we were lucky enough to meet an engineer who told us all about their job and how they use their imagination. Next week, the children will be entering into a children's engineering competition. The children have the opportunity to use their imagination to design a product that can solve an engineering problem!

From the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

We have been working hard in Year 2 across all of our lessons this week! In Maths, the children have been practising their subtraction with using a number line. We will continue to practise this for next week too. Our focus has been the 10 x tables and we will continue with this focus next week. Our English Writing purpose and Big Idea lessons have linked beautifully for the past week! We have been looking at instructions and how to create clear and precise steps - these were then followed to create Diwali lamps in Big Idea. The children will soon be bringing a set of instructions home for you to have a go at! We have continued to work hard with our play rehearsals this week too. We will be encouraging the children to not use their scripts for their lines from Monday, to help encourage their confidence on stage. As always, please come and find us if you need any help with costumes as we will be asking for these to be in school for Monday 2nd December.

Thank you again for your continued efforts with rehearsing lines.

Have a great weekend!

From the Year 2 team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a brilliant week! Both classes took part in a drama workshop, run by York Theatre Royal, on Tuesday or Wednesday and used drama to act out the different stages of mummification. Additionally, the children created death masks and played a popular ancient Egyptian game called 'Mehen' in Big Idea. In Maths, the children have finished their arithmetic assessments, times table assessment and have begun their reasoning assessment. In PE, the children have continued with their unit on Netball and have developed their footwork and passing skills alongside their movement on a netball court. This week, children's book bands have been reviewed and your child may have received a book from a new book band or changed their book on their current book band.

They've thoroughly impressed us with how hard they've worked this week. Therefore, we hope you and the children have a restful and relaxing weekend.

As always, if you have any questions or queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact or speak to a member of the Year 3 Team.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

We have had another lovely week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have continued to become TT Rockstars, focusing particularly on our division facts. We have also learnt how to identify and translate Roman Numerals. Next week, we will be completing our Autumn term Maths tests in small groups to show off our knowledge from this term.

In English, we have been focusing on features of narratives and how to use them. This week, we have looked at figurative language and onomatopoeia.

In Big Idea, we have explored Ancient Greek life a little more, thinking about how Ancient Greek life has influenced our world today.

Next week, we will be carrying out our half termly 20 word spelling test. This will test the children on the second 20 spellings in the list of Year 3/4 common exception words. We shared a copy of this during parents evening. For this week's homework, we would like to encourage a focus on spellings alone to support the children with their test.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for your ongoing support. Year 4 team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

We have made excellent progress with our Big Idea as we have looked at how propaganda was used during WW1. We have created collages using a range propaganda poster examples.

In maths, we have added and subtracted both mixed and improper fractions.

In writing, we have finished drafting our persuasive leaflet and we are now currently working on our final copies.

Next week, we will complete some quizzes that will help us to inform our teaching over the next few weeks.

Homework this week is based on adding and subtracting fractions (My Maths) and spelling homework (spelling recap) will be set as normal alongside Spelling Shed.

Have a brilliant weekend, The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

We have had an extremely exciting and busy week in Year 6 this week!

In English we have started working on describing our own Christmas towns. In Maths, we have been solving algebraic equations! We have also had brilliant Forest School and coding sessions with Mrs Banham and Mrs Merritt. In Bid Idea, the children have been planning and filming their incredible quest movies (we certainly have some amazing actors and actresses in Year 6 this year!). To end our Big Idea in style, we will be holding our very own glitzy Year 6 Knoscars ceremony (complete with real Oscars!) next Friday 29th November. The children can dress up in their fancy awards ceremony worthy clothes if they wish to. If they would like to dress up, please can they bring their outfits into school in a bag to get changed into at lunchtime.

Have a wonderful weekend! Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had a busy and brilliant week! The children have been busy writing a shared class rhyming poem to prepare them for writing their own independent poems next week. They will be writing a poem about their wishes for the world.

In Big Idea, the children have been learning about different stories and parables from the Bible. The children have thought about what these teach Christians and why the stories are important to them. Next week, we will be starting to learn about Hinduism!

As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us.

Have a lovely weekend! The School House Team



A research team at the University of York is looking into mental health service provision for parents and caregivers of children with SEND living in and around York.

We know that raising a child or children with SEND can be challenging and are interested in learning about the experiences of mental health support that parents and caregivers of children with SEND have had.

We have devised an initial survey to get an idea of parents'/caregivers' awareness and use of mental health services in the York area. We would like this survey to be filled out by as many parents of children with SEND as possible so that we can get a true picture of how services are being used and how parents/caregivers feel they could be improved.

There will also be an opportunity to register interest for follow-up interviews at the end of the questionnaire. Interview participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you for their time.

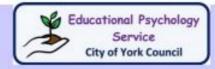
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If you would like more information on this project or on circulating the survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch by responding to this email.

Many thanks,

Astrid Bowen
Associate Researcher
University of York







CLARE'S KITCHEN - LITTLE CHEFS CLUB



KNAVESMIRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clare's Kitchen after-school Baking Club starts back on Friday 15th November. Children plan, prepare and bake their own treats. They learn a whole range of independent skills, as well as having fun and gaining confidence. There are fun 'Bake Offs' around celebrated holidays and special days such as Halloween, Christmas, St Valentine and Easter. Our weekly sessions are £12.50 each, which are payable upfront. A warm snack with bread is provided when we bake sweet treats and little chefs may take home anything they do not eat. Do you have a little chef at home who would like to join us?

Email: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk Contact: 07813182216



CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

Come and learn circus skills such as juggling, diabolo, poi, plate spinning, flowersticks and slacklining!

Autumn Term (7 sessions per half-term) Friday lunchtime for Reception to Year 6, £6/session + bursaries for low income families

> Time: 12:00-12:30 KPS main hall Dates: 13th September - 25th October 8th November - 13th December

Bookings are per half term - please sign up at https://www.clubenrolment.com/CSY (Club location = "Knavesmire Primary School")

For any questions or offline booking please contact...

Circus Stu, Circus Skills York CIC stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org 07871 545388





York Sustainable Schools Network Newsletter

Events in York

It was lovely to see some of you at our schools' sharing event, as part of York Environment

To build on this network, we are aiming to host a **Sustainable Schools Conference** (at the University of York) in early July, so watch this space as plans develop. We would love to see as many schools there as possible.

For schools wishing to connect each half term, our next meeting (on Zoom) will take place on Tuesday 26th November from 3:45 - 4:45, using this Zoom link https://york-acuk.zoom.us/j/94194904663?pwd=qdASmyf7EkhY9Zq7DtvjULsBstmKqR.1

The **agenda** for this meeting is

- Sharing ideas (schools invited to share one idea of something they do at school to promote sustainability, climate action or engagement with nature)
- Show your stripes Schools conference what do you want?
- · AOB

In the community

Action for Nature Day (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust)

Have you ever wished you could make your area better for wildlife? Be inspired by information stalls, presentations and practical workshops to develop your ideas, grow your knowledge and Sunday 17 November 2024. Programme starts at 12 noon so feel free to arrive a little ahead of the start and get comfortable

Tang Hall Community Centre, Tang Hall Community Centre, York, YO31 DUG, York, North Yorkshire, YO31 DUG

https://www.ywt.org.uk/events/2024-11-17-action-nature-day

Signposting potential funding for schools

Woodland Trust - Free trees for schools and communities.
Supplying between 30- 420 tree sapling (multiple sizes and species

to choose from). Applications close 13th January 2025. https://www.woodlandtrust.o k/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

OVO Foundation Nature Prize OVO Foundation and Let's GO Zero have teamed up to improve children and young people's access to nature and biodiversity. OVO Foundations 3 year project with Let's Go Zero will award 25 schools a year across the UK a cash prize of £1,000 or £200 for projects that bring their students closer to nature.

For a chance to win schools are asked to submit their ideas for projects. It it a bonus if these projects fall within the key areas identified by Let's Go Zero for effective carbon reduction: Nature, Food, Adaptation and Resilience, Water, Culture, and Waste.

Entries close 25 November 2024 https://letsgozero.org/our-comp

Signposting Support for **Climate and Nature** Education

Are you aware of the DfE's strategy for sustainability and climate change for the education and children's services systems?

Did you know that the strategy states that every school should have a sustainability lead and climate action plan by the end of 2025?



- Where possible we are trying to con schools and educational settings to signpost support, build networks, share ideas and take action together.
- We are hoping to hold a sustainable schools conference in July 2025 and would love to hear what schools/ educational settings would like from this opportunity. Contact georgia.ramsay@york.ac.uk with suggestions/ ideas.

What support is available?

Climate Ambassadors

Climate Ambassadors offers every education setting in England free access to volunteer support to develop and deliver impactful climate action plans. Volunteers are trained and enhanced DBS checked so connect with them to request support.

National Education Nature Park

To support the DfE strategy for sustainability and climate change, schools can sign up to the National Education Nature Park for free.

How does it work? Once registered, schools have access to a range of resources and tools to help schools map the boundaries and existing biodiversity of their school sites, encourage students to plan and implement nature based changes and track the changes and impacts through interactive mapping tools Funding opportunities are also signposted through this website.



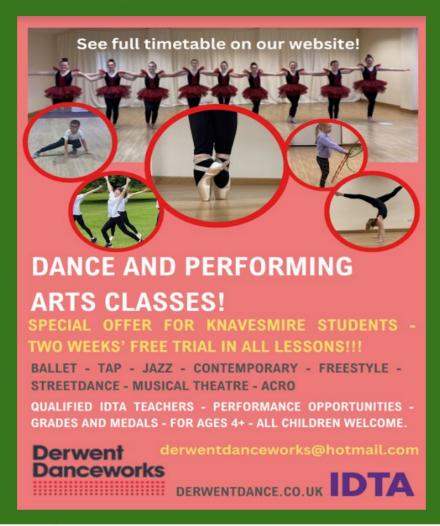
Let's go Zero

Is your school looking for support to become zero carbon As part of the Let's Go Zero campaign a team of Climate Action Adviso available to give free and tailored advice to help green England's school buildings, transport, menus and more. They support schools to understand their carbon impact, make effective plans, and find funding and resources We work with schools of any size, e those that are just starting their sustainability journey.

Sustainability Support for Education

Sustainability Support for Education enables education settings to start or progress on their sustainability journey This includes all types of settings from Early Years to Higher Education This website offers suggested actions paired with qualityassured resources, linked with the aims of the DfE strategy.







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RE: Lunch and After School clubs

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so pleased to be back at Knavesmire Primary School again this year, this term we can offer a number of lunch and after school clubs for all students. The clubs run for the whole term September to December (13 weeks). Payment <u>must</u> be made before starting the club, these clubs <u>CANNOT</u> be paid by PARENTPAY.

Lunch Clubs

KS1 12pm - 12.30pm, KS2 12.30pm - 1pm

Tuesdays – Drama Club (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12 Wednesdays – Cheerleading (Miss Chloe) 11/09 – 11/12 Thursdays – Street/Commercial Dance (Miss Chloe) 12/09 – 12/12

After School Clubs

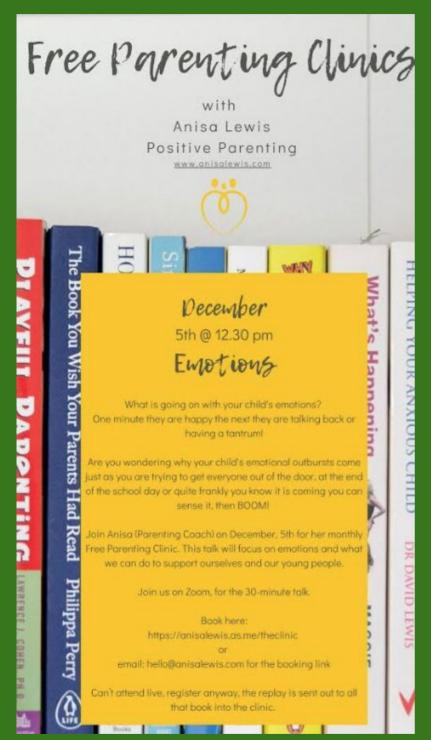
Tuesdays- Y2-6 Ballet Club (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12 Wednesdays – Reception & Year 1 Ballet Club (Miss Caroline) 11/09 – 11/12

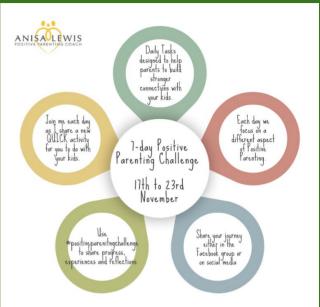
Prices

Due to increases in costs the price of the clubs has risen slightly, the prices are as follows Lunch Club £3.50 per week - £45.50 After School Club £5 per week - £65

To sign up for any of the clubs please email by Friday 6th September at 5pm dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

Many Thanks, Miss Caroline











How Children Learn Maths

A practical 10 week course for parents and carers to show how children are taught Maths in Primary Schools. You will learn how teaching progresses from Reception through to Year 6.

You will share ideas and fun activities that will help you support your child's learning at home.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 24 Sept - 4 Dec

St Nicholas Church Hall, Wigginton

Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

Acomb Explore Library, Front Street

Thursday afternoons 12.45 - 2.45, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

St Aelred's Community Centre, Fifth Avenue

Monday evenings online 7.30 - 9.00, 23 Sept - 3 Dec

You can do a Maths qualification in the follow on course.

For more information call **01904 554277** email **york.learning@york.gov.uk or** visit **www.yorklearning.org.uk**





Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism



Wednesdays Autumn 2024

Fortnightly Topic Talks Wednesdays in Autumn Term 2024:

Early Years 18.9.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Masking 2.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

5-Point Scale 16.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Autism and Adolescence 6.11.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Comic Strip Conversations 20.11.24-10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Coping with Christmas 4.12.24- 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Fortnightly Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) Autumn 2024:

Wednesday 11th September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25th September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9th October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 13th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 27th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th December 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Parent Group: Topic Talks virtual (a.m.) and repeated in person (p.m.)

Topic Talks led by the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism, including time for questions and peer support.

Virtual: 10-11 a.m. On Microsoft Teams. Due to confidentiality issues, we will be unable to discuss named children during this time.

In Person: 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF.

Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

Phone line support: 9-12 noon 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

In person drop-in support. 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism
Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF

To book a 20 minute phone line call or to book your virtual place on a Microsoft Teams Topic Talk session, please email your name stating which Topic Talks you would like to book to: parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk. For phone support, we require your name and a contact telephone number for us to call you. We will send you a time slot for your 20 minute call. If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis. This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session. For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.



professionals. Email connect@pcfyork.co.uk for a link

Next edition Friday 29th Decemb

14th November 2024



Coffee Morning

Come for a chat over coffee (on with other parents who share our

nday 25th November 10:30 York th Hostel, Water End

Tuesday 3rd December 10:30, Folk Hall



Cuppa and Chat

Sometimes its hard to make coffee mornings and chat with other parents who have lived experience like you.

Our online cuppa and chat is an opportunity to meet up from your own home, bring a cuppa, glass, chocolate whatever and use this time to meet others. No agenda.

Email connect@pcfyork.co.uk for Friday 29th November at 7:00

Our Voice Makes a Difference

In the last sixth months we have hosted 42 events in which we have listened to 224 shared experiences. These events include coffee mornings in cafe's, schools or online listening events
We have used these events to gather your priorities, some of which are listed below with detail on what has been done as a result of our shared voice:

Preparation for Adulthood resulting in the rewriting and revisiting of policy and provision in this area.

ision in this area Mental health and Neurodivergence leading to an offer of termly Listening Events with parents, regular meetings with PCF and CAMHS and increased parent voice

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Short breaks CYC commitment to including parent voice in the upcoming review

Timeliness of EHCP and Annual Reviews. CYC has instigated a regular and robust audit process and action plan

Access to Health Services. Working with NHS and York Carers to develop information about carers needs into all GP surgeries. Representation on a working group with York District Hospital. Representing your voice to the ICB to support commissioning decigions.

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Children struggling to attend school. CYC have produced a useful document graduated response to attendance

Support for children without EHCPs: PCF meets regularly to discuss the learning support hub outcomes. The ordinarily available provision document was produced with the help of parents and carers.

cess to OT sensory support. Offered training , working with NHS to produce bite sensory resources



Please go to our website address above, for more information

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria