

Head's Message

The School fell silent at 11am on Monday as we concluded our Remembrance assembly. It is always a moving sight to see hundreds of children and staff bow their heads in respect and pause for two minutes on the playground, a space that is normally full of raucous laughter and much movement. Those still and quiet moments allowed us to consider the wider meaning of sacrifice and the many conflicts and operations that our service men and women have been involved in. These aspects of remembrance had been very neatly addressed by Cpt Robson when we meet in the assembly hall earlier in the morning and provided valuable insights and prompted many questions. We thank Cpt Robson for her time and also former Prep pupil, Samuel Dunkin, who played The Last Post so well.

The themes of respect and compassion have continued across the School as we have all engaged with our 'cool to be kind' week. This has seen us enjoy assemblies, PSHE lessons and workshops with an anti-bullying message. These have allowed us to define bullying correctly, identify support strategies and discuss all manners of issues on this topic.

Do spend some time discussing this with your children and reviewing the advice in the pages of the Flier, both this week and next.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: You are a participant in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Photo of the Week:

A chilly Tuesday afternoon saw the Year 3 girls enjoy a trip to Cundall Manor for some hockey activities and games. You can read Mrs Redhead-Sweeney's report inside.



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We will be holding our annual Internet Safety Week in February, where we will have a range of information sessions and events presented both by our Digital Leaders and experts in the field.

Mr Stone

Peer Mentors

We are delighted that three further Year 6 children have become Peer Mentors. Grace Baker, Alisha Thakkar and Anousha Ahsan wrote application letters and have been spotted being very kind, caring and supportive of others, making them ideal candidates to fulfil the role.

Well done girls!

Mr Stone

Remembrance

On Sunday 10th November I was fortunate enough to lay a wreath for the 1914 commemoration group in Yarm. It was quite scary to do such a thing in front of so many people, but it was important that we all got to pay our respects as part of Remembrance Sunday.



Gracie R-H.

PE and Games News

Year 3 Swimming

The swimmers are making good progress and the top two groups will work on their personal survival from next week so will need to bring in a range of clothing. This includes: **one**

pair of long trousers such as pyjamas or leggings. Please do not send in heavy materials like jeans as these will become very heavy when wet.



They will also need **two tops**, one short sleeved and one long sleeved, a **t-shirt** and a **lightweight pyjamas top or thin sweatshirt**. The pupils will show they can stay afloat in the water and complete a couple of tasks before then taking the clothes off and swimming in their costumes/shorts as normal. Thanks for your support.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

U10 and U11 Hockey v Pocklington

We selected every girl in Years 5 and 6 to take part in these fixtures last Friday. The U11s played in three teams down at the Senior School and enjoyed an afternoon of fast and furious hockey, scoring plenty of goals and all enjoying lots of game time. Pocklington are the current HMC champions and we knew these fixtures would be a test and they certainly were.



The U10's played on our astro and as Pocklington had a few less girls, we put two large squads out to give as many girls as possible a run out. The standard of play was very high and we have high hopes for our U10s. The As hit the post and had chances as they grew into the game, but Pocklington scored two and took the honours on this occasion. The Bs had a fab game and are improving with every session and match. Their positional play is so much better compared to the start of the season and each one contributed to a very exciting game in

the end. All in all, a great afternoon of sport for all our girls in Year 5 and 6.

Durham High sadly cancelled our fixtures this week for our U10/11 teams, so we have played our annual house hockey competition. We will announce the winners closer to the end of term but parents can check Instagram and Twitter for any photos from the afternoon.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



The year 3 girls travelled to Cundall Manor on Tuesday for another hockey workshop. It is great to see them throw themselves into these sessions with enthusiasm and determination to improve their skills. Cundall set up a number of stations for the girls to follow and once again it was a chance to make friends and learn new skills together in a social setting.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Under 11 Harrison Cup Rugby

Considering the weather that preceded the Harrison Cup, you would be forgiven for expecting it to be called off. Great credit goes to QEGS for being able to put on the event and having the pitches in such good condition.

The Harrison Cup is always a tough event to attend and this year was no exception. Three games in the morning in a mixed group followed by three games in the afternoon with teams of a similar ability. The boys showed great enthusiasm as we started our first game against Manchester Grammar School. However their strength in depth proved too much and they eventually came out the winners.

As the morning progressed we found ourselves against Ashville College, a very capable team, who we have met in the past. We disrupted their ball well and put them under pressure and managed to score two unanswered tries before Ashville responded. The game ended up a draw, our boys defending well at the finish.

Overall it was a day to explore our capabilities and our teamwork. All of the boys can be pleased with their efforts

but special mention goes to Deacon Hughes, who led the team with distinction, and Henry Bottomley, who worked tirelessly to secure the ball. I am sure all involved will benefit from the experience in the future. Well done!

Mr Underwood

Clubs and Activities

Riding—Please note there will be no riding on Wednesday 4th December due to the Pre-Prep Christmas Nativity. All Y3-6 children will participate in activities at school and can be collected from 3.45pm. Parents will not be charged for this session.

Lunchtime Art—There will be no lunchtime art on a Wednesday from next week. We will be looking to rearrange this club in another slot in due course.

Anti-Bullying Week

With it being Anti-Bullying Week, pupils have been exploring what bullying is during assemblies, PSHE lessons and form time sessions over the few days.



We discussed how bullying is **repetitive behaviour**, that is **intended** to hurt someone emotionally and/or physically and is aimed at a certain person/group, creating an **imbalance of power**.

As well as discussing what bullying is, we all agreed that **'Change starts with us'** and have been looking to be kind to others, thereby creating an atmosphere where it is cool to be kind.

School Council

We spoke about if bullying was a problem at Yarm and what bullying is as well as the differences between bullying, mean and rude and when to be a defender and not a bystander.

This is what some people said: Bullying is dealt with; people know what to do; we have the 'SafeSpace' website to use; some are scared to tell the teacher (spragging); sometimes younger children do not feel as respected as older children; cyberbullying is a problem nationally.

What is bullying: intentional, hurtful and repetitive.

What is mean behaviour: intentional, hurtful and a one-off.

What is rude behaviour: unintentional, hurtful and a one-off.

James G. and the School Captains

Coming up

— NOVEMBER —

Mon 18	Brunel House Duty Activities Carousel 2 begins for Years 4-6
Tue 19	U8 Rugby v Cundall Manor (away; 1pm depart, 1.45pm start, 4pm return) U9/11 HMC Chess (QEGS Wakefield; 8am depart, 5.30pm return)
Wed 20	Years 3/4 Poetry Competition (Prep Hall) Y6 Lakes trip—meeting for parents (4P; 4.15pm) - ***NEW EVENT***
Thu 21	U9 Rugby v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start)
Fri 22	4J Class Assembly (Prep Hall; 10.20am; parents welcome!) U10A/U11A/B Hockey v Red House (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return) U10/11 Rugby v Cundall Manor (away; 3pm start, 4.45pm return)
Sat 23	Christmas Craft Fair (Senior School; 9am-5pm)
Mon 25	Stephenson House Duty Parents Evening (4-6pm) Year 3 Christmas play rehearsals to begin
Tue 26	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)
Wed 27	Y5/6 Poetry Competition (Prep Hall) U9 Cundall Manor Girls' Hockey Festival (details tbc)
Thu 28	YPSSC (Mrs Pawluk's Room; 4pm) U9 Rugby v Bow School (home; 2.15pm start)
Fri 29	4C Class Assembly (Prep Hall; 10.20am; parents welcome!) U10/11 Rugby v Bow (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return) U10 Hockey v GSAL (away; 2pm start, 5pm return) U11 Hockey v GSAL (home; 2pm start)
Sat 30	Prep Ball (PAA; 7pm-midnight)

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Maisy V.	Annabelle A.
3D	Akansha M.	Haris H.
4C	Will F.	Scarlett H.
4J	Freddie B.	George F.
4P	Edie R-S.	Ewan G.
5L	Sanju V.	Lucy M.
5N	Sophie P.	Bella Y.
5P	Banning Y.	Oscar L.
6B	Charlie Ba.	Paddy K.
6G	Sabeeh Q.	Eva L.
6H	Jasman S.	Grace B.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 3: Thomas F.

Year 5: Minu P-M.

Year 6: Lydia W., Deacon H., Naila K. (2), Eva L., Sienna S., Tilly PH.

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Naina

Class: 6G

Favourite subject: Games

Best thing about school: Meeting and playing with all of my friends.

Favourite cheese: I don't like cheese!

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: Moving to the UK from Singapore.

When I am older... I would like to do something with animals.

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Ketchup

Sun or snow? Snow

One wish: To stop global warming.

Naina has consistently been helpful and supportive of children during breaks and lunches since she became a Peer Mentor. A number of teachers have said to me recently how her positive, friendly manner lifts all of those around her.



number.
Head's Challenge solution from last week: Any