

Head's Message

Our theme of compassion has continued this week with a number of assemblies and the opening of our 'kindness wall'. It is a testament to the power of our school culture that the wall has been filled with messages of thanks to teachers and pupils in a matter of days. There is nothing as rewarding as giving back to others, this is often reciprocated and as a result it generates wellbeing in us all. Having a supportive environment around you and being exposed to positive community experiences really does help to lay the foundations for resilience to develop - such an important trait for our young learners. Ultimately, recognising and celebrating kindness is vital going forward. Despite living in an increasingly virtual world, we still live in real houses on real streets and rely on direct contact with real people to make our lives work.

The next few pages of the Phoenix Flier really are a wonderful celebration of life at the Prep School, I do hope you enjoy perusing this week's edition. It is a reflection of the breadth of opportunity that our pupils enjoy. From a full round up of our cool to be kind week, to reports on House competitions, fundraising and charity initiatives, chess competitions, class assemblies and more. There is something for everyone at Yarm Prep and we pride ourselves on being able to offer so much. It is a real privilege seeing the children embrace each day!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: Mary's Father has five daughters. Their names are: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono and ?? What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Photo of the Week: A plethora of colour graced the astro last Friday as the House Hockey took place.



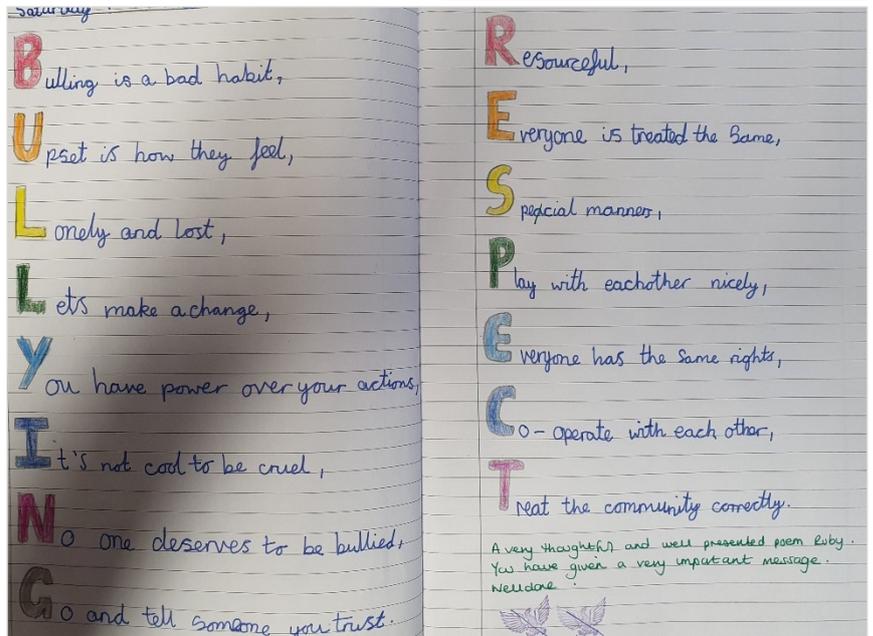
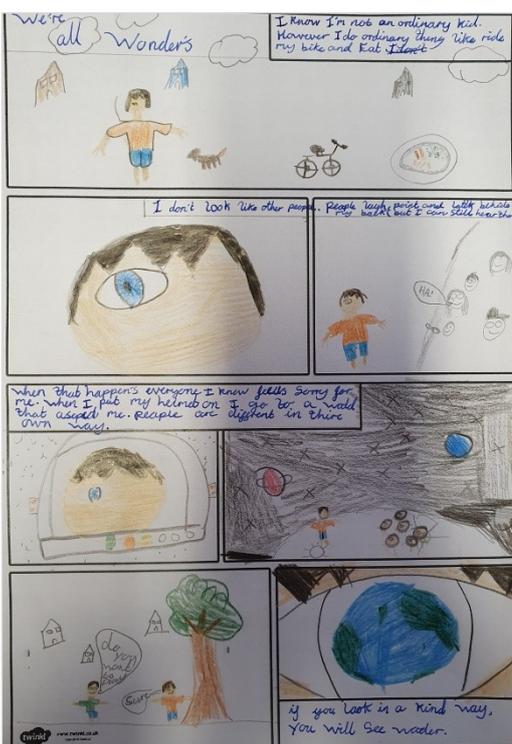
Anti-Bullying Week

The school explored Anti-Bullying Week last week, reflecting on what bullying is, the damage it can do and what we can do to stop it. Change starts with us so, to develop a positive change we renamed the week 'It's Cool to be Kind Week' and focused at developing a virtuous cycle of kindness towards each other. The next two pages of the Flier highlight some of the work carried out in classes on both the themes of the anti-bullying and being kind. Should you get the chance, do pop into the Year 3/4 corridor to see our ever-growing kindness wall!

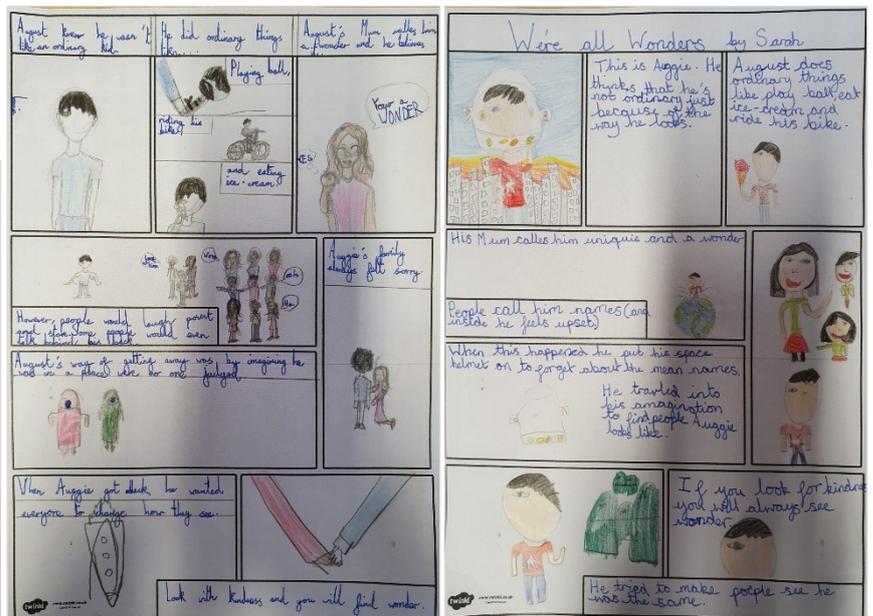


- Stop bullying!
- Treat other people with respect
- Only bullies think they're strong, but they are the ones in the wrong.
- Playing together and being kind.
- Bullying is bad, it can be hard and mess with your mind
- Understand that bullying is wrong
- Love and care for everyone
- Life is important, so look after each other
- You are special, you are strong
- If you're a bully it needs to stop
- Name calling is not nice
- Greatness can be achieved if we work together.

Cooper N.



Year 5 wrote some poetry, as well as produced some comic strips on how to tackle bullying.



School Council

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



You've Got the Love! - 3D we're sharing the love during Cool to be Kind week, filling each other's hearts with compliments. We talked about how compliments can really help to lift our spirits when we're feeling blue. There were certainly smiles all round when it came to reading our own hearts at the end of the lesson. All agreed that compliments are definitely cool!



4P Class Assembly



On Friday 15th November we had our class assembly. It was all about Anti-Bullying Week. I was a narrator and a bully. Edie, Claudia and I bullied Monica and we could not stop laughing at Kit with his beard. I enjoyed saying my lines.

Elizabeth A.

Our class assembly was amazing! It was fun making the signs but we did make the classroom a mess. My favourite thing was being in the assembly because I loved it.

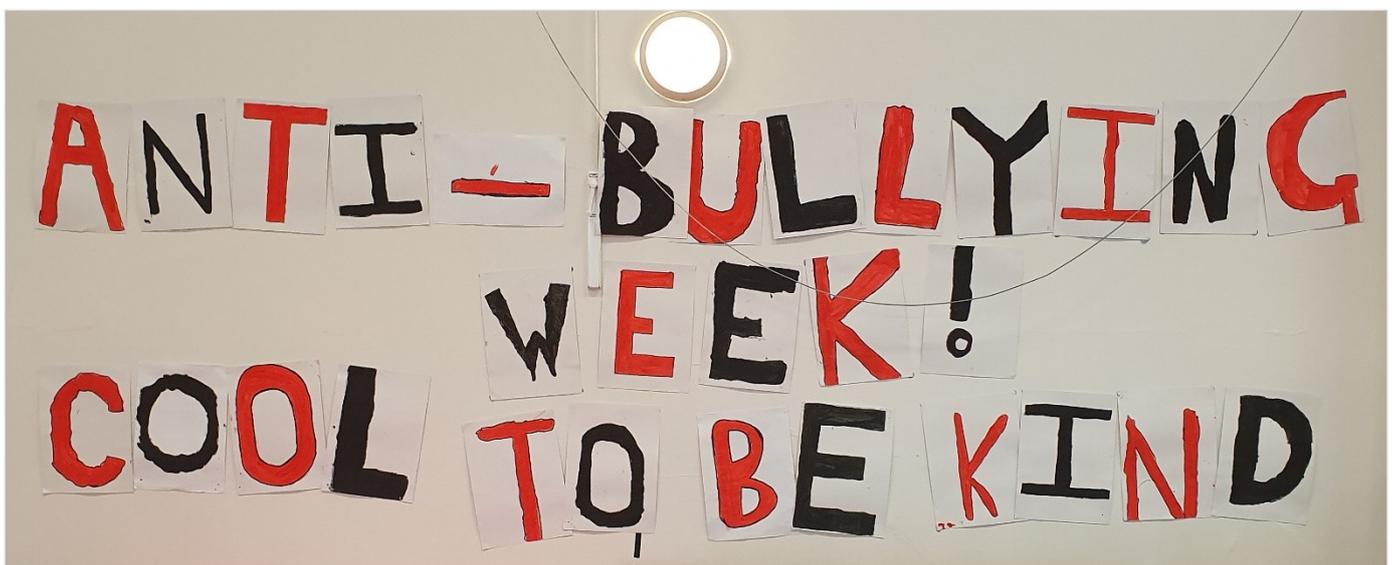
Monica P-H.

On Friday we had a great time in our class assembly. Our theme was "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and I was the contestant. I have 17 lines and we made sparkly signs. It was amazing.

Katie C.

We made signs using glitter glue and paint for our assembly. The assembly was about anti-bullying. I was a victim. My favourite part was looking at Kit's beard and watching some of the others acting.

Rosie C.



Christmas in the Prep School

As always, the last few weeks of term are busy! Please find a breakdown of events below.

Monday 25th November—Our Christmas Mission to support Bridge House begins at school. Details of what to include in the winter care packs have gone out but do ask a member of staff for further information. Collection points will be located in the main entrances of Pre-Prep and the Year 3/4 building at the Prep School, and are open until Monday 9th December.

Friday 29th November—Today is the last gymnastics session of the term.

Saturday 30th November—The YPSSC Christmas Ball. Please contact your YPSSC rep for further details.

Monday 2nd December—Along with our Christmas tree going up today, the Christmas Post Box will be opened. It will be placed outside Mr Stone's office. Please may we ask the children to **write full names and forms** on envelopes to avoid any confusion.

Year 4 will be visiting the Oriental Museum, Durham today, returning by the end of the school day (details to follow).

Last Year 3 swimming session of the term.

The Spring Term activities booking form will be open for your children to select their activities.

Wednesday 4th December—Last activities sessions of the term. There will also be no riding activity today. Children who usually attend riding will be allowed to choose from any of the usual activities, and can be collected at 3.45pm.

Thursday 5th December—U9 Hockey v Bow. Matches begin at 3pm, with children returning at 5pm approx. Please keep an eye on @YarmPrepGames and @MrStoneYarm to keep track of any delays returning.

Friday 6th December—Under 11 Rugby v Dame Allan's, taking place at Green Lane from 2.15pm, finishing by 3.45pm.

The Spring Term activities booking form will close at 9am in the morning.

All clubs and activities will be finished by today. There are no clubs and activities running on any day the following week.

Year 3 children will all stay behind after school for tea and preparation for their Christmas Show.

5.30pm – Year 3 Christmas Show in the Prep Hall. All Year 3 families are invited to attend. The performance should finish by 6.15pm and parking is provided at the Senior School. Once finished, refreshments will be available.

Monday 9th December—Mrs Dunkley's dance groups will be performing in assembly. Parents of those performing are welcome to attend between 9.45-10.10am in the Prep Hall.

2pm – Choristers will be singing carols to the residents of Park House Care Home in Stockton. Children will be back at school for 3.45pm collection.

Wednesday 11th December—**All children** in Years 3 – 6 stay behind after school for tea and preparation for our Carol Service.

6pm – Prep School Carol Service in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium. Please refer to the email sent out regarding ticketing of this event. We look forward to inviting you all to the Carol Service, which promises to be a wonderful occasion to get into the festive spirit! Following the performance, children are to be collected from the Dovecote area. Once you have collected your children, you are invited for refreshments in the Senior School Sports Hall.

Thursday 13th December—**Lost Property assembly** will take place today, so please have one last look in rooms, bags, wash baskets, etc for any items that do not belong to your child! We endeavour to return as much as possible to the rightful owners.

All school bags and kit bags to go home today please.

Reception to Y6 will have their flu immunisation jabs today.

The fantastic Lockwood Brass will be performing to the children during the afternoon.

Friday 13th December—**Christmas Jumper Day**, in aid of Save the Children. Children to bring in £1 to wear a Christmas jumper of their choice. During the school day, the children will enjoy their own carol service at Yarm Church as well as singing some carols around the bonfire at the Senior School.

School Christmas lunch!

School finishes at 3.45pm. NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE (N.B. Buses will run as usual). Please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected from school at 3.45pm.

Stephenson Charity Event

Well done to everyone who supported the Stephenson charity event last week. You raised a superb £295.27 for Daisy Chain!

Stephenson house charity day was a great success because we raised around nearly £300 for Daisy Chain. Our stall was the obstacle course and we got many people at our stall. I don't know how much money our stall raised but it was quite a lot.

It started raining in the middle of breaktime and we got so cold, but it wasn't the end of the world and people kept on coming to our stall.

Patrick W.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Stephenson Charity Day!

Sienna S.

I enjoyed the charity day because it was fun and we were raising money for a great cause.

Oliver M.

I was part of the teddy bear stall and we raised a lot of money. It was great fun!

Anousha A.

I enjoyed playing a part in running the Stephenson Charity Day. My favourite part was running our stall for everyone else to have fun on.

Frankie P.

I worked on the 'guess the name of the teddy bear' stall and it was an amazing success. We raised nearly £60 at our stall and it was always packed. We were in the rain but we still managed to run a successful stall. There was four people in our stall and we were managing very well. We also asked the teachers to pick five names. The big fluffy teddy bear was really fluffy and the dancing cat was really funny too.

Mia P.

We are so grateful to everyone who donated money to Daisy Chain. Thank you.

Lydia W. and Jack M.



Who are Daisy Chain?

Daisy Chain was established in 2003 and is a local charity based in Norton. Its founder, Lesley Hanson, had the ambition of establishing a place where children with autism could go to experience something that would be a positive experience and especially for them.

In 2019, Daisy Chain provides support services to children and adults affected by autism, as well as their families, parents and carers. They also provide support for organisations and professionals who work with children who are on the autistic spectrum.

HMC Chess

We had three teams in action at the 2019 HMC Chess Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield. Two of our teams were in the Under-11 section and one played in the Under-9 section.

Our players battled away all day long and managed to win many games. The Under-9s (captain Arvind Kumar, Anjali Ramisetty, Rehan Krishnamoorthy and Archie Axtell) were all making their HMC debuts and they played very well, winning three and losing three of their six matches. Arvind and Anjali won two games, Rehan won three and Archie won five. They were the third-highest school in the section, just below teams from RGS (Newcastle) and QEGS. All four players will be hoping to play again in next year's event.



The Under-11 B team (captain - on his birthday! - Noah Coulman, Isobel McGlade, Kate Howell and Lily Cox) won four and lost just two of their matches. They had fine victories over teams from QEGS, RGS and Dame Allan's and lost only to the top two RGS teams. Everyone scored three points apart from Isobel, who won four games - using her favourite endgame checkmate each time. The team finished in fifth place, with only teams from RGS, QEGS and our own A team ahead of them.

The Under-11 A team (captain Aryan Nalawade, Aditya Paul, Sabeeh Qureshi and Natasha Pointon) won four matches,

drew one and lost one. This enabled them to secure a fine third place finish - just half a point away from sharing the second place. Only two RGS teams stood above them in the final table. Our heroes had drawn 2-2 with RGS A, the eventual champions, earlier in the tournament and had a fabulous, hard-fought victory over QEGS A in the penultimate round. Aditya scored three points, Sabeeh won four games, Natasha scored four and half (the half point secured the close victory over QEGS A) and Aryan, playing at his fourth HMC Championships, scored a perfect 6/6.

QEGS certainly know how to look after their guests and they always provide an excellent early tea after the tournament. We enjoyed our sausages, chips and beans! This

annual tournament is always hugely enjoyable, regardless of the final placings. QEGS always put on a good show and we like to support the event.

Thank you, everyone. We had a very enjoyable day and the children gained more valuable experience, while showing plenty of resilience, determination and chess energy along the way.

Mr Marsh



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 this week. New art activities are being planned for the new term!

Gymnastics—Please note there will be no gymnastics clubs on Friday 5th December. As such, the final session of the term will take place on Friday 29th November. Parents will not be charged for the session on December 5th.

Mr Stone

Dance Assembly

Parents of those children who are part of Mrs Dunkley's dance groups are invited to attend the Prep School Dance Assembly on Monday 9th December at 9:55am in the Prep School Hall. It will be a fitting celebration of all of the hard work Prep dancers have put into their lessons this term!

Mrs Dunkley

Carol Service tickets

Don't forget to book your tickets for the forthcoming Prep Carol Service on Wednesday 11th December. If you have not already received the email that was sent on Monday, please contact Mr Stone for further details on how to book tickets (gns@yarmschool.org).

Mr Stone

Snacks at break

There is a morning break at which children can have milk if you wish. Please inform your child's form teacher if you would like your child to have this. Children are allowed to bring a couple of plain biscuits or a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

No chocolate, chocolate covered snacks, nuts, fruit flavoured items, processed food or crisps, please.

It is helpful to staff if parents assist us by ensuring that only snacks as detailed above are sent. Water in 'sports cap' bottles, clearly named, should be sent to school. Children are allowed access to water bottles throughout the school day and will be required to bring them on school trips / fixtures. Bottles should be taken home regularly for cleaning and refilling.

Mr Stone

Children in Need

Last week we held a non-uniform day to raise money for BBC Children in



Need. Well done to everyone who took part, as we raised a great total of £712.89!

Uniform Reminders

Please read these reminders regarding school uniform, all of which can be found in the Parent Handbook (available via the school website). We politely request that all parents and pupils are aware of these and follow the uniform requirements set out by the school. This includes the wearing of school winter coats, correct footwear (smart, black school shoes—not trainer-type shoes) and no jewellery. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Prep Management Team.

Please can we ensure that children only wear school PE and/or Games kit for clubs and activities such as dance, gymnastics and football.

Appearance

Girls' hair (if below shoulder-length) should be tied back with a suitable small fastener, school scrunchie or hair band. Hair bands (school style) may also be appropriate for shorter hair. Fashion accessories, hair colouring and decorated hairbands are not permitted. **Boys' hair** should not touch the shirt collar, eyebrows or earlobes; nor should boys' hair be shorter than a number 3. The use of **hair products** such as gel, dye and wax is not permitted.

Nail varnish, whilst not a hazard, does not look smart with school uniform and we ask that girls remove nail varnish before coming to school. We set much store by the appearance of our pupils and seek to maintain these high standards. Parents will be informed if pupils digress from these guidelines and will be expected to take action to remedy the situation.

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted. The wearing of earrings and ear studs is not permitted for safety reasons. Please avoid ear piercing which will necessitate the wearing of ear studs at school. Children will be asked to ensure any ear piercings are taken out as soon as possible. It is recommended and expected that any ear piercings take place in the school holidays, not during term time.

Identification

All clothing must be **labelled** with sew-in or ironed-on labels with your child's name and/or initials. PE and Games tops

have initials sewn onto the left side of the chest area when ordered from the Uniform Shop. **All equipment brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name.** School bags and school sports bags should be named in a prominent position. Pupils should not bring toys, scooters, electronic games or similar, to School unless invited to.

Uniform and Personal Possessions

The reputation of a school is influenced in no small degree by the appearance of its pupils. The uniform is, therefore, formal yet practical.

The School has a Uniform Shop from where parents should purchase the items listed below. (Contact Mrs Carolan Henderson on 01642 786023). The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays.

The Uniform Shop is open occasionally on Saturdays and accepts cash, card or cheque payments. These details are published on a regular basis in the Phoenix Flier.

Uniform (worn by all):

Blazer – navy blue with red piping

Burgundy v-neck sweater

School quilted coat - school pattern only

Scarf/Hat (optional) - school pattern only

Black sensible shoes (not trainer-type shoes) should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys:

Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved

Tie – School design

Grey shorts (Y3-5) or trousers (Y6, or any boys from October half-term until February half-term)

Uniform Shop Socks – grey with stripe (**short, grey socks, matching the shade of the long socks, are recommended when wearing trousers**)

Girls:

White blouse (school pattern only)

Red tartan skirt

Grey tights or socks

Hair accessories in school colours, some of which are available in the school shop

Late Spring/Summer/early Autumn Term:

Summer dress – school design

Short white socks (plain, no frills or sport socks)

Sandals – plain black.

PE and Games News



Year 4 Hockey

On Thursday we took our 29 Year 4 girls to Barnard Castle in what were difficult weather conditions. We drove through torrential rain so as we arrived we feared the worst but managed to get started as the rain lightened. The girls worked hard and had one match against Barnard Castle.

I was pleased with our girls who showed lovely sporting behaviour and they certainly learnt lots as the matches went on. Sadly the weather turned though, so we had to curtail the fixtures and left a little early and head home. The staff at Barney complimented our girls on their resilience and playing through the rain as it did come down very heavily towards the end. The smiles on the faces though made the journey worth it!

Next week I plan to take a small group of Year 4s to Cundall for their first every U9 hockey festival (on this occasion I will not be able to include every child sadly) so we will work towards that this week.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Year 3 Swimming



Our swimmers did well on their personal survival test this week and 9 out of the 21 passed the test. It was a real challenge to them all and I was pleased how they performed. The group had a few different tests to complete (wearing two layers of clothes), including treading water for 2 minutes, swimming 25m, holding the HELP position for 5

minutes, swimming 50m with a float and climbing out of the deep end using their own strength.

It was certainly a challenge and all the pupils should be pleased with their efforts. On Monday 25th we return to the usual swimming lessons so no extra clothes will be needed.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

House Hockey

The annual inter-house competition was a hotly contested affair this year. The teams threw themselves into it with real gusto and friendly rivalry. It was great to see their commitment to their house and each other! The results will be kept under wraps until our end of term assembly. However, I can reveal that the result is very close and we had to add the Year 5 and 6 results together as the top two teams in year 6 could not be separated on points, goal difference or goals scored. Well done to all for making it a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.



Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Lego Mindstorms

Yarm School have used Lego Mindstorms to teach coding and robotics for many years. The original equipment which we bought in 2009 is still going strong and is used weekly for a coding activity at the Preparatory School.

We are starting to have some difficulty with the control units which are starting to fail – one has no display screen and another frequently has connection problems. As the equipment is effectively almost obsolete we are unable to obtain replacements.



This is a plea to all parents and friends – Do you have some Lego Mindstorms that is no longer wanted? Could you donate to the school so that we can continue using this fantastic resource? We are especially looking for NXT control bricks or more recent EV3 control bricks.

If you have any other Mindstorms equipment (motors or



sensors) we would also welcome those. Please contact Mr Foggett via the school (tlf@yarmschool.org) if you can help us. Thank you.

Mr Foggett

Informal Concert

Our first informal concert of the year was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The strength in depth of our players was evident in the range of styles, solos and ensembles, ranging from Beethoven to the Beatles.

The orchestra began the performance and it was pleasing to see the variety of instruments on display. We had solos from a harpist, a trumpeter, flautists, several pianists and more. Ensemble playing, so important in the development of young musicians, was in evidence from our flute quartet and cello duo. Three choirs performed: our Training Choir sang a number from The Lion King, Senior Choir gave us Jonah Man Jazz and our growing Boys' Choir concluded the event with Penny Lane.

Everyone performed beautifully and it was exciting to see such future promise. There will be more informal concerts through the year.

Mr Gooding

Headlice

There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum. Check:

- Your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

General Election

We look forward to the General Election, in particular the canvassing for votes in the hotly-contested Yarm Prep constituency. 5N will be supplying the candidates—more on this next week!

EXTENDED
 MORE CRAFT STALLS
 GLÜHWEIN
 BRATWURST

MEET SANTA
 IN HIS AMAZING GROTTO



YARM SCHOOL

Christmas

INDOOR MARKET



SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
10AM - 4PM
ADULTS £2, CHILDREN FREE

TICKETS ON THE DOOR
LOCAL CRAFT STALLS, AMAZING
CHRISTMAS IDEAS PLUS FOOD AND
DRINK OUTLETS



PLUS
CRAFTY CORNER, RUDOLPH RODEO,
CHILDREN'S GAMES
& SANTA'S GROTTO

YARM SCHOOL, THE FRIARAGE, YARM, TS15 9EJ

Coming up

— NOVEMBER —

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)
	Under 8 Rugby v Cundall Manor (away; 1pm depart, 2pm start, 4.15pm return) **NEW FIXTURE**
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!)
	Last gymnastics of the term
	U10/11 Rugby v Bow (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
	U10 Hockey v GSAL (away; 2pm start, 5pm return)
Sat 30	U11 Hockey v GSAL (home; 2pm start)
	Prep Ball (PAA; 7pm-midnight)

Bridge House Mission Spreading the magic of kindness this Christmas

Collection points are now open for winter care donations for Bridge House this Christmas.

Winter Care Packs...

Good things to include...

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- A pair of warm socks
- Gloves
- Hat
- Plasters
- Comb
- Granola Bar
- Tissues



Thank you for kindness and generosity. Miss Darbar



Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Griff W.	Maisy V.
3D	Beatrice M.	William A.
4C	Zach B.	Archie A.
4J	Yuhe T.	Monica P-H.
4P	Elizabeth A.	Thomas P.
5L	Adam P.	Marshall P.
5N	George W.	Noah C.
5P	Seren A.	Tabitha L.
6B	Charlotte M.	Patrick W.
6G	Edward L.	Siri P.
6H	Aryan N.	Oscar T.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 3: Dora B., Marouane S., Beatriz G., Haris H.

Year 4: Neev S., Namitha N.

Year 5: Lucy M., Minu P-M., Saatvik G., Banming Y., Sanju V., Ellie W. (2), Oliver D., Adam P.

Year 6: Manya R., Frankie P., Mara M.

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Lydia

Class: 6G

Favourite subject: History

Best thing about school: Friends

Favourite cheese: Mature cheddar

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: I went to see Ollly Murs live!

When I am older... I want to be a dentist.

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Neither! (I like garlic sauce!)

Sun or snow? Snow

One wish: To go back to Disneyland Paris!

Lydia was nominated by Mrs Arrol and Miss Bradley this week. Miss Bradley said, "Lydia went the extra mile for the Stephenson charity day. She made beautiful cards to say thank you to each class and ran a great activity during lunch and break time. She helped with the general organisation of the day and came up with lots of ideas in the run up."



Head's Challenge solution from last week: Second.