

Head's Message

In amongst some brilliant Christmas performances this week and earnest preparations for the final few, we have been gripped by election fever across the Prep School! On Tuesday the Senior School mock election candidates came to address the electorate and pledge a better future if their respective parties secured enough votes. Such is the nature of the Prep School pupils that any opportunity to ask questions was readily seized upon. The hopeful party representatives were put through their paces with questions ranging from the party line on defence spending through to exact details on how they planned to tackle coral bleaching! On Wednesday the hustings for our own election here at the Prep School was equally fiery! The candidates did extremely well and talked with great passion about the features of their respective manifestos. Further commentary can be found in this week's edition of the Flier.

Thank you to everyone who has donated a winter care pack to go to Bridge House Mission as part of our Christmas charity appeal. These will be very gratefully received by those in need in our local area. There is still time to make up a pack if you haven't had the chance yet. Your support, as always, is hugely appreciated.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: This one must be done in your head only - do NOT write it down. Take 1000 and add: 40; 1000; 30; 1000; 20; 1000 and finally add 10. What is the new total?



Photo of the Week: One of the highlights of our Wednesday activities programme this term has been Gaelic Football. The children have learned how to kick and play a hand pass. More details inside!

4C Assembly



4C put on a fantastic class assembly last week, showing how one act of kindness can lead to another, then another, thereby creating a virtuous cycle. There were also some interesting characters taking part!

It was awesome! The best assembly ever!
Emily E.

I loved being Ordinary Mary. The role was great.

Namitha N.

I really enjoyed being Mr Simpson, especially stealing his hat!

Will F.

The assembly was fantastic because we all had fun.

Neev S.

I enjoyed being Mr Pengilley because I got a massive bar of chocolate.

Waleed A.

It was cool being Mr Grundmann because I liked copying his hair.

Archie A.

I loved our class assembly. It was very funny!

Scarlett H.



Yarm Preparatory School's Christmas Holiday School

Monday 16th – Friday 20th December 2019



We are offering a week of fun-filled day trips and child-centred activities during the Christmas Holidays, supervised by Yarm Preparatory School staff.

The **Christmas Holiday School** is open each weekday from Monday 16th to Friday 20th December, 8.00am to 5.00pm, for all children from ages 3 to 11.

Our **December Holiday School** is a terrific way for your child to meet their school friends and take part in an action-packed and extensive range of activities. Whether your child is with us for one day or for the full week, the programme of care we offer will be fresh and tailor-made to specifically appeal to the age, interest and ability of your child.

Places are limited.
Please book
early to avoid
disappointment!

Please return to: MR C. Simpson at Yarm Preparatory School

BOOKING FORM (Please print clearly)

Child's full name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Form: _____

Parent's /Guardian's full name: _____

Home telephone N^o. _____ Email address: _____

Daytime/emergency contact numbers: _____

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please tick which days you wish your child to attend:

Christmas Holiday School 2019	Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monday 16 th December	
Tuesday 17 th December	
Wednesday 18 th December	
Thursday 19 th December	
Friday 20 th December	
Total amount @ £33 per day	£

Christmas Holiday School Arrangements

Please drop your child off at Yarm Pre-Prep School between 8 - 9am.

Please collect your child from Yarm Pre-Prep School between 4.30 - 5pm.

The Holiday School timetable, domestic arrangements and green consent form will be sent out to you by reply.

It is imperative that all consent forms are returned before the holiday school starts. Thank you.

For more information, please email Mr Simpson at: **cjs@yarmschool.org**

Please attach a cheque for the full amount (£) made payable to 'YARM SCHOOL'
(Please Note: No cash accepted and cheques will only be banked after Wednesday 18th December)

Gaelic Football

I like Gaelic football because you play football and rugby at the same time. It has been great fun.

Freddie G.

Gaelic football is a mixture of rugby and football. We are very lucky to be able to play it and learn quickly from Miss Ni Chaoilte.

Kabir G.

We learned how to play Gaelic football in seven weeks. We have enjoyed playing and learning new things. We've learnt lots of new skills; I wish we could play more of it at school.

Ava H. and Lucy M.

Gaelic football is a mixture of rugby and football. There are 15 people on a team and it is a good sport because you do not have to be tall to be good.

Marshall P. and Atshushi Y.

Gaelic football is about having fun and scoring. We have been learning lots of tricks and skills, like hand passes. It is a bit like American Football.

Wilf D. and Daniel H.

We have learnt how to kick-pass, fist pass, solo pass and hand pass. It is a mix of football and rugby. We have played some games on the astro where a goal is worth three points if you get it over the post. We have really enjoyed playing Gaelic football this term and hope to play it again soon!

Freddie G., Zach B. and George W.



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

Christmas Mission

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



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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.

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.

Carol Service tickets

You should have received your tickets for our Carol Service by now. Should you require any more tickets or have any queries, please contact Miss Richardson in the school office (sri@yarmschool.org).

Christmas Art Competition

Get into the festive mood with this term's art competition!

The title of your work should be:

'My favourite Christmas Character'

Your entry can be any size, any medium. Hand it to Mrs White with your name and form written clearly on the back by **Monday 9th December**. Your artwork will be displayed during the end of term assembly when prizes will be awarded

I look forward to seeing your exciting and creative entries.

Mrs White

Internet Safety

Yarm School has recently become part of Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safer online and making sure we work with you to achieve this.

Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge with:

- Online training;
- Expert advice and information on all things digital;
- Access to a free help service for all of your tech

questions.

To get started, go to: <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents/discover-parent-lounge>

- Click on ENTER PARENT LOUNGE
- Click on the pink ADD TO CART button
- On the next page click CHECKOUT. You'll be asked to enter your email address.

On the next page you will need to enter the coupon code YarmSchool to ensure you have free access. Please click ADD COUPON once the code has been entered. The code gives you a 100% discount.

I cannot recommend the Parent Zone service highly enough. In this day and age, when we are teaching the children how to be good online citizens and how to stay safe online, it is imperative that parents are in the loop too. Parent Zone offers this support.

Mr Stone

Christmas Activities



Sunday 15 December 2019

A journey through the Nativity story for the whole family, with crafts, games, stories and songs.

From 9am, with activity time slots throughout the morning, booking is essential. Free tickets are available from our website.

tvcchurch.org.uk/events

Clubs and Activities

By now you should have received the email regarding the

booking of clubs and activities for next term. A paper copy of the booklet should also be in bookbags for you to read with your child. We would appreciate a quick response to the online form so that activities can be allocated in good time ahead of the new term.

Please note: any paid-for clubs or activities are charged to you at the end of each term via the end of terms extras bill, which you receive in the post.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Stone (gns@yarmschool.org).

Christmas in the Prep School

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.

Year 5/6 Poetry Competition

Having completed their own Class Competitions, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed listening to the class finalists on Wednesday afternoon last week. The quality of the performances astounded Mr Gilbert, from the Senior School English department, who thoroughly enjoyed co-judging the recitals.

The range of poems was vast, from Minu Palat Meethale's excellent recitation of Percy Shelley's 'Ozymandias', demonstrating a mature understanding of the poem, to Adi Paul's entertaining, yet spooky performance of 'The Visitor', by Ian Serraillier.

The talent displayed inspired all that listened and the audience were awed by the different performances shared. The expression, pace and delivery of each performance made it incredibly difficult to judge, however, with the support from Mr Gilbert, we eventually awarded the following prizes to form winners and year group overall winners.

5L – Ava R.

5P – Amelie S.

5N – Connie G.

Overall Year 5 Winner – Minu P-M.

6B – Gracie R-H.

6G – Adi P.

6H – Theo P.

Overall Year 6 Winner – Patrick W.

Congratulations to everyone that took part!

Mr Pengilley

Anti-Bullying Poem

Turn Your Frown Upside Down!

Bullying's wrong, Bullying's bad,

Please stop it now or the world will be sad.

We should all live together in peace and harmony,

If anyone needs me, they know where I will be.

To listen and to care, they know I'll always be there.

When bullies do things that make you feel down,

Keep your head high - no frown!

Believe in yourself, have the courage to tell,

Because speaking out loud can only end well.

Adults, teachers, parents too, will all help you to smile too.

Bullying is harmful, Bullying is wrong,

Always speak one to one.

If anyone laughs, if anyone hits,

Be the bigger person, and never quit!

Walk tall and proud, don't follow the crowd,

Be you! Be you! That's the best you can do!

Luke E. (5P)

PE and Games News



Under 10 Hockey

On Friday we played hockey against GSAL. We had a lovely game in the cold. Lucy Mitchell scored a hat-trick and was player of the match. All the girls enjoyed playing and learning. Mrs Redhead-Sweeney swapped us around a lot to learn how to play different positions. Sadly, it's our last game but we have had an amazing season. With only one defeat and the rest wins, we are looking forward to the Netball season.

Natasha P., Ava H., Amelie S., Sienna H.

Under 11 Hockey

On Friday 29th November the Under 11 A team played GSAL. It was a very lively and tough match but everyone equally played well. There were some cracking passes by Eva, Ivy and I, while Claudia and Gracie received the ball very well on the

wing. Naila and Sienna rotated well up front to help Mara finish off a wonderful team goal. However, Tilly really saved the day by stopping a large number of goals.

Overall it was a challenging match and we all played our best. Well done to everyone who played, it was the best our team have played all season and I hope we play like that next week against Dame Allan's. Come on girls!

Darcey A., Gracie R-H.



We had a brilliant game against fair opposition and we all enjoyed an action-packed match. We won 2-0, with Betty Kennedy being our star player after scoring both goals. It would not have been possible though without everyone on the team, who had a great attitude and played a very positive game.

Charlotte M.

Under 11 Rugby

On Friday, Yarm played Bow School. Although we lost we played extremely well and there were plenty of positives in the match. Everybody who played tried their hardest and should be proud of themselves.

Paddy K., Henry B.

Over the last two weeks we played Cundall Manor. Yarm lost the first game 9-7. It was a really good game of rugby. All of the boys played well, with Henry, Paddy and Oliver standing out.

Harvey D.

Under 8 Rugby v Cundall Manor

Considering the weather we have had over the last month, it was a blessing that the U8 rugby fixture to Cundall was able to go ahead. The boys were very excited to be on their travels as they have been more unfortunate than most this term due to unplayable pitches. However, all the passing



and tag work paid dividends as the boys produced their best performance yet. They ran into space, looking for support to offload the ball before contact. Defensively the U8 boys put the opposition under great pressure, working together to make the tag tackle. Being able to witness how much the boys have improved was a lovely way to finish the rugby season and I look forward to observing the same commitment in the Spring. Well done to all.

Mr Underwood

Under 10/11 Rugby

Cundall Manor were able to entertain us on their grounds and provided us with a stern test of rugby across both age groups.

The U11s demonstrated excellent team spirit and determination when playing, working hard for each other. With some excellent 'first up' tackling Yarm were able to pressure Cundall into making mistakes. At 2 tries apiece it was making for a great game. Unfortunately a couple of unforced errors in the danger zone allowed Cundall to extend their lead but it is with great pride that I can say that Yarm didn't take a backwards step. It was clear at the end of the match how much the boys enjoyed themselves. Well done.



The progress the U10's have demonstrated has been commendable. Their tackling and handling combine well, allowing them to become a challenging team for anyone to face. It is always a pleasure when watching mini rugby that you can actually observe senior aspects of the game, and that is what the U10's provide. They support each other very well, run into space and offload at the right time. While their tackling and rucking was not at the same intensity as they have demonstrated on other weeks, they made sure they got over the line comfortably.

With the weather, as it has been, Bow School took the opportunity to book the grounds at Maiden Castle, Durham

University's sports facilities, to ensure that the fixtures went ahead. It was a great experience being able to play on a 3G surface, something I haven't had the pleasure of in my own career. Little did I realise that there is more than one type of surface, as one pupil pointed out to me it can be sand or rubber based. Rubber is the preferred surface apparently. Since half term we have been working extensively on our handling of the ball and it has worked wonders when helping to identify and utilise the space on the pitch. The boys have been playing some outstanding free flowing rugby from this and it has been a pleasure to see. Their commitment to the game and each other has been very commendable this term and I am looking forward to witnessing it further through the year and into the next.

A super effort by all involved and it has been great season of development and growth within the school. Well done to all the boys.

Mr Underwood

Hockey Round-Up

It has been a busy week as usual. The U9's travelled to Cundall for their first ever festival and despite the weather conditions the girls enjoyed lots of matches. Sadly I couldn't take the whole year group on this occasion but the girls who travelled threw themselves into the games and despite losing the first match they grew in confidence and drew the next 2-2, and 1-1. Finally they finished with a 3-1 win. For me the emphasis isn't on the scores but on the fun had by all. Yesterday all the year 4 girls then travelled to Bow School to play in our final fixtures of the hockey term and the report will appear in next week's edition.

Year 3 Swimming

Finally a reminder that the Year 3 swim group have their final session on Monday 9th December which will conclude their term of swimming. After Christmas lessons begin for Stephenson and Telford and parents will receive an email with more information in due course.

Gymnastics Club

A big thank you to Charlotte from Stainsby Gymnastics Club, who has been running our Friday sessions this term. We look forward to welcoming her back after Christmas.



Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Black Belt success



On December 1st, Tanveer Timmons achieved his 1st Dan Black Belt. The gruelling three hour grading included fitness drills, full sparring, defence against knife attacks and bat attacks; designed to test both physical and mental strength. Inspired by his Great-Grandad, Tanveer has been training in martial arts since he was 4! He is one of the youngest ever 1st Dan Black Belts at Yarm Martial Arts Academy.

Well done Tanveer!

General Election

It has been a busy week of electioneering and canvassing of votes this week, ahead of the all-important election next Wednesday to see who will be returned as the MP for Yarm Prep.

The four candidates all presented their ideas in detailed speeches to the electorate in a specially-convened assembly on Wednesday.

Alfie Arnold, representing the Rainbow Party, put forward the case from his party, which was full of promises to improve the NHS, plant millions of trees and keep the United Kingdom in the European Union.



He was followed in the 'Leadership Debate' by Kabir Gandhi of the Prospect Party. His speech was



delivered like that of a senior statesman, offering the voters the chance to reflect on Prospect's promise of hassle-free travel around the EU, free childcare for parents and 20,000 more teachers.

It was a tough act to follow but the Purple Bird Party delivered an impassioned



speech through their candidate, Bella Yang. Their key promise was to deliver Brexit as well as boost the NHS with the appointment of thousands more nurses.

Finally, it was the turn of the Vision Party and their candidate Noah Coulman. An increase in the living wage and a pledge to reduce carbon emissions raised received warm support amongst the teachers present, who will also be casting their votes next Wednesday.



Following the pitches, an opinion poll was conducted and revealed the following result:

Vision Party—26%

Prospect Party—25%

Purple Bird Party—25%

Rainbow Party—24%

Will this be the final result come next week? There is less than a week to go before votes are cast, with the parties having plenty of opportunities to drum up support, persuade the voters and ~~bribe potential supporters with promises of stickers and badges~~ debate their policies!

Mr Stone



Stephenson Enterprise Activity

Year 6 in Stephenson welcomed Tom Walton (Luke's dad), who set up his own business—Infinity Works—5 years ago.

It was really interesting how Mr Walton was working, met four friends and began making a company called Infinity Works. He also mentioned in the next few years that 40% of jobs will be taken over by robots!



Ollie M.

The message I took away from the talk was the fact that in years to come, 40% of jobs will be taken by robots.

Niamh B.

Mr Walton came in to talk to Stephenson about Infinity Works. I found out that he made the Sainsburys 'Nectar' app, which I thought was really cool.

Tanveer T.

I thought the talk was great and I learnt so much. Mr Walton gave us some great advice and telling us what might go on in the future.

Sienna S.

I found it interesting because he explained how computers can track down all of your information.

Frankie P.

Luke's dad came in to talk about his business, Infinity Works. I was amazed as he never gave up on his business. There were only four people working with him in 2015 and now there are 450, which is amazing.

Sabeeh Q.

I thought it was inspirational how quickly Mr Walton built his company.

Deacon H.

I learnt what is going to happen in the future and this helps people in years to come. We also got told that you do not have to always be in the top sets to be successful. I found it enjoyable and the goody bags were great!

Anousha A.

Coming up

— DECEMBER —

Mon 9	No clubs, activities or peripatetic lessons this week Carols in the Care Home (Choristers; returning before the end of school) Dance Assembly (Prep Hall; 9.50am to parents)
Tue 10	Carol Service rehearsals
Wed 11	Carol Service rehearsals Prep General Election to take place All Y3-6 pupils to stay behind after school Prep Carol Service (PAA; 6pm)
Thu 12	Flu jabs for R-Y6 (all morning) All kit bags, bags, etc to go home tonight Lost Property Assembly (Prep Hall) Lockwood Brass performing carols
Fri 13	End of term—NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Children to be collected at 3.45pm on this day) Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Children to bring in £1 please) Christmas Service at Yarm Church for pupils and staff Carols by the Bonfire School Christmas Dinner End of Term assembly
Mon 16	Christmas Holiday School (until Friday 20th December)

— JANUARY —

Mon 6	Spring term begins; pupils return School finishes at 3.15pm (Pre-Prep) and 3.30pm (Prep) Brunel house duty
Tue 7	School finishes at 3.15pm (Pre-Prep) and 3.30pm
Wed 8	House General Knowledge Quiz
Thu 9	Peer Mentor training (4-5pm)

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Annabelle A.	Ciara W.
3D	Beatrix A.	Marouane S.
4C	Tabi B.	All of 4C
4J	Felicia J.	Aisling T.
4P	Katie C.	Ella F.
5L	Ruby K.	Jake W.
5N	Kabir G.	Sam L.
5P	Sienna H.	Sarah A.
6B	Danny D.	Charlie Ba.
6G	Henry B.	Naina A.
6H	Leah T.	Manya R.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 3: Griff W.

Year 4: Jing Jing L.

Year 5: Minu P-M.

Year 6: Adi P. (2)

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Aryan

Class: 6H

Favourite subject: Games

Best thing about school: The lessons.

Favourite cheese: Cheddar

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: The Year 6 French trip.

When I am older... I want to be a cricketer, chess player and a scientist.

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Ketchup

Sun or snow? Sun

One wish: I want to win the Cricket World Cup with England.

Aryan has been mentioned many times recently by lots of teachers about his impeccable manners and help towards others.



Head's Challenge solution from last week: 47 days.