



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

Happy half term! There has been such excitement this week as the children have arrived at school every day chattering about their Halloween outfits. Many thanks to our Social Committee for putting on a wonderful party for our children. Who would have thought there would have been so many spooktacular outfits?! 1P had a brilliant morning at their beach clean on Tuesday and enjoyed the opportunity to work collaboratively with our Senior School Eco-Club. Our children really do care about our planet and environment and I know that 1H are so excited about their forthcoming trip on the 5th November. Our Reception children have worked together and created their poem "The Wizard's Pocket." The Year 2s have been learning about Mary Seacole, as part of Black History month and our youngest Nursery children have been carving pumpkins in preparation for Halloween. A gentle reminder that when we return, Winter will be on its way and the weather may be colder, therefore, please ensure that all children have a named school coat. We welcomed Cheryl Ellis from the NSPCC back to say thank you to all children for their efforts with Buddy's Big Workout last month. The children raised an incredible £2460.82 for the charity! Well done, to all children and thank you to all families for being sponsors. Do take the time to have a lovely, relaxing half term whatever you may be doing and take some time to recharge your batteries.

Warmest Wishes,

Jeanne Speight



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Environmental Experiment

Year 1 have learnt a lot about the plastic problem the world is currently facing. They have heard about how we can help and all the positive effects of recycling. 1P took part in a wonderful beach clean in Redcar, doing their bit to help make our local beach a safer place for all. Back at school we have conducted an experiment, burying a variety of objects to see what will happen to them. We will be checking on these in a few weeks to see whether our predictions were correct!

Well done, Year 1, you are always thinking of others!



Happy Halloween!

The children in Nursery have loved exploring many Halloween activities. They have scooped out the insides of pumpkins, looked at them through magnifying glasses, compared their weights with balance scales and even helped to carve a pumpkin fairy house. We hope you have a great half term and a happy Halloween!



Marvellous Measuring

Year 2 have been investigating measurements in maths. We discussed measuring length and the different units and tools we can use to see how long an object is. After practising the best technique to measure accurately with a ruler, we travelled to the adventure trail and found different natural objects to measure and order according to their length.



Ten Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket

In preparation for the Halloween disco, the Reception children have been exploring Ian McMillan's poem 'Ten Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket'. We wrote our own poem...

Glittery and scary spiders

Magic blue water

One hundred hyenas

A silver frog

A magic crayon, whatever you draw it happens

One hundred elephants

A magic mermaid

A glittery unicorn

A shiny brown conker

Stinky feet

A tiny fairy

A princess Rapunzel brushing her hair

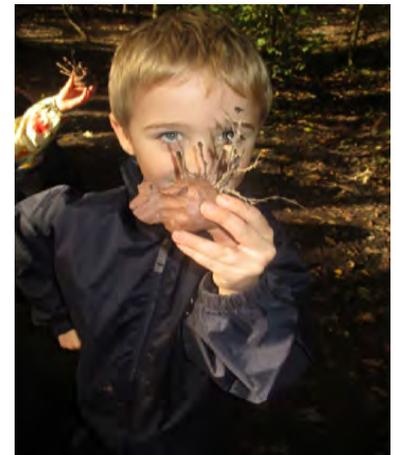
A crying baby

A vest made of spider webs

A grey, a black and a brown monkey

A wand and a witch's book

A rainbow ice cream with glitter on the top.



We also took clay with us to the woods to make some hedgehogs. The children collected suitable tiny sticks to make prickles and strengthened their fine motor skills shaping their hedgehog bodies. Once finished, we discussed hibernation and the children very carefully made cosy homes and nests out of the leaves. I wonder if there is a hedgehog hiding in your garden?





Uniform (worn by all):

Please note after half term, all children should be wearing winter uniform:

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 should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys: Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved with tie (School design). Grey trousers with Uniform Shop socks – grey with stripe.

Girls: White blouse (school pattern only) with a red tartan pinafore. Grey tights or socks with matching hair accessories.

The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays. The Uniform Shop accepts cash, card or cheque payments.



Mrs Jones has been recognised for her 'outstanding contribution to the education and support of the young pupils'. As part of National Teaching Assistants' Day, Mrs Jones was nominated for an award. Out of the thousands of entries, Mrs Jones was highly commended and received a surprise visit from Samantha Hornsby of Teaching Personnel. We are extremely lucky to have an amazing team here at Yarm. Mrs Jones always has a smile on her face and goes above and beyond to help the children and staff. We are delighted she has been recognised out of all the entries nationally and celebrated her success by having afternoon tea for all the staff in nursery.

Mrs Jones said: "I was astonished to be nominated for an award, and even more surprised to be commended. I love my job and working with the children every day and this recognition is the icing on the cake."

If you wish to read the full article please visit the Northern Echo online using www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news

We are having a stall at the Senior School Christmas Indoor Market (Saturday, 23rd November, 10am-4pm) to raise funds for the Halloween Disco, New Year Disco and movie night. Please could we ask you to help raise funds by gathering together any unwanted brand-new or pre-loved cookbooks or children's items ready to donate when the children return after half term. Children's items can include:

- gifts, toys, books, CDs, DVDs and games. Lucky bags/jars
- with small non-food items are very welcome too. A table in Pre-Prep and a box at the foyer of the Y3/4 Prep building has been left for you to leave your donations.

Many thanks in advance and have a very happy half-term!
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Uniform Shop opening hours - October Half Term

Tuesday 22nd October—1pm till 4pm

Thursday 24th October—1pm till 4pm

Tuesday 29th October—1pm till 4pm

Thursday 31st October—1pm till 4pm

Looking Forward



Monday 4th November

Pupils return to school

Tuesday 5th November

Year 1H Redcar Beach Clean

Wednesday 13th November

Reception Stay and Play—08:45 till 09:30

Friday 15th November

Nursery Children in Need Café—2pm start

