

### Head's Message

**W**hen the first tune dropped at the New Year disco last Friday, it was clear that DJ Conroy was intent on giving the assembled masses a treat. His 'all killers, no fillers' approach kept the vibe alive and helped to make the night a great success. Sincere thanks go to all the staff who helped out and the Social Committee for their support and funding the event. The disco preceded the excitement of all of our Year 6 pupils receiving their offer letters for the Senior School over the weekend, following the Transfer Papers taken earlier in the term. Warm congratulations to all of the boys and girls for their efforts in securing a place for September. Their success will now be used as a platform to build on throughout the rest of the year.

In other areas of the School, our pupils have been enjoying competition and performance on many fronts in the past few weeks. House general knowledge, House chess, Quiz Club tournaments, a host of sporting fixtures and our Concert and Cake event, to name but a few. These valuable opportunities give our pupils the chance to showcase their skills and knowledge in a supportive and collaborative environment. It is superb to see how well the children are supported by the staff around these events and how the pupils learn to assist each other and draw strength from those near them at these times. It is this sense of collaboration and endorsement that help our pupils take that all important leap of faith when the hush descends for a performance or the whistle blows for the start of a match. They are learning the importance of getting involved, the value of those around them and the merit of failure, in so doing they are building the foundations for triumph.

*Bill Sawyer*

**Head's Challenge:** Small was stature, but my success was great. Who am I?



**Photo of the Week:** The competition continues to be fierce in the House Chess. Report inside.

# Prep New Year Disco

I thought that the disco was awesome! My favourite game was probably the dance move game. You had to bust the move they told you to when the music stopped. My favourite move was the Orange Justice. The music was really good and the Social Committee were very generous in giving all of us a small treat of a cupcake and a book. I am going to miss the Yarm Prep Disco as I am going to the senior school next year.

*Manya R. 6H*

The disco last Friday was fun. It was a good way to relax and unwind. We all did the limbo, and another highlight was when we wrapped Martin up in toilet paper! Mr Conroy was great as the DJ. The Social Committee did a good job and provided everyone with a goodie bag at the end.

*Frankie P. 6H*

I loved the atmosphere around me! My favourite part was the mummy making. I kept ripping the paper accidentally; we didn't get very far!

*Alisha T. 6H*

I really enjoyed the school disco because of Mr Conroy's amazing DJ'ing. We also got to wrap Martin up in toilet paper. I loved the cupcake and want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise it.

*Oscar T. 6H*

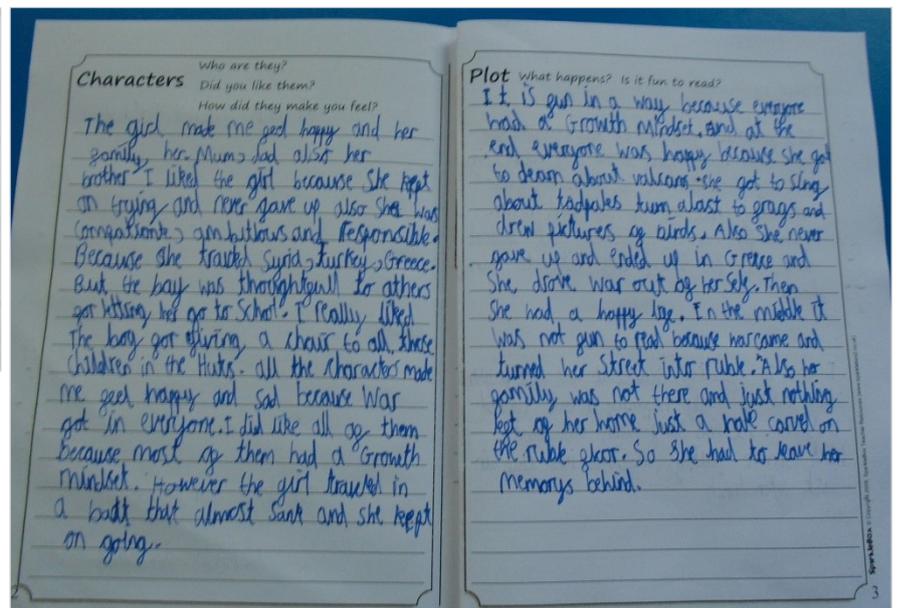
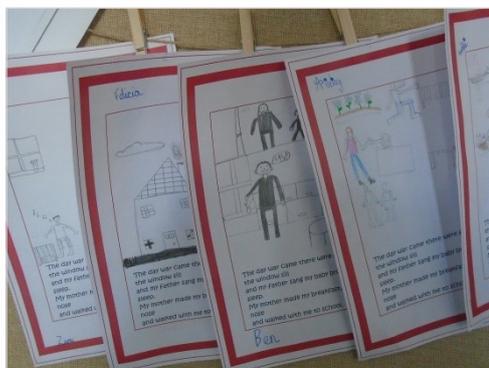
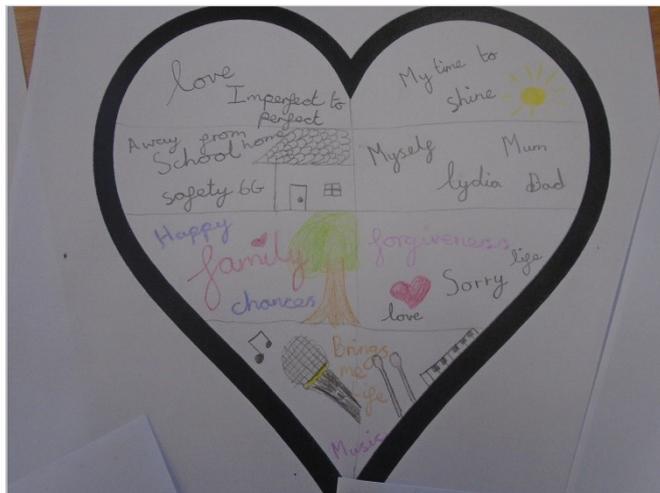
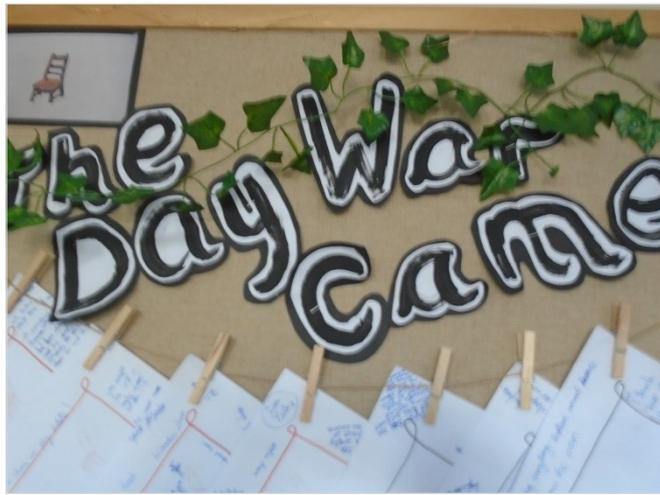
After devouring a slice of pizza we were all ready to dance. DJ Conroy had an amazing playlist; we got to dance to *Baby Shark*, *Gangnam Style* and other classic hits.

*Shlok A. 6H*





# Religions and Philosophy Week



During RE and Philosophy Week last week we took a different approach than normal. We were looking at and thinking about the question, 'Is home a place or a feeling?'

We were very lucky to have guest speakers, such as Mr Edwards from the Senior School

and Reverend Ford from our local church in Yarm. Year 3 had a visit from Mrs Barton who spoke about Christianity, and Year 4 a visit from Mrs Sidhu, who I hear gave a very interesting talk on Sikhism. Hearing the children discuss and reflect on this question around school has been amazing, with most recognising how lucky they really are. Each class had a book linked to the week which has prompted some fabulous discussion and work. In Year 6 we created refugee art work and looked at Mahmood's story, a young boy from Syria who managed to flee to Sweden. Here are just a few of the pictures from last week. Thanks again to everyone for throwing themselves into Religion and Philosophy Week.

Miss Bradley

## House Chess—Week 2

Stephenson took a big step towards retaining their House Chess Championship title with an exciting and hard-earned victory over Arkwright in the second of the three rounds.

The match was level for some time and it was only at the very end of the match that Stephenson finally managed to pull away from their powerful rivals.

Natasha Pointon was the top scorer for the reigning champions, with two wins and a draw from her three games. Stephenson's strength in depth was the key to their match success; in addition to Natasha, captain Sabeeh Qureshi, Kate Howell, Frankie Parker, Niamh Boddy, Lilly Cox, Adam Paul and Edie Redhead-Sweeney all scored points, meaning the whole team contributed to the final tally.

Captain Adi Paul was Arkwright's top scorer with two wins and one draw. Rehan Krishnamoorthy, Isobel McGlade, Noah Vincent, Sanjana Vasireddy and Minu Palat-Meethale all earned points for the team but it wasn't quite enough to prevent Stephenson winning by a scoreline of 9.5-7.5. Very close indeed!

Meanwhile Brunel and Telford locked horns in a bid to try and force their way back into contention after their respective first round defeats.

It was another strange match for Telford, who just couldn't seem to get going. Captain Aryan Nalawade led his Brunel team by example with three great wins and his score was added to by Shlock Arcot, James Goodall, Samuel Shawcross, Elizabeth Neilson, Noah Coulman and George Forshaw. Captain Mustafa El-Sherif and Ella Fitzgerald (for the second week) restored some Telford pride but it wasn't enough to stop Brunel winning 12-2.

Stephenson are so close to the title now, but they cannot afford to relax as we head towards the third and final round of the championship. They need only to avoid defeat to Brunel in the ultimate challenge, but I am sure Aryan will motivate his team for one last push in order to try to turn the tables. Brunel need a big win to alter the expected course of history - and Arkwright will be rooting for them too, as such a result would allow them back into the title race.

All will be decided next week!

*Mr Marsh*



### **House Chess — Scores**

Brunel 12—2 Telford  
Stephenson 9.5—7.5 Arkwright

## 5P Class Assembly

When 5P performed their class assembly, I played Cobweb the fairy and served Titania the fairy queen from A Midsummer Night's Dream. Excited and nervous, exhilarated and anxious, I stepped up to the music stand to play the Elizabethan music on my flute for the Tudor dancers. When we were learning about Shakespeare's plays, we found out there were four fairies working for Titania. We made a few mistakes, but we all enjoyed ourselves and had fun.

*Amelie S.*

William Shakespeare was one of the best, if not the best, writer ever. Although the date of his birth and death are unknown, he might have died from poisoning. Our class assembly was 'such stuff as dreams are made from'. I think that William Shakespeare's plays were extraordinary. Nervous and worried, apprehensive and scared, I sang the solo line "And the Taming of the Shrew" in the song.

*Luca S. (Fact Reader)*

Scared and worried, excited and overjoyed, I performed my lines and felt proud of myself in the end. We all had fun in the assembly. I was the money box collector and it had real money in, although in Shakespeare's time the money was tuppence and thruppence.

*Tabitha L.*

In the class assembly I played the knight Sir John Falstaff, who was in two plays no less and ate a lot of pies! Shakespeare's plays were performed at the Globe Theatre which could hold more than 3,000 people. Interestingly, the theatre was only 11 metres tall and very small.

*Cooper N.*

In 5P's class assembly I was a stage hand. I made all the props. Nervous and scared, I had to hold a skull and say, "Alas poor Yorick" (from Hamlet) "I bet you thought I knew him well." William Shakespeare built the Globe Theatre in Stratford upon Avon with a troop of actor men. Interestingly, Shakespeare wrote half the English dictionary. Tickets for our play were half price if you came on the 'Twelfth Night!'

*Oscar L.*

The class assembly was a fun experience for me – learning while having fun at the same time. I loved playing Touchstone the Jester. I loved the script for the play too. The first actor to play Touchstone was supposedly Robert Armin in one of the first productions of "As you like it". There is a statue of Robert Armin in Stratford upon Avon. One of Touchstone's famous quotes was "The fool doth think he is wise but the wise man knows himself to be a fool"

*Luke E.*



# Year 3 trip to the Arctic Circle

3A and 3D expanded their horizons last week, taking trips to the North Pole and Manitoba, Canada, as part of their look into the Arctic environment. As well as polar bears, the children got to see a Russian icebreaker and a derelict station, used in the 1950s to study the environment closely. These trips were made possible through our Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, with help from our Digital Leaders.

*Mrs Arrol and Miss Darbar*

On Friday we had a treat. We got to use the VR headsets to see the Arctic for our humanities topic. I'm glad we really weren't there, otherwise the polar bears would have eaten me for dinner!

*Navina M.*

We used the VR headsets to go to the North Pole. Then we went to Canada to see some polar bears up close.

*Ellie-Mae G.*

I enjoyed looking at the icebreaker ship and the polar bears. We even got to look inside the ship!

*Max A.*

On Friday we used the VR headsets to look at polar bears, a huge ship and some amazing Arctic views. The polar bears looked nearly invisible in the Arctic snow.

*Samuel E.*



## Emails from school

With the increasing number of emails we are sending to parents to reduce the amount of paper we use, we are finding some parents are finding these emails in their junk or spam folders.

Most email clients have their own rules on how to identify spam e-mails, things like the volume/frequency of emails received by the specific domain (in this case anything from @yarmschool.org) matched by how often they are opened or ignored by the recipient. They learn from regular behaviour and try to anticipate the needs of the user, but you can override this for specific senders.

Most if not all email clients have the option when selecting an e-mail to mark it as 'This is not spam' which informs the email client not to tag anything from us as spam in future. Also in most cases, adding our e-mail addresses (e.g sri@yarmschool.org, gns@yarmschool.org, etc) to your contacts list tells the spam classification that anything from a known contact is probably worth reading.

With us sending the newsletter via email from next week, please double-check that you have our accounts in your contacts and/or you mark us as not spam.

Mr Stone

## The Mustard Seed Project



Dear children, teachers and parents of Yarm School,

Thank you so much for the donation of £406.71. This money will make a big difference and is very much appreciated.

As I'm sure you remember we are hoping to build six classrooms on the upper floor of our school building. Thanks to the Big Give at Christmas we have now raised all the money needed to build these six classrooms and construction has started.

We are now working hard to raise the money for another two classrooms and a hall which will complete the school. We are off to Kenya 14th February and will send you updates of the progress being made there. We are so excited.

We look forward to coming to see you to update you on the progress of the school.

Our best wishes to you all,

Rita Fowler

## Year 5 History Poetry

Katherine of Aragon, Henry's wife,  
Was replace by another who lost her life.

That was Anne, a pretty dame,  
Who was replace by tragic Jane,  
Who sadly died, can you believe,  
And was replace by Anne of Cleaves.

Henry said she looked like a horse,  
And divorced her without remorse.  
Pretty Kath Howard was next in line,  
But did not last an awfully long time.

Last to come was Catherine Parr,  
Turned out to be a  
superstar.

Henry died at fiftyfive,  
And dear old Catherine  
was still alive.

Connie D. (5P)

Henry the Eighth has six  
wives,

Three of them lost their  
loves.

There were three  
Catherines, two Annes,

Of none of them he was a  
big fan.

Hi one true love was Jane Seymour,  
Who gave him the boy he so longed for.

Sarah A. (5P)

Catherine was the first marriage, she didn't survive,  
So that means divorced, beheaded, died!

Next was Anne she didn't survive,  
So that means divorced, beheaded, died!

After that was Jane Seymour, she unfortunately died,  
So that means divorced, beheaded, died!

However, Anne II came in, she didn't survive,  
So that left her divorced, beheaded, died!

Catherine II was next, she didn't survive,  
So that means divorced, beheaded, died!

Finally, Catherine III, she also died,  
So that means divorced, beheaded, died!

Erin J. (5P)



## Internet Safety Day

### Tuesday 11th February 2020

By now you should have received an email from me sharing the details of the internet safety talk with PCSO Barrett. We do hope that as many of you as possible can come along to either of the events. If you have not received details, please let me know.

Also on the day, PCSO Barrett will be running workshops for all of the children in Years 3-6, helping them talk about and be aware of the dangers they face online.

Please also continue to sign up for *Parent Zone's Parent Lounge*. Again, if you need details on how to access this do let me know. The information available to you through this portal is invaluable.

*Mr Stone*

## Quiz Club Success



On Thursday 23rd January, two teams with one person from each year group set off to Newcastle for the National Schools Quiz regional heat. With high hopes, we entered the sports hall of Newcastle Prep. The quizmaster, Simon, explained the rules, and we were off. Yarm 2 took an instant lead, with the first scoreboard showing a large lead for Yarm 2, with Yarm 1 in 5th out of 6 teams at this point. The questions, starting easy for 20 points moving to harder questions for 100 points, were interesting. Yarm 2 struggled to maintain a lead as the competition went on, but it paid off. The final results saw Yarm 2 win and qualify for the national final in June. Yarm 1 still stand a chance of reaching the final too, having finished in 3rd.

*Edward L. & Siri P. (6G)*

## PE and Games News

### **Under 10 and 11 Football v Barnard Castle**

On Friday 24th January Years 5 and 6 travelled up to Barnard Castle to play football. My team won 4-2 and it was a highly

enjoyable experience. The two goal scorers were Luca Speight and Jake Wheatley, who scored two goals each. The first goal was scored in the second quarter of the first half by Jake. That confident play must have done us some good because soon after, Luca scored a brilliant individual goal.



The second half was eventful as both teams scored early on. Towards full-time, Barnard Castle had scored another goal. It was in the last 30 seconds though that our last goal was scored by Luca. Overall, a thrilling game and a brilliant experience. Special mention must go to Cooper North who was our rock at the heart of defence. The team benefited from amazing individual displays. Great effort, lads!

*Theo P. (6H)*

### **Under 10 Cundall Manor Netball Festival**

On Friday the Under 10s played a festival at Cundall Manor. We played a number of schools including Barnard Castle, Queen Mary's



and Cundall. We loved to play and we learnt how to play in lots of different positions, giving us a chance to develop our skills. Well done to everyone that played.

*Ava H.*

### Under 11 County Hockey Tournament

On Friday the 24th of January the Under 11 hockey team went down to the Senior School to play Red House in the county hockey finals. The game was tough and by half-time we were 2-1 down. However after an encouraging team talk from Mrs Redhead-Sweeney, we were ready to go back on the pitch and play our best.



We all played brilliantly, with two excellent goals from Eva Leadbitter and one each from Mara Morrison and Naila Krishnamoorthy. Tilly Pallent-Home did a great job in goal, with help from Ivy Addison and Carmen Hall in defence. With Claudia and me on the wing we were a perfect team and won 4-2. Well done girls.

*Darcey A.*

### Under 10 Football v Barnard Castle

This game was so much fun as we won 9-0! I scored, while Charlie score four, including an amazing goal from the halfway line. Alfie scored too after I crossed it in from halfway, leaving him with a chip over the goalkeeper's head. Myles was amazing in defence, while Noah put in a fantastic performance in goal.

*Luke E.*

### Year 3 Netball Workshop with Durham High

Well done to our Year 3 who worked well alongside Durham High in another netball workshop on Tuesday this week. Miss Ni Chaoilte and Miss Temple assisted and helped run a footwork and shooting station. We then also had a passing and moving onto the ball station to complete the full set of skills needed to play netball. Finally we played 5 a side 'end



ball' and mixed up the girls to contain players from both schools. It was lovely to see the girls meet up with their 'buddy' from the hockey term and remember names.

*Mrs Redhead-Sweeney*

### Australia Day

G'Day mates! Sending a HUGE thank you for all of your efforts on Australia Day. Together we raised an incredible **£312.15** for the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)! A koality result that will really help the recovery of Australian wildlife.

Thank you!

*Miss Darbar*



### The Great 6G Bake Off?

*Not quite Paul Hollywood, but Mr Grundmann has been baking bread with 6G this week. Rather than entering into a competitive cake-making competition though, the children were learning how yeast impacts on the production of bread as part of their science studies.*

Last Wednesday, 6G got to make fresh white bread for the science lesson. We went to the DT room and we were given our recipe and ingredients. We all were split into groups so we could make a large piece of bread and share it once it was fully cooked. We were safely observed by Mr Grundmann so we wouldn't do anything wrong but it all went well.

Once we put all the ingredients together and began sharing



turns with kneading the bread dough, we split it and shaped it for ourselves until Mr. Grundmann put it away to bake. When we got our bread back, we had tons of fun eating our bread we all made for it was a huge success.

*Lily C.*

My favourite part of the bread making was either kneading the dough or eating it.

*Henry B.*

Last Wednesday, 6G had a Bread making lesson during science. It was a very fun activity to do in class and the end result was very nice! We did it because we wanted to know how the texture in the bread is very light and fluffy which was very interesting. We were given the recipe and ingredients and we started making the dough from scratch in groups of twos and threes. The best part was where we got to mould the dough into any shape from hedgehogs to plaits. It was delicious!

*Claudia C.*

## Norton Junior Hockey

**PLEASE NOTE:** The production of Miss Saigon may contain material that is not suitable for young children.

## Holiday School Dates 2020-21

### Easter Holiday School 2020

Monday 6th April – Thursday 9th April (4 days)

### Summer Holiday School 2020

Monday 13th July – Friday 31st July (3 weeks)

### Autumn Half-Term Holiday School 2020

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October (1 week)

### Christmas Holiday School 2020

**Please Note:** Due to the late finish of the Autumn Term (Friday, 18th December) and the timing of the annual closure of the School for Christmas (Wednesday, 23rd December), there will be **NO** Christmas Holiday School this year.

### Easter Holiday School 2021

Monday 29th March – Thursday 1st April (4 days)

### Summer Holiday School 2021

Monday 12th July – Friday 30th July (3 weeks)

## Coming up

### FEBRUARY

<b>Mon 3</b>	STEAM Week
	Brunel House Duty
	Activities carousel 3 begins (Y4-6)
	House Chess—A v T, B v S
	U9-11 Terrington Hall Cross-Country (12pm depart, 1.30pm start, 5pm return)
<b>Tue 4</b>	U8 Netball workshop with Ashville (away; 2.30pm start, 5pm return)
	U8 Hockey v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start)
<b>Wed 5</b>	Reception Stay and Play Maths (8.45-9.30am)
	Informal Concert (Prep Hall; 4-5pm) <b>***Parents of children involved notified by Mr Gooding***</b>
<b>Thu 6</b>	HMC Cross-Country (Barlborough Hall; 11am start, 5.30pm return)
<b>Fri 7</b>	U10/11 Hockey and Netball v Pocklington and Ashville (away; 1.30pm start, 5.30pm return)
<b>Mon 10</b>	Stephenson House Duty
<b>Tue 11</b>	Safer Internet Day
	PCSO Barrett internet safety talk for parents (Studio Hall; 8.30-9.30am)
	Internet safety talks for Y3-6
	PCSO Barrett internet safety talk for parents (4P; 2.30-3.30pm)
<b>Wed 12</b>	Internet Safety Workshop
	Stockton Schools Swimming Gala (Thornaby Pool; 12-4pm)
	In2Hockey U11 Boys Tournament (Prep Astro; 3-4.30pm)
<b>Thu 13</b>	<b>Half-term begins after school</b> (after school and care as usual)
	No Digital Leaders today <b>***New event***</b>
	U9 Hockey v Dame Allan's (away; 2pm start, 5pm return)
<b>Fri 14</b>	Staff INSET—no pupils in school
<b>Mon 24</b>	Pupils return

## Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
<b>3A</b>	Beatriz G.	Max A.
<b>3D</b>	Dora B.	Gabrielle B.
<b>4C</b>	Archie A.	Jake D.
<b>4J</b>	Aisling T.	Charlotte F.
<b>4P</b>	Avighna A,	Anushri W.
<b>5L</b>	Myles B.	Marshall P.
<b>5N</b>	Sophie P.	Janvi C.
<b>5P</b>	Seren A.	Erin J.
<b>6B</b>	Oliver B.	Charlotte M.
<b>6G</b>	Siri P.	Edward L.
<b>6H</b>	All of 6H	Lilandra A.

### Head Teacher Awards:

**Y3:** Miguel R.M., Matthew R., William A., Wilf S., Gabrielle B., Daisy N., Bea M.

**Y4:** Elena F.R., Aisling T., Jacob B., Isobelle G., Charlotte F., Yuhe T., Felicia J., Zach B., Jake D., Neev S.

**Y5:** Jake W., Lucy M., Ellie W., Mattia L., Janvi C.

**Y6:** Shlok A., Jude C. (2)

## Peer Mentor of the Week

**Name:** Mara M.

**Form:** 6H

**Best thing about school:** All of the sports fixtures we go on.

**Favourite cheese:** Cheddar

**Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far:** Going to Disneyworld 5 (FIVE) times (!)

**When I am older...** I want to play hockey for England.

**Writing or typing?** Typing

**Ketchup or mayo?** Mayo

**Sun or snow?** Sun

**One wish:** That there were no bushfires in Australia.

Mara is the nomination this week, as she has been spotted on the playground giving Year 3 lots of help and encouragement when lining up at the end of playtime.

Thank you Mara!

