

Head's Message

Two Oompa Loompas, The Mad Hatter and Roald Dahl were greeted by a confused Tintin on Thursday who was on the search for his dog, Snowy. As World Book Day began, the search for Snowy was escalated through the mobilisation of an army of colourful characters stepping in to help out. Alas, even with the help of Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Albus Dumbledore and Pippi Longstocking, Snowy was nowhere to be seen. With a high prevalence of dog snatchers and the reported sighting of Cruella de Vil, suspicions were rife that they were indeed responsible! Despite Snowy going missing, World Book Day was certainly lots of fun and a great opportunity to celebrate a love of reading. This was beautifully illustrated through the many activities during the day, such as character profiling, book taster cafes and the pupils from the Prep School sharing books and stories with their younger peers in Pre-Prep. It was a gorgeous sight to see how passionate and involved the pupils became in each book as they were shared. Reading together at home and school is such an inviting way to share in the wonders of the written word!

Warm congratulations go to all of the pupils who have represented the School on the sports pitch in recent weeks. We have had fixtures in all age groups and at all levels. The passion, teamwork and spirit on display has been a feature of our gameplay and has been noted by visiting parents, opposition coaches and tournament organisers. Our sporting culture continues to be inclusive and very positive indeed. One team of note, our U11 IAPS Netball team, have qualified for the National Finals later this month. We will keep you updated with their progress and wish them every success.

You will have received a letter from the School regarding our response to the Covid19 virus. Please take the time to read this carefully. Rest assured we will keep you updated as the situation develops and we receive further advice.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge Using eight eights and addition only, can you make 1000?



Photo of the Week An outstanding performance from our netball team who made it to the IAPS National Finals!

UK Chess Challenge

Yarm Preparatory School held their annual Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge on Saturday 29th February and we had a bumper entry of 67 children, from our Year 2 novices all the way up to our highly experienced Year 6s.

The players were aiming to score 15 points (out of a possible 21) to qualify for the Megafinal stage of the competition and they knew it would be a tough tournament with no easy games at all over the seven frantic rounds.

The Year 2s have been progressing very well this year and they were ready to make their tournament debuts. **Lolwa Soliman** was the champion, with a fabulous score of 19 points. **Daniel Griffiths** played very well all day too and he was just one point behind Lolwa, taking the title of best boy along the way.

Kaira Nalawade, Hannah Clarke, Sylvia Dugdale, Josph Austin, Vedh Arcot and Kavan Sidhu also qualified for the Megafinal.

The combined Year 3 and Year 4 section was a veritable cauldron of competitive children. Incidentally, well over a third of the participants in this year's tournament were girls, which is far above the national average. Girl power won through again in the Year 3 category, with **Anjali Ramisetty** continuing her excellent run of form to take first place with 19 points.

Arvind Kumar and **Miguel Ramos Moreno** finished two points behind Anjali and they shared the boys' title. **Rehan Krishnamoorthy, James Callaghan** and **Griff Williams** all qualified for the Megafinal too.

George Forshaw showed his class to win the Year 4 category and **Edie Redhead-Sweeney** did very well indeed to win the girls' title, ahead of numerous powerful rivals.

Other Year 4 Megafinal qualifiers are **Lucia Chahal, Ella Fitzgerald, Neev Sahoo, Daniel Howell, Archie Axtell** and **Ewan Paul**.

The combined Year 5 and Year 6 was extremely tough and all of the points had to be earned the hard way.

Natasha Pointon never seems to be off form and she was the top Year 5 player by a sensational margin of four points. **Noah Coulman** and **Adam Paul** shared the boys' title.

Aryan Nalawade was on dominant form and he won all seven of his games to score a superb 21/21 against his Year 6 rivals. This particular tournament has previously been the one blot on Aryan's copybook of extraordinary successes but this time he was absolutely determined to fill in this formerly illusive gap in his roll of honour.

Isobel McGlade, Lily Cox and **Kate Howell** somehow managed to end up on the same amount of points after the seven games, even though they spent most of the tournament on completely different scores. They shared the girls' title, which meant we had to put in order for more trophies!

Adi Paul, Max Millington, Shlok Arcot, Mustafa El-Sherif and **Sabeeh Qureshi** completed our line-up of Megafinal qualifiers.

This was definitely one of our best-ever UK Chess Challenge tournaments and, even though the atmosphere was highly charged in the competitive sense, the games were played in a very sporting manner. Everyone - whether they became champions this time or not - will have improved their own game considerably after playing in this event.

Now we will see how well our stars will perform at the Teesside Megafinal, which will be at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium on Sunday 3 May.

More exciting times ahead!

Sean Marsh (Yarm Prep School's Chess Coach)





Yarm Preparatory School's Easter Holiday School

Monday 6th - Thursday 9th April 2020



We are offering four days of fun-filled day trips and child-centred activities during the Easter holidays, supervised by Yarm Preparatory School staff.

The Easter Holiday School is open each weekday from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April, 8.00am to 5.00pm, for all children from ages 3 to 11.

Our Easter 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 four days, 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!

After School Care

After School Supervision begins at 3.45pm with an outdoor play time for all registered children. Following this, children are usually supervised in two groups to complete homework and/or other quiet tasks - Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 – normally in 4P and the Science lab. Attendance is confirmed with pupils during morning registration.

We offer late supervision for pupils between 4.30pm and 6.00pm for those children who are not able to be collected by 4.30pm. After School Care is located in the Science Lab until 5pm and the Pre-Prep thereafter. It is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Prep School staff. A register is taken and a modest charge is made for this facility. A drink and snack are provided for pupils who attend. Any children not collected by 5pm are placed in After School Care at the Pre-Prep and are charged thereafter.

The care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School clubs and activities are not charged until these activities have finished. If a club or fixture is cancelled and parents have been contacted in good time (i.e. prior to lunchtime), parents of children who then go into After School Care will not be charged.

After School Care costs are added to the end of term charges bill for each family.

Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.

Miss Jeffries

Internet Safety



Yarm School have 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

Dance Assemblies

Parents of those children who are part of Mrs Dunkley's dance groups are invited to attend the Prep School Dance Assembly on **Monday 23rd March** 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

Northallerton Swimming Club

PE and Games News

Under 9 Netball

Last Thursday, the Year 4 girls went to Queen Mary's for some netball matches. I was on the yellow team and we were very good. Everybody did a great job on the team. I was also very proud of myself. Edie and Claudia scored for our team and I was very proud of how well we all played.

Isabelle G.

The netball match was amazing and I loved playing against Queen Mary's. They were competitive. I loved being captain.

Scarlett H.

Under 9 Football

For the first week in a while it felt like spring was just around the corner. The sun started to shine and its warmth could be felt across the astro. It is always nice to welcome our friends from Bow School and it was nice to see the boys talking to each other as they arrived. Bow provided stern opposition and played some outstanding football. The Yarm boys played very well indeed and showed fantastic teamwork and support for each other. Yarm pressed Bow to reduce the amount of time they had on the ball but sadly it was not enough and Bow emerged triumphant on this occasion.

It was a pleasure to witness the sportsmanship of our boys at the end, congratulating the opposition on how they played. This attitude is fantastic and will see them go far.

Mr Underwood

Under 10 Netball

The purple team worked well together to record an 8-0 win against GSAL. Erin, the centre, was super speedy. Mattia was goal attack and was the best shooter I have seen! Sanju was a great goalkeeper and blocked lots of balls. Janvi was also a great goal shooter, with Seren good at passing and Connie doing well blocking. Rosie, a new member of the team, played her first match for the school and was very good.

Sarah A.



Under 10/11 House Hockey

It was a particularly blustery and chilly afternoon on Friday but that never dampened the spirits of the boys, especially when their House honour is at stake. House matches are a celebration of the sport we do here at Yarm. It is an

opportunity for the boys to show respect to each other in a competitive environment and celebrate each others' achievements. I can honestly say that what I witnessed on Friday was an absolute pleasure and reinforces our School Values at Yarm.

The U10 & U11 boys supported and respected each other throughout each fixture. The smiles I witnessed, the reassuring nods, the pats on the back, all provided a backdrop of support and familiarity that allowed individuals to make mistakes and learn and grow from them. These School Values underpin what we do, and I couldn't be more proud of them. I think the photograph sums up what it was all about. Well done to all involved.

Mr Underwood

Under 11 IAPS Netball Qualifier

We all arrived at school at 6.45 am on Thursday to compete in the IAPS Netball Tournament. After a 3 ½ hour journey, we were all bibbed up and had a productive 5 minute warm up before our first group match against The Blue Coat School. Despite our late arrival, the girls put on a confident performance with incredible shooting from Ava H. and Sienna S. meaning the score resulted in a 7-0 win.

Our next match was against a slightly more experienced team. Kimbolton School drew with us at half time but with some key interceptions from Sofia A. we won the game 8-4. Then, we went onto playing another school called Laxton Junior. Although they had a height advantage, we kept the ball safe particularly in the mid-court with Gracie R-H. and Sienna H. and had won yet another match. The final group match was versus Ratcliffe College. They were a class side but we were unstoppable and when the final whistle went we knew we had topped our group.

A school called Fairfield was up next in our quarter-final match. We were expecting a tougher opponent but we came out of the game with a 10-1 win. Well done to Amelie S. and Lucy M. who had forced the errors of the other team and were getting us turnovers. Witham Hall were our opposition in the semi-final and they were a very good team who beat us convincingly even with Eva L. getting interceptions from a goal shooter the height of Mr Sawyer! After a disappointing result, it was clear that we weren't going to finish first like the girls last year but we were going to Nationals! We beat Magdalene House in our bronze medal match and we were over the moon.

McDonald's was our stop on the way back and we sang Can't Hold Us by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis and Believer by Imagine Dragons the whole way back. Huge congratulations girls!

Naila K.

Coming up

MARCH

Mon 9	Open Week
Tue 10	Year 5 trip to Fountains Abbey
	VMT Parents' Evening (Senior School; 4-6.30pm)
	Choristers practice with Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra (Prep Hall; 5.30-6.30pm)
Wed 11	Curiosity Emporium
	Girls' Football v Red House (away; 4pm start, 5.30pm return)
Thu 12	Book Fair departs
	Yarm Under 9 Football and Netball Tournaments (Prep School; 11.30am-3pm)
	Year 5 London Trip—Meeting for parents (4P; 4pm)
	Stockton Swimming Gala (Billingham Forum; 5.30-9pm)
Fri 13	Sport Relief dance
	HMC U11 Boys' Hockey (Pocklington; 9am depart, 11am start, 4.30pm return)
	U10 Hockey v Ashville (away; 2pm start, 4.45pm return)
	U11 A/B Netball at Ashville Festival (away; 2pm start, 5.30pm return)
Mon 16	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)
Tue 17	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)
	St Patrick's Day Assembly
	U9 Ashville Boys' Hockey Festival (1.15pm start, 5pm return)
	Choristers rehearsal with Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra (Prep Hall; 5.30-6.30pm)
Wed 18	U11 Bow Football Tournament (1pm start, 5pm return)
	NEW EVENT Under 11 Netherlands Sports Tour—Meeting for parents (4P; 4pm)
Thu 19	***NEW EVENT*** Under 11 Netball team departs for IAPS Nationals (Bryanston School, Dorset)

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Amelia I.	Ellie Mae G.
3D	Wilf S.	Tiger C.
4C	Namitha N.	Tabi B.
4J	Thomas P.	Yuhe T.
4P	Ella F.	Rosie C.
5L	Minu P-M.	Jake W.
5N	Spencer H.	George W.
5P	Sarah A./Seren A.	Rosie W.
6B	Tilly P-H.	Naila K.
6G	Jude C.	Eva L.
6H	Deacon H.	Mara M.

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Darcey

Form: 6G

Best thing about school: Being with friends

Favourite cheese: I don't like cheese

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: Moving up here from down south.

When I am older... To help animals, probably to become a marine biologist.

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Ketchup

Sun or snow? Sun

One wish: To stop climate change.

We have been really impressed with Darcey for a while now. On the playground, she ensures all of her friends are included in games, while she is also both calm and perceptive when helping younger children.



A rubber band

Head's Challenge solution from last week: