

Head's Message

It is at times of unprecedented challenge that nations, communities and individuals are really tested. I have never been prouder to be working with colleagues to lead our School Community through the uncertain times ahead. I am confident that we are stronger together and I pledge that we will continue to do our best for every boy and girl over the next few weeks to support their ongoing education. I have been inspired by your words of encouragement and I thank you for acknowledging our efforts. The pupils have been exceptional at adapting to a new way of working. I hope as a generation they will look back on this period as a time when they were able to deepen their understanding of compassion, resourcefulness and responsibility by the way we, as their parents and educators, helped them make sense of the world. I look forward, like us all, to healthier times, to firm handshakes and warm greetings. Until then, I wish you and your loved ones well and look forward to staying in touch.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: If eleven plus two equals one, what does nine plus five equal?



Curiosity Emporium

A message in a bottle....

A storm on the way...

Debris washed up....

And where did the teachers go...?

Left to their own devices (well almost!) what would eighteen curious children do faced with a message in a bottle and no adults to be seen?

Manage very well indeed, and act quickly.

Mrs Jennings



The challenge was to build a den to withstand the water. It was quite tricky to build with a few sticks, string and a tarpaulin. George and I built a good den and didn't get wet!

Thomas P.

In Curiosity Emporium we went to the woods and had to build a den. We had to build it to stay dry from a rainstorm. I built mine with Thomas. We had 20 minutes to complete it and we didn't get wet in the end. After that we got to drink hot chocolate and went back to school.



George F.

The Curiosity Emporium was really cool. When we were building our dens, we had to show teamwork and creativity. The message in a bottle activity was fun too.

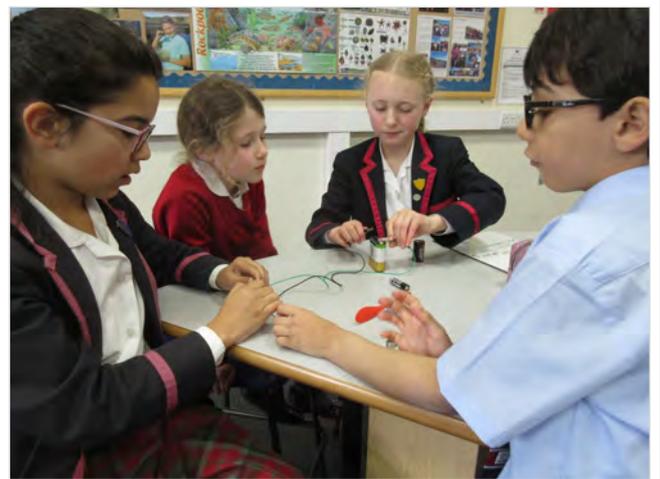
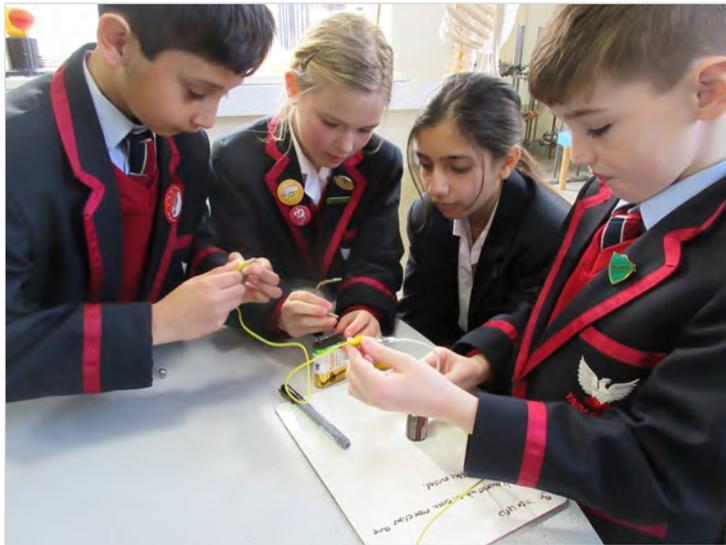
Aisling T.



Children Challenging Industry

On Monday 16th March some children from each year group were invited to take part in a Children Challenging Industry workshop, it was taken by Mrs Millar. First she talked to us about what industry was, next we were assigned jobs in our groups. We did lots of experiments in our groups with circuits connected to buzzers, light bulbs and motors. The workshop was really fun and I learnt a lot from it.

Jack M.





Yarm Preparatory School's

Easter

Holiday School

Monday 6th - Thursday 9th April 2020



POSTPONED

Those who have booked will be contacted in due course regarding refunds.

As per the emails from Mr Sawyer and Dr Williams, the school will remain open for key workers during the Easter holidays.

Our Easter holiday school is a terrific way for your child to meet their school friends and child-centred activities. When 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.

Open each weekday from April, 8.00am to 5.00pm, for children from ages 3 to 11.

Places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

SAVE THE DATE—Summer Fair!

Friday 19th June 2020—2-6pm

We can't wait to welcome you to our Summer Fair, taking place again this year on a Friday! The day will be non-uniform for all.

As always, Year 6 will be busy preparing a range of stalls and activities for all of the Prep School children to participate in. Our wonderful Social Committee are extremely busy too, with the usual favourites such as the hampers, tombola, plants and uniform sales all taking place too. There will also be hot and cold treats on sale, a DJ and many other surprises.

The fair begins at 2pm for children in Years 3-6. They will be allowed to bring in money for the event and we would love for you to join them from 3.45pm onwards to come and see what is going on until the event finishes at 6pm.

Pre-Prep parents are welcome to come along and can collect their children from 2.30pm onwards to join in the fun. Otherwise it is a normal day, finishing at 3.30pm.

There will be no fixtures or after school clubs and activities on this date.

Buses and after school care will run as normal.

Year 6 children will be remaining at school until 6pm as part of their enterprise competition.

If you do have any questions in the meantime, please do get in touch.

Mr Stone

Year 5 at Fountains Abbey

I have learnt so much about Fountains Abbey and even more about how the monks used to live. First, we dressed up as monks and explored the ruins of the Abbey.

Then, before we went for our lunch, my group performed a short role play of the end of the Dissolution of the Monasteries; I didn't have a role but it was interesting to watch.

Next, we went for our lunch and took our habits off (the robes the monks used to wear in the abbey). Soon after, we split into two different groups and explored the museum, trying to remember as many facts as possible!

After that, we went into the mill and we saw some more old things that the monks used to wear and use. Finally, we all got back and shared our knowledge about the Abbey. Before we went on the bus, we went into the gift shop.

Thank you; I had a wonderful first trip at Yarm School!

Rosie W.

PE and Games News

Girls' Football v Red House

On Wednesday 11th March the Yarm School Girls Football Team made history. It was the first ever girls football match in the Prep School, and to top it off we won it 7-4 against Red House.



At the start of the match we went ahead and then they scored and made it 1-1! The first quarter passed and we were drawing. We had to keep on going but then after the second quarter started they were 2-1 up. Each quarter was 5 minutes long, but it was indoor so we were sweating and we worked our socks off. Sawsan scored two and I scored five! Sawsan also scored an absolute stunner—a worldie! Great Job girls and what a great game! Memories made!

Eva L.

U10 Hockey v Ashville

Two teams of U10 boys travelled to Harrogate to face well-drilled Ashville teams. Both teams showed great promise and improvement, as they are now starting to incorporate the skills they have been learning in games lessons.

All of the boys gave their all throughout the fixture, with both teams scoring well taken goals.

Mr Simpson

Everyone played well but there were some areas we could improve, such as passing down the sides of the pitch and going back to regain the space. But I think altogether we all played quite well.

Laurie E.

We all had a great time on Friday. All the U10 boys played

really well.

Jake W.

U11 HMC Hockey

On Friday 14th March we travelled to Pocklington School to play hockey in the HMC tournament. We were on the pitch straight away and drew 1-1 in our first game. The next game we drew 1-1 again. Finally we went into the next game confident and played the best hockey of the day. The next game we drew again 1-1. After that we went to the semi-final and played Pocklington. Nobody scored so the referee added 5 minutes and they scored so they got into the final. Overall, we played well and it was a fun experience.

Jacob H.

Stockton Swimming Gala

On Thursday 12th March the next round of the Stockton Primary Schools Swimming Championships took place at Billingham Forum, in which both our Year 5 and Year 6 girls teams had qualified. The Year 5 team consisted of Ava Ryan, Bella Yang, Natasha Pointon, Rosie Cook and Lily Cook and the Year 6 team was Charlotte Maund, Darcey Allcock, Elizabeth Neilson, Manya Rajeeva and Kate Howell.



With around 60 races taking place in a very hot and crowded Forum, the girls showed tremendous patience and focus over the course of the event, whilst displaying a great attitude and a spirit of encouragement towards each other. There were both individual and relay races involved and this event is very much a team-based competition, as all results are compiled together to give a final school winner at the end.

The girls managed to win a huge haul of 34 medals between them (19 Gold!) and won all four of the relay races. This meant they won both the Year 5 and Year 6 competitions by a long stretch, meaning that every single child won a medal whether that be an individual medal, a relay medal or a team medal.

Seeing the joy and sometimes shock on their faces was great to see and they should all be immensely proud of their efforts. Special mention to Lily and Rosie, two of our Year 4

girls, who competed in the Year 5 competition. Both teams qualify for the next round, with the date to be confirmed.

Mr Conroy

Girls' sport round-up



It has been a very busy time once again for the department. All of our Year 4 girls took part in our netball invitation alongside Barnard Castle, Red House, Bow and Choristers. It was a super day of sport and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the day of competition. This was their first taste of a proper round-robin tournament with knockout semi-finals and indeed finals! It was wonderful to see the girls throw themselves into the day with enthusiasm and support of one another.



We sent three teams Years 5 and 6 to Ashville on Friday afternoon to play in a lovely festival of netball. Once again it was great to play schools we don't always meet, including Bronte and Gateways, alongside Ashville. All three teams enjoyed some wins along the way. One of our teams remained unbeaten across 7 matches!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Year 6 Enterprise



On Monday 16th March, Mr Crack gave Telford a very interesting talk to Telford about how he runs his tannery. It was very interesting to see how tanning evolved through the years. At first, they would treat the leather with dung, but now they treat the leather with chemicals. Mr Crack gave us some examples of what other companies do with his leather. There were some very cool-looking shoes, and some gloves that protect you from fire! It was very cool to hear that the tannery have worked with businesses like Gucci and Louis Vuitton!

Edward L.

Dance for Sport Relief!



What a fantastic time we had raising money for Sport Relief on Friday!

The whole school joined together on the astro to perform a routine choreographed by our very own Darcy Bussell, Miss Whitehouse! We worked all week to perfect our moves and managed to raise a whopping £3600 to help the cause! Incredible work and a real team effort.

Well done boys and girls, you are AMAZING!

Miss Darbar

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Amelia I.	Olivia J.
3D	Udham C.	Akansha M.
4C	Lucia C.	Zachary B.
4J	Freddie B.	Isobelle G.
4P	Monica P-H.	Katie C.
5L	Ava H.	Laurie E.
5N	Amirah A.	Noah C.
5P	Charlie C.	Erin J.
6B	Aidan R.	Elizabeth N.
6G	Tanveer T.	Harvey D.
6H	Lilandra A.	Aryan N.

Toe nails.

Head's Challenge solution from last week:

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Tanveer

Form: 6G

Best thing about school: The opportunities.

Favourite cheese: I don't like cheese!

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: Getting my black belt in Karate.

When I am older... I don't know yet.

Writing or typing? Typing.

Ketchup or mayo? Mayo.

Sun or snow? Sun.

One wish: To have infinite money without working!

On more than occasion this term, Tanveer has stepped in when a younger child has needed a hand and helped out. It has been no bother to him at all; he just gets on with it without prompting and with care and respect. Thank you Tanveer!

