



The Phoenix Flier

(and The Little Phoenix)

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

It has been an action packed final week of the academic year in which we have welcomed more Year 4 and Year 5 pupils back to school on Monday and Tuesday. They were full of enthusiasm and their positive spirit was a joy to behold once again. Year 6 have embraced their final week in the Prep School and have taken part in outdoor education adventures, special sporting events and a final farewell assembly. I have little doubt that the Year 6 cohort will be remembered for their positive endeavours through their time in the Prep School, their brilliant team work, for upholding our School Values and for setting a super example to the younger pupils. I have little doubt that they will flourish in the Senior School and I wish them all well.

My final assembly message for the academic year can be found [here](#) which aims to round off the most extraordinary of times for our school community. I hope that you enjoy watching it. I remain extremely grateful to all members of our school community for your support. The messages and kind words of appreciation that so many of us have received have really spurred us all on. Seeing the children embrace all that has been thrown at them has been truly staggering - they are nothing short of brilliant. I remain indebted to all members of staff (teaching, support, estates and cleaning) for their commitment and in the last few months. I would also like to thank my family who, as always, have been unswerving with their love and support. I wish everyone a wonderful and well-deserved break full of love and laughter.

Bill Sawyer

Head's

Challenge: A length of cloth is coloured as follows: $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of it are black, the remaining 8 yards are grey. How long is the bolt?

Photo of the

Week: The last word of the academic year goes to our amazing Year 6—our Class of 2020. They enjoyed a retro Sports Day at Green Lane which was too much fun!



Remote learning this week

Year 5

The children of Year 5 came back into school this week and it was lovely to see them all! In amongst all of their work, we have some summer fun posters, buckets and non-chronological reports.



Sea Turtles

Sea Turtles are the most amazing creatures! They swim around the seas of the earth for many years and then return to the beach they were born on to mate and lay their own eggs.

What do Sea Turtles eat?

Sea turtles enjoy shrimps very much. They do not like big animals to feed on, they like small animals such as crabs and clams (which they find in their home).

Where do Sea Turtles live?

Sea turtles live all over the world's oceans and are hatched out of eggs on a beach that their mother was born on. Males never leave the ocean. No one knows how they find their way back to the beach they hatched on but scientists think it might be that Sea Turtles can use the magnetic fields of the earth.

What do Sea Turtles look like?

Sea turtles have a strong shell on their back (carapace) and front. They have good flippers

YPSSC Pre-loved Uniform

YPSSC have plenty of pre-loved stock with all money raised going back to the children through YPSSC events.

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for swimming in the water and swimming to the surface to take breaths of air. Sea turtles are reptiles so they need to surface every 5-10 minutes to breathe. If they are sleeping, they can stay underwater for hours. Sea Turtles are big. The Leatherback Sea Turtle grows up to over 8ft tall! (Taller than the tallest man in the world). Sea turtles lay 150 eggs on their beach in clutches.

Are Sea Turtles endangered?

There are lots of different types of sea turtles: Leatherback, Loggerhead and the Olive Ridley which are vulnerable. The Green is endangered and the Kemp Ridley, Hawksbill and the Flatback are all critically endangered. This is caused because of sea nets, plastic, ocean pollution and humans stealing their eggs.

Jake W.

Find out more about World Sea Turtle Day

Introduction

Sea turtles live in almost every ocean basin throughout the world. These creatures, like any other creature are magnificent in their own way. After all, they have been nesting on our beaches



for millions of years so they deserve their own day. As part of world oceans week, there is now a world sea turtle day (16th June). This is where partners from around the world raise awareness for sea turtles and our ocean planet. Find out more about our sea turtles...

Characteristics

- **Coloration.** Depending on the species, sea turtles range in colour; they can be olive-green, yellow, greenish-brown, reddish-brown, or even black in colour.
- **Flippers.** Limbs are flippers adapted for swimming.
- **Head.** A sea turtle cannot retract its head under its shell as a land turtle can.

Habitat

Sea turtles live in almost every ocean basin throughout the world, nesting on tropical and subtropical beaches. They migrate long distances to feed, often crossing entire oceans. Some loggerheads nest in Japan and migrate to Baja California Sur, Mexico to forage before returning home again.

Diet

Sea turtles, depending on the species, may eat seagrasses, algae, sponges, sea squirts, squid, shrimp, crabs, jellyfish, cuttlefish or sea cucumbers.

Why sea turtles are endangered?

Slaughtered for their eggs, meat, skin, and shells, sea turtles suffer from poaching and over-exploitation. Nearly all species of sea turtle are now classified as endangered, with three of the seven existing species being critically endangered.

Ways in which we can help save the turtles:

Just say NO to plastics! It is estimated that more than 100 million marine animals die each year as a result of eating or getting entangled in plastic.

Reduce your carbon footprint! Climate change affects the health of coral reefs which are vital for survival.

Choose responsibly caught seafood. Sea turtles are vulnerable to commercial fishing methods like trawling, longlines, and drift gillnets, becoming unwanted catch (also known as "bycatch") that is discarded like trash.

Don't buy souvenirs or other items made from critically endangered hawksbill shell. Leave No Trace. When visiting a beach where turtles nest. Remove your trash!

SAD FACT:(

Did you know that sea turtles are now consuming about 100,000 pieces of plastic a year due to human pollution in our seas?

Marshall P.

Year 1

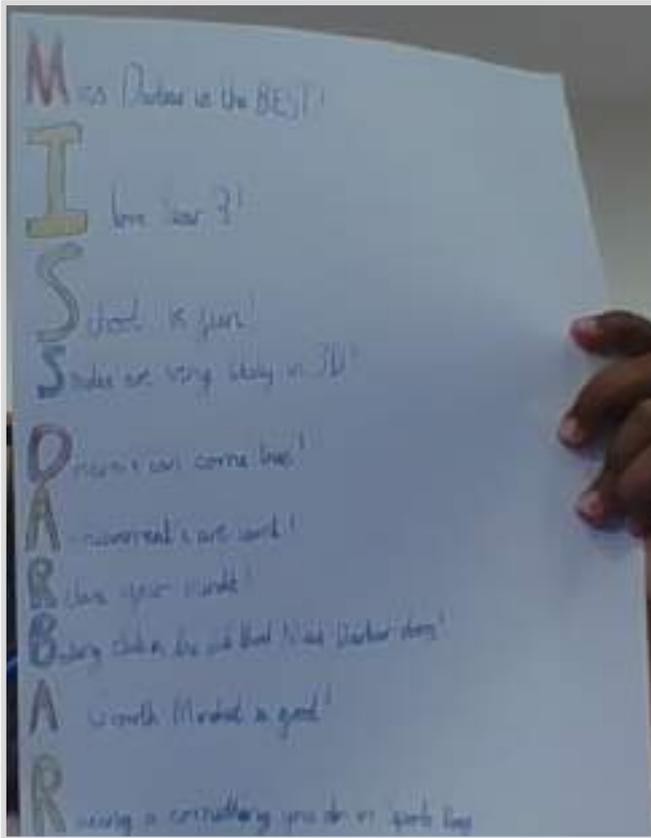
As it is the last week of the school year, we have been talking about our time in Year 1. The boys and girls have named many highlights including: our trip to Foxglove Covert, building castles in the classroom, watching the ducklings hatch and grow, making dens in the woods and litter picking on Redcar beach. What a super year we have had and what happy memories have been made!



My favourite memory of year 1 was meeting Mr Pearce for the first time. Mr Pearce is very kind. He is a very caring teacher. Mr Pearce likes names and so I will miss Mr Pearce and also hope to see him at my birthday party.

Year 3

A time for our Year 3 children to reflect on the year that has passed, with Fenwick looking back at what he has learnt in computing, and others producing poetry looking back on their first year at the Prep.



Farewell Year 3

Farewell Year 3 I will miss you.

All the times we had together are still in my heart.

Reading was my favourite thing with you when I had nothing to do.

Excellent times I've had with you now float away to Year 4.

When I am not happy you always cheer me up and that will move to Year 4.

Every time I grow older still.

Longing for you to make life slow.

Longing and longing but longing doesn't work.

You just need to grow then you won't say these things any more.

Enjoying the last parts of Year 3.

And having fun with your friends.

Racing and playing all sorts of fun.

3 years I've had since I was in Reception, how I grow so old so quick.

Noah A.

My summer bucket list

- To go on a road trip.
- To go on a trip to France.
- I want to do some baking.
- I would like to play in the sprinkler .
- I would like to go on a bike ride.
- Making the ultimate blanket fort.
- Making slime.
- Eat lots of sweets.
- Learn French.
- Do the three marker challenge.
- Have a PJ day!
- Play outside lots.
- Have a spa day.

Violet M.

What I do on Google

Skills and work I have developed in lockdown

In 3D I have learnt to use Google Docs, Slides, Gmail, Drive, sites and Classroom. We used Classroom to do homework and communicate. It has been a lot of fun doing all the activities on it as well. I feel like I have got a lot better at technology. I feel very proud with myself knowing all the things I do on the internet

Watch this space...

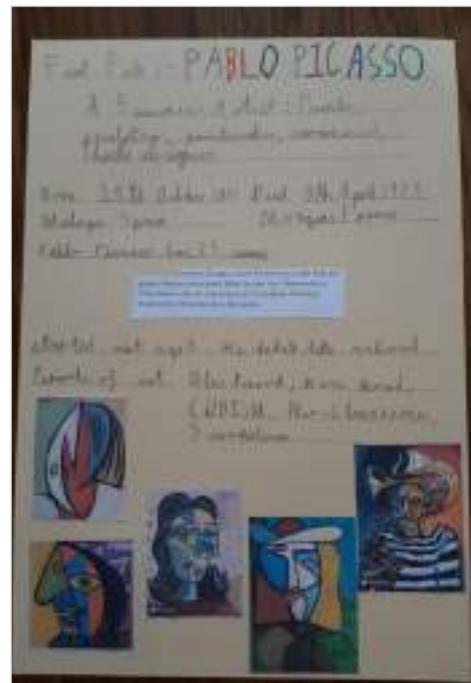
As we wind down to the end of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and pupils for their support.

Over the coming weeks we will be busy preparing the school for the new academic year, starting back in September. Term dates can be found on the back page. Keep an eye on your inboxes at the start of August though, when we will be sending out a link to the new edition of the Parents Handbook. In the meantime, I wish you all a pleasant, relaxing summer.

Mr Stone

Year 2

It has been all about Picasso for Year 2 this week, with the children producing some stunning art work.



Year 6

Year 6 spent the early part of the week at the Senior school, before finishing their time at the Prep School with a flourish. A day in the woods on Wednesday was one of the highlights in an action-packed final week for them.



Year 4

Year 4 have been busy designing swimming pools, writing poetry and reflecting on their classmates this week.



JAKE
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 YOU ARE VERY KIND AND I LOVE YOUR DETERMINATION. LUCIA

Yarm School is the most wonderful place where you learn to sparkle like a diamond, And with the teachers as good as gold, you can shine like the sun,
 Remember to be resilient when trouble comes your way,
 Memorable and magical times we share in the playground with big long friends, we succeed, strength, self esteem - we collect cheerfully, as we go along, Creative and argu, as jump for joy!
 Hilarious jokes and scampious good, we joyously share at, Outstanding athletes, as strong as a mountain we train,
 Overcome any difficulty we learn how to break,
 Learning love and laughter we cherish here and never intent to leave!

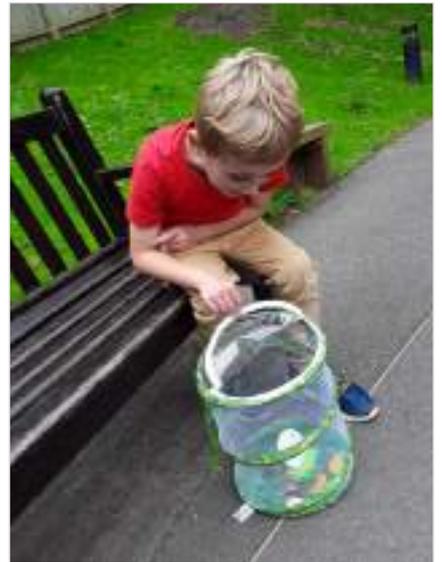
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 I WISH THAT WE COULD SEE EACH OTHER MORE. EMILY
 YOU ARE THE SWEETEST PERSON I KNOW! LUCIA
 YOU ARE A REALLY KIND PERSON AND YOU ARE A GREAT FRIEND. TABI
 NAMITHA YOU ARE A GREAT FRIEND AND YOU HAVE AN AMAZING PERSONALITY. ELENA F

You always learning here at Yarm School. Ambition is what we learn, to follow our dreams. Respect and responsibility, so do it every day! Memorable memories we make on the way...
 School is a place we feel safe and happy, compassion we can have inside and out. Helping one and other, and help encourage learn to continue on. Outstanding teachers and friends who show the generosity throughout the school. Overcoming our fears no matter what they are. Learning in the most creative ways with make us happy for days and days.
 Yarm School
 Educating for life

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 YOU ARE SO KIND AND FUN TO PLAY WITH. TABI

Reception

In our last week together we have explored 'The Snail and the Whale', thoroughly enjoying snail inspired maths and art projects. Exciting news! The Reception butterflies have emerged from their chrysalis. We have loved watching them unfold their wings and learn to fly, ready for the big release. It was perfect timing as we have also been talking about spreading our wings and flying to Year 1. We are so proud of the girls and boys and the effort they have put into all we have done in Reception. In the words of Dr Zeuss, "you're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, get on your way!"



Prep Bacalaureate

More completed Bacalaureate work this week from Ewan G., who completed his 'Compassionate' project by planting a tree in the local community. I particularly like the name you gave it, Ewan!

Once again well done to all of you who have completed work on the YPB this year, especially to those who have earned their badge, which will be sent out next week.

Y3: Imogen P., Dora B., James C., Thomas F., Annabelle A., Amelia O'C, Samuel E.

Y4: Claudia P., Katie C., Ewan G., Emily E.

Y6: Noah V.

Mr Stone

Videos!

Some videos to share with you this week. Click on the images/links to view.



[In Year 5 Rose](#), who joined us in March, has produced a video welcoming our current Year 4—as well as new pupils—to the school.

Manya and Naila in Year 6 have produced an [incredible geography project via video](#).

You can find Mr Sawyer's end of year assembly by clicking on the link on the homepage or [here](#).

Our Summer Concert, put together by Mr Gooding, [can be accessed by clicking on this link](#).

Finally, [the Prep School Review of the Year](#). 19 minutes of memories, tributes to Year 6 and questionable music choices. Please note this can only be view via a school Gmail account.

Mr Stone

Chess News

If you are looking to keep your chess sharp, there are a series of challenges available on the CSC website, run by Mr Marsh— <https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/>

Compassionate Project June 2020

I haven't seen my Granny Rose or Grandpa Ivor during the Corona Virus, apart from over What's App.

They live in Northern Ireland. I thought I would play them a tune on my Guitar to cheer them up. The tune I picked was the Londonderry Air, this is a traditional Northern Irish tune. My Daddy found the music on the internet, then I went through it and wrote what every note was. Some of the notes I hadn't played on the guitar before. I practiced it many times and for Mr Henderson during one of our lessons (done by Google Meet). Granny Rose of Grandpa Ivor loved it when I played it over What's app for them. I think it cheered them up.

Londonderry Air

Would God I were the two-der up-ple bla- son, That boots and hills from
 off the two-terd lough, To lie and flint with- in your sh-ter ho- son,
 With- in your sh- ter been as that does now, Or would I were a bl- th- ter- sh- ter
 up- ple, For you to pluck me, gl- ding by so cold; While you and shade your
 robe of lawn will dip- ple, Your robe of lawn and your hair's spun gold.

COMPASSIONATE

DARLINGTON FOREST PROJECT - TREE PLANTING IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

I had the opportunity to take part in a tree planting project on the outskirts of Darlington. Darlington Forest Project had permission to plant trees on some council owned land near to the river Skeme. The tree planting increases biodiversity, reduces global warming and has the potential to reduce flooding from the River Skeme. Darlington Forestry Project are planting trees thought the town. I was keen to donate my time to help this worthwhile local charity and to improve the biodiversity of the town.

I helped to plant an oak 'whip'. First, I removed a square of turf, then I dug a hole and planted the tree. I replaced the soil and the turf. A cane was used to mark the tree location and a plastic tube was added to give some support and protection to the new tree.

I also helped to transplant a young ash tree. Mum, Dad and I dug a hole, digging out only what was needed to follow the shape of the roots. We backfilled the hole and made sure the soil was well compacted. I then watered the tree.

I have called the tree 'Ashley' and will go back to visit it.

Online 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.

[Another good resource that is free to parents is Parentinfo](#), which is run by CEOP. In recent days they have posted some brilliant articles on digital wellbeing, setting limits on screen time and how to talk to your child about racism. There is a lot on there—much of which I do strongly recommend looking through over the summer months.

It has been a strange three-and-a-half months for our children and if we were to impart one snippet of key advice, it would be to make sure your children have plenty of downtime and time away from screens over the holidays. They have earned the break!

Mr Stone

A message from Mrs Speight

Children, as I write the final entry of the school year, I always think about how much you have grown and the special moments we have shared together- STEAM week, Christmas productions and school trips to name but a few. However, this year has been different as we have had to close the school to keep us all safe. As always, you have risen to new challenges and taken to remote learning like ducks to water. We are all immensely proud of you and your families, your enthusiasm and positivity are inspirational. At this time I must also say a huge thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who have worked tirelessly in providing you with the best possible learning experiences and end of term. I know our Year 2s will have the best time ever when they move to Prep and it just seems like yesterday when they were taking their first tentative steps into Pre-Prep. I know that they will continue to work hard, love learning and always remember to think of others. Please make sure you have a wonderful summer holiday, enjoy many books and get plenty of fresh air. I can't wait until we all return to Pre-Prep and Prep on 3rd September!

Joanne Speight

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Pupils Return - Thursday, 3rd September 2020
 Half Term Begins—Friday, 16th October 2020 (after school)
 Pupils Return—Monday, 2nd November 2020
 Finish - Friday, 18th December 2020 (after school)

SPRING TERM 2021

Pupils Return—Monday, 4th January 2021
 Half Term Begins—Thursday, 11th February 2021 (after school)
 INSET—Friday, 12th February 2021
 Pupils Return—Monday, 22nd February 2021
 Finish—Friday, 26th March 2021 (after school)

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last week was: Start both hour glasses. When the four minute one runs out, turn it over. When the seven minute glass runs out turn it over. When the four minute glass has been running for 1 minute. Turn the seven minute glass over and when it runs out 9 minutes will have elapsed.