



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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The children have enjoyed their week and it has been wonderful to offer so many clubs and activities once more. The children have lots to choose from and these underpin our philosophy of enhancing the academic curriculum with a broad range of pursuits. The team in Pre-Prep have all passed comments about how excited the children have been whilst discussing their clubs and activities. Personally, I've enjoyed hearing the chatter at the end of their clubs as the children leave school after fun filled days. Year 2 were comparing notes about the choice for Monday lunchtimes and I must say that I am grateful as ever to our team who give so much time willingly. Open Morning is on the 25th September, please do pass this on to family and friends as I am extremely aware when I tour prospective parents that word of mouth is the best form of recommendation. As the weekend will be here before we know it, I know that Strictly will be starting on Saturday evening so I may even join Mrs Barton's dance club to ensure that I have the moves and the grooves! Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight

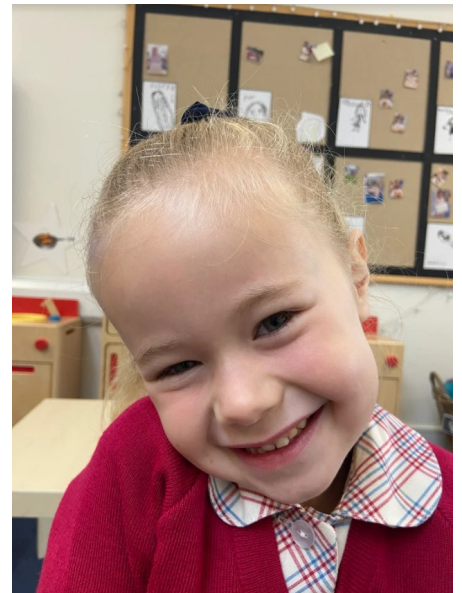
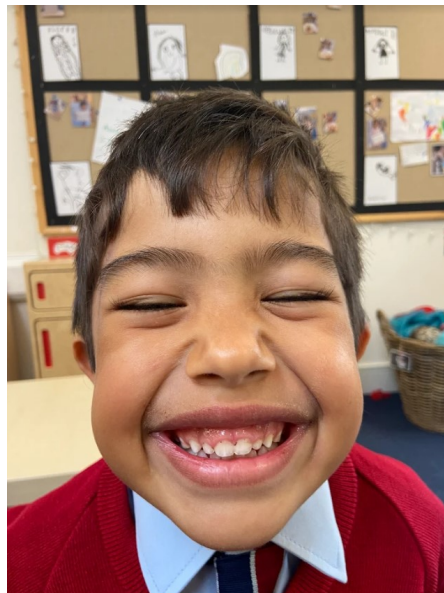


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Happiness!

As part of Reception's Jigsaw PSHE programme, the children have been learning about emotions and feelings. The children discussed how being 'happy' felt inside and talked about what makes them happy. Unsurprisingly, playing with toys and eating ice-cream came very high on the list! Nothing beat 'being with mummy and daddy' though!



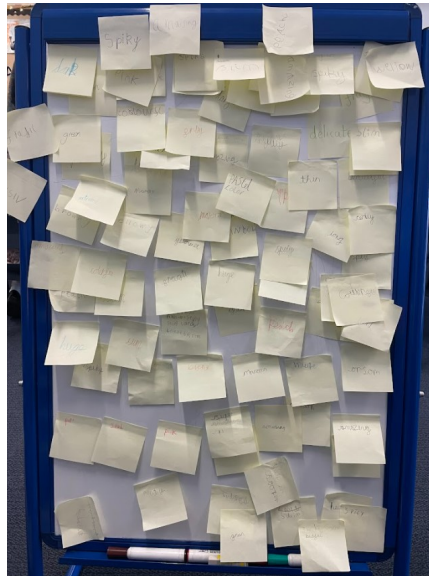
A Taste of Something New

The children are relishing the new experiences that Year 1 has to offer. From human Beebot programming lessons in computing to developing new skills in art, they have listened carefully and thrown themselves into the tasks. One of the most important aspects of this is establishing new relationships with the wonderful teachers we have inspiring our learning. There was also much excitement around clubs starting this week. Well done to the Year 1 children for trying something new.



Leaf Poetry

- Inspired by the falling leaves we spotted, the Year 2 children collected an assortment of leaves on a woodland walk around the school site. We looked closely at the colours and shapes in amazement. Afterwards, we arranged the leaves in a laminating pouch and created a stick frame in our woodland session by binding four sticks together.
- We created a bank of adjectives to use in our English lessons to describe what we found and saw. As a challenge, we started using a thesaurus to improve our word choices. The children will use a poetry frame to create a poem to display in the Studio hall. We can't wait to put it all together and display our hard work for all to see!



Nursery

We have had another busy week in Nursery, exploring lots of different areas inside and outside. The children are becoming more confident to play in different parts of Nursery (where they may not be as familiar). There has been a hive of creative activities; painting, collage and making playdough. We have also had many new dressing up clothes arrive this week. There have been princesses, superheroes and doctors. Super imaginative play!





Second Hand Uniform

As part of our ongoing initiatives to encourage sustainability, we offer a second hand uniform service: good quality, second hand uniform items are available to purchase from the Uniform Showroom which is located on the Senior School site. If you wish to sell/donate good quality uniform you no longer require, please drop items at the Uniform Showroom or phone Lesley Porter, Showroom Manager, for more information on 01642 7925.

Second hand Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School uniform can also be donated to the YPSSC and sold to raise funds for the Prep School. Please contact the Prep School Committee for more information: ypssc@hotmail.com

Autumn Holiday School

Monday 18th October — Friday
22nd October

Information to follow from Mr Simpson

Notice from Lyndsey—First Aid Lead

Please could I remind you that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for vomiting/and or diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support with this will help to reduce the spread of infection in school.

Harvest Collection

Friday 8th October

This harvest at Pre Prep, we will be pulling together to support breakfast schemes in local primary schools. Our mission is for every child to bring one box of cereal to school on Friday 8th October to donate to this important cause. We believe every child should start the day the healthy way and we're keen to help! We're looking forward to celebrating our teamwork with a giant game of cereal box dominoes in the garden! Bring your box of cereal to join in the fun!



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