

The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to this week's round up of Prep School life. Following the intensity of our inspection last week, we have ramped things up in a different way with a deep dive into all things STEAM! Every corner of the school has been bursting with even more creativity, ingenuity and collaboration than normal. We have enjoyed delectable Japanese food, visiting artists and a range of assemblies and workshops. On top of this, each year group has been tasked with a range of challenges that have required them to work together to solve problems which have had a Japanese based STEAM angle. These projects have allowed for a brilliant fusion of artistic endeavours, coding approaches, design thinking and the application of scientific knowledge and maths skills. Groups of pupils have worked alongside each other and learnt to draw on the talents of their peers. It has been wonderful to see the synergy created between the pupils and the richness of the learning experience has been very evident to hear and see through their discussions and the work produced. We will celebrate much of the work in this week's edition and in forthcoming publications of the Phoenix Flier. Many thanks to Miss Ward and the STEAM team for masterminding all aspects of this week.

As we head towards a well deserved half-term break, I would like to wish all members of the community an enjoyable, relaxing and restful few days away from school. I look forward to lighter days, the emergence of springtime colours and seeing everyone return refreshed ready for more adventures in learning! Go well.

Bill Sawyer

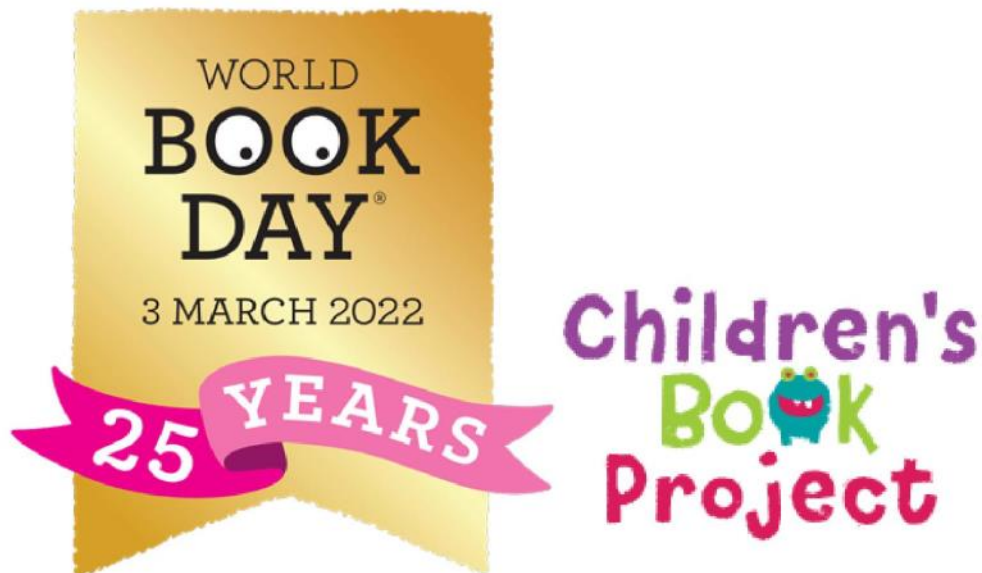
Head's Challenge:

I have keys but no locks. I have a space but no room. You can enter, but can't go outside. What am I?



Photo of the Week:

Our Origami Club were inspired by visiting artist Noriko Matsubara this week.



In 2022, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children **'you are a reader'**! It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day, as well as all-year round.

The day will be filled with book themed adventures for all to enjoy! We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please bring along your favourite book to share in your forms.

If you would like to, we are asking the children to bring a donation of new or 'gently used' books to donate to the Children's Book Project (<https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/>). This will help support children in our local area who may otherwise not have access to stories at home.

We look forward to sharing our World Book Day celebrations with you in the weekly newsletters.

STEAM Week

It's STEAM week at Prep School, and our theme this year is Japan! Each class will take part in a Japanese-themed challenge over the week.

Nissan assembly

On Monday morning pupils enjoyed an assembly visit from Nissan, who engaged them in discussions about using robots to make cars and what qualities make a good technician and a good team member.



Pupils learned about the Japanese Daruma doll - a traditional good luck charm for setting a goal.

Representatives from each class signed the Daruma doll, and coloured in one eye to signify the start of their STEAM week challenges.



Tamagotchi workshops

Years 5 and 6 have been putting their coding skills to creative use by making their own Tamagotchi pets with Mr Foggett.



Hitachi assembly

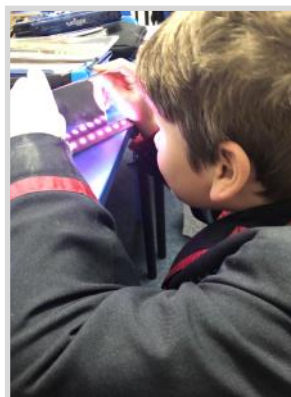
On Tuesday morning we had a visit from Hitachi, who told us all about the trains they are making.



There have been all sorts of Japan-related STEAM projects taking place in school this week, ranging from Origami workshops with the Japanese artist, Noriko Matsubara, to Year 6 researching, designing and making robotic arms, building on the history of robotics in Japan by companies such as Komatsu (who came in and gave a fantastic assembly on Wednesday).



The centrepiece of the week though is the design of a Kusama cabin, led by Mrs Shepherd and Miss Ward. Based on the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, one of our outdoor classrooms is in the process of being turned into an art installation featuring lights and mirrors (all designed by the children). We are showing you the 'before' image of the cabin (right), along with some of the children putting together their elements of the installation. To view what it looks like when it is complete, please see the first *Phoenix Flier* after half-term!



Year 3 trip to Centre for Life, Newcastle

When I woke up I was so excited about the Life Centre. It was a chilly, cold morning in the middle of February. When we got to school we all made sure we had our coats. I enjoyed the bus trip with Henry but it was such a long drive!

First we went to learn about light. It was awesome and we made rainbows with magnets!

There was a Lego part and I saw a picture of a Lego John Travolta, amazing! I love him in Grease.

There was also a big Lego City!

There was a playground that taught us about the brain.

The lunch from school was delicious, I had 3 croissants!

There was a space zone that had lots of games and facts about climate change. We launched a rocket and I put my face in an astronaut's helmet, I was an astronaut! At the planetarium we learned about ice worlds, and the other planets.

There was a fantastic model of the earth, I walked underneath it. I could see the different continents on it.

We listened to a talk about how animals survived on earth in different climates, it was called 'Animals got Talent.' I voted for the hippo because it scares away other animals with it's poo!

It was a great day.

Angus F.



PE and Games News

Year 4 Boys' Hockey v Dame Allan's

The Y4 boys travelled to a blustery Dame Allan's to play Hockey. All of the children enjoyed playing and developing their skills, even though the wind tried to disrupt the games!

Mr Simpson



Stephenson 7s Rugby

Some of the U11 boys travelled to Durham School to take part in the Stephenson 7s. The boys grew in confidence throughout the festival, scoring many well worked tries. Games were played against Austin Friars, Barnard Castle, NSB, RGS and Durham.

Mr Simpson

Under 10 Hockey v GSAL

In the fixture at Leeds we were in 3 separate teams and GSAL (Grammar School at Leeds) were also in 3 teams. We played nine aside, each match was around 6 minutes long and we got to play all 3 teams. In the first match we lost 1-0 and in the second and third we drew 0-0. My favourite part was definitely when I had a big chance but I didn't quite get it in. It was very fun and all of us enjoyed it.

Noah A.

Under 11 Football v GSAL

Last Friday, the U11s played some excellent football in Leeds against GSAL. It was quite a cold day, but we pulled through with some brilliant goals. Good sportsmanship was shown during the 8 minute matches. It was a great afternoon, and everyone got KitKats and fruit juice at the end!

Thomas P.

Girls' Netball 'Towers of Power'

U10s

Violet: Scored a super goal early in the game.

Eva: Made a great interception.

Akansha: Great footwork throughout.

Maisy: Working well in the team.

Dora: Lovely passing in the game.

Felicity: Always defending well.

Maisy: Scoring some good goals.

Harriet: Never stopped running.

U11s

Felicia: Great interceptions.



Sofie: Super defending.

Charlie: Great goals.

Neev: Awesome interceptions.

Lily: Good catching throughout the game.

Anushri: Footwork spot on.

Claudia: fantastic interceptions.

Yuhe: Working really hard to turn over possession.

Immie: Great defending.

Aisling: Great shooting for her team.

Ying Ying: Very good marking of her player.

Khushee: Marking well.

Eva: Good interceptions.

Charlotte Fer: Working hard.

Emma S: Always working to get into space.

Eleanor: Defending well today.

News this week

After School Care

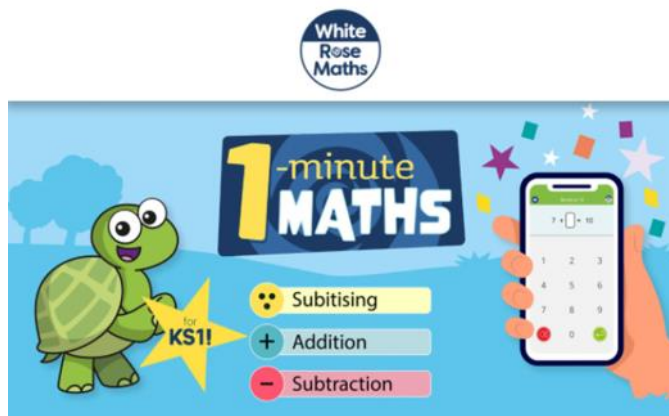
After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Mrs Sylvia Taylor. The care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School clubs and activities are not charged until these activities have finished.

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.

Mr Stone

1 Minute Maths App

Great news! White Rose have launched a maths app, suitable for Reception to Year 3, to support the development of fluent numbers skills and increase confidence. All in easy one-minute chunks!



The app is free and there is no need to set up an account. More information can be found here <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

Mrs Speight and Mrs Pawluk (Maths Leads)

Uniform Showroom Opening Hours

Please note that the uniform showroom opening hours for the rest of the Spring Term are:

Tuesday 1pm - 5pm

Thursday 1pm - 5pm

Individual appointments outside of these times can be arranged if necessary, please contact Lesley or Jane in the showroom on 01642 792588 or via uniformshop@yarmschool.org with any queries.

Our uniform suppliers Perry continue to provide our online

ordering service via their website

www.perryuniform.co.uk. Standard delivery is free. Perry customer services can be contacted on 0113 238 9520. If you have any queries regarding the uniform Lesley and Jane in the showroom are also available to help.

Parent Curriculum Information Site

<http://bit.ly/yarmprepparents>

Just to highlight this site again, please check for some recent additions including maths overviews, reading event slides, etc. If there is anything else you deem useful that you would like us to include, please let us know.

Mrs Pawluk

Coming up at the PAA

Fireman Sam – Saves The Circus - Sunday 3rd April.



10.30am & 1pm

When all of his friends go away, Norman Price decides to find adventure in Pontypandy and become the star of a visiting circus.

But with a tiger on the loose and faulty lights, the adventure soon turns to danger. Can Fireman Sam come to the rescue and save the circus?

Join Sam, Penny, Elvis, Station Officer Steele and Norman in an all singing, dancing, action-packed show. You can become a fire-fighter cadet and then watch the magic of the circus.

So, come along to Pontypandy and watch the adventures unfold!

Family Ticket £64.00, Adults £17.50, Concessions £16.50, Child £16.50

Buddy Holly: A Legend Reborn - Friday 1st April 7.30pm

Through 1957 to '59 one man changed the face of music and revolutionised the meaning of Rock 'N' Roll. That man was Buddy Holly.

Clutching a Fender Stratocaster, sporting a pair of heavy-rimmed glasses, and sounding exactly like Buddy in his heyday, a legend is reborn.

This all new production celebrates an artist who shot

straight into the limelight as soon as 'That'll Be The Day' hit the radio. Though his career was short, this one-man powerhouse gave the world a stack of hits that will never be forgotten.

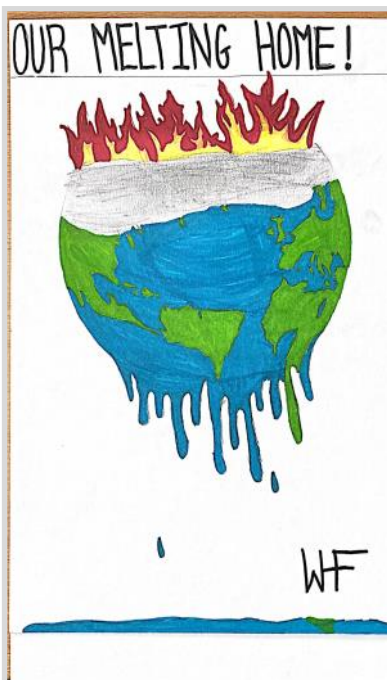
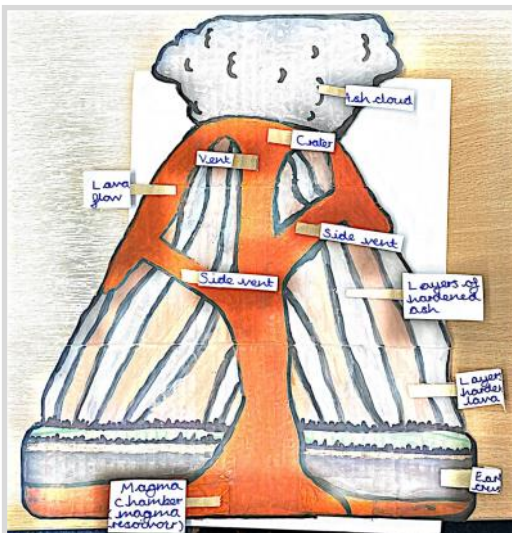


Join Buddy Holly – A Legend Reborn to relive the Rockin' fifties music scene with hits such as Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Heartbeat, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, Words of Love, It's So Easy, Rave On and many more.

Adults £23.00, Concessions £19.00

Year 6 work this week

Felicia shares her work about volcanoes, while Will F has an image with a hidden image.



FRIDAY 11TH
MARCH 2022
7:30PM - 11PM



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ON YSA WEBSITE
FRIDAY FEB 4TH
yarmschoolassociation.org
TICKETS £15 PP

Spring Term Maths Events for parents



Spring Term Maths Events for Parents

This term we are organising a number of special maths information events for parents.

The events will provide you with the opportunity to further explore the maths curriculum, provide hands-on experience of the resources we use in school and learn more about how we approach developing a secure sense of number and fluent number skills.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2nd March, 16:00 – 16:45: Years 2 – 6 Maths Information Event (Prep Hall)

Tuesday 15th March, 8:50 – 9:30: Year 2, Maths Stay and Play

Thursday 17th March, 8:50 – 9:30: Year 1, Maths Stay and Play

Tuesday 29th March, 8:50 – 9:30: Reception, Maths Stay and Play

We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss maths at Yarm Preparatory School.

Mrs Speight and Mrs Pawluk (Maths Leads)

Prep Baccalaureate

Seth T. (Year 5) produced some slides about Rosa Parks.

Who Was Rosa Parks?

Rosa Parks was an activist, born in Montgomery, Alabama. She was born on February the 4th, 1913 and died on October 24th, 2005. Her parents were called Leona and James Mcauley and she had a brother called Sylvester Mcauley.

You are warmly invited to a
Maths at Yarm Preparatory School
Information Event for Year 2 - 6 Parents
Wednesday 2nd March 2022, 4 – 4.45pm
Prep School Hall

- ✓ Counting/Number
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ CPA
- ✓ Mastery
- ✓ Supporting at home



- ✓ R-Y6 Overview
- ✓ KIRFS
- ✓ Times Table Facts
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Workshops



*How does the school teach number?
Why is fluency so important?
How can I support my child at home?
What websites can I use at home?*

To allow us to plan and cater for the event, please can you fill in the Google Form below by **Monday 28th February**, indicating whether you will be attending.

<https://forms.gle/yaabX5fb8NXqnupv8>

Yarm Preparatory School, Grammar School Lane, Yarm TS15 9ES

Telephone: 01642 781447

CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

**BE A GOOD
LISTENER**

**ASK HOW
YOU CAN
HELP**

**SHOW
EMPATHY**

**SEND A
NICE
MESSAGE**

BE KIND

**★ BE ★
SUPPORTIVE ★**

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND
**TELL A
TRUSTED
ADULT**

**I SAW THIS AND
THOUGHT OF YOU!**

**WANTED TO LET YOU
KNOW I'M THINKING
OF YOU!**

**I'M HERE WHEN YOU
NEED ME.**

**MISSED YOU AT
SCHOOL TODAY.
EVERYTHING OK?**

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Online
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#WakeUpWednesday

Key Dates

February 28

Rare Disease Day 2022



The David Ashwell
FOUNDATION

Donate £1 and wear jeans to school on Monday, February 28 to support Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia (ACD). ACD is a rare lung disease that results in an infant fatality in almost every occurrence.

The David Ashwell Foundation UK Charity number 1121783
<https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/384>

- Mon 28** Pupils return
Year 3 activities carousel 3 begins
(Swimming begins for Stephenson/Telford)
****NEW**** Jeans for Genes on Rare Diseases Day

MARCH

- Tue 1** House Pancake races
- Wed 2** School Council
HMC Netball (Hymers; times TBC)
Maths Information Event (Prep Hall; 4pm)
- Thu 3** **World Book Day (see page 2 for info!)**
U11 North-East Girls' Hockey Finals
(Durham Uni.; 10am start, 4pm return)
- Fri 4** U10 Netball v Ashville
(away; 2.15pm start, 4.45pm return)
U11 Netball v Asvhill (home)
U10 Rugby v St Peters (home)
U11 Rugby v St Peters
(away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
- Sat 5** UK Chess Challenge (school round)

(Prep Hall; 9.30am-2pm)

- Tue 8** Curiosity Emporium
Telford Charity Morning
Year 2 trip to Durham Cathedral
- Wed 9** Informal Concert (4-5pm; Prep Hall)
- Thu 10** Year 3 Football v DCSF (home; 2pm start)
- Fri 11** HMC Boys' Hockey (at Pocklington)
(9.15am depart, 11am start, 3.45pm return)
U11 Netball v DCSF
(away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
U10/11 Hockey v Ashville (away)
- Mon 14** ABRSM examinations week
6G/half 6P Evacuees Day at Murton Park
(8.15am-5pm)
Year 5 Mars Day
- Tue 15** 6L/half 6P Evacuees Day at Murton Park
(8.15am-5pm)
HMC Chess (U9/U11 teams)
(QEGS; 8am depart, 5.45pm return)
Year 2 Maths Stay & Play (8.50-9.30am)
- Wed 16** Reports released to parents (4pm)

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: An asteroid.

Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Henry S.	Angus F.
3R	Rory B.	Meadow E.
3W	Felicity S.	Rory F.
4J	Tallulah M.	Haashir I.
4N	Brian F.	Avik B.
4W	Joseph A.	Laurel G.
5H	Violet M.	Navina M.
5K	James C.	Janaki M.
5W	Jake M.	Tiger C.
6G	Daisy A.	Chris I.
6L	Elizabeth A.	Ben S.
6P	Zach B.	Kit F.