



The Phoenix Flier

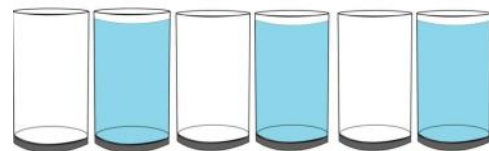
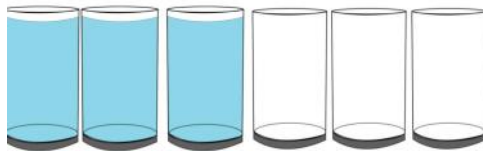
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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the Phoenix Flier - a roundup of events from across the Prep School. In a week in which our School Values focus has been resourceful, we have enjoyed looking at the concept of flexible thinking. In assembly we have looked at challenges to stimulate discussion and develop our flexible thinking skills. An example of this is the image below which forms my Head's Challenge for this week. To set up the task you line up 6 cups and fill 3 of them as per the picture on the left. By touching only one cup can you match the pattern shown in the picture on the right hand side of the page?



The pupils demonstrated some really innovative and rule bending ideas throughout the assemblies. Importantly we were able to highlight that to think flexibly we need to approach problems in a range of ways. We came up with two important flexible thinking rules: 1) Never be afraid to ask those around you for help as they will often bring different ideas to any situation, 2) Always be ready to make lots of mistakes and see these as steps towards a solution. We agreed that life will always present challenges, from the classroom through to the boardroom. Therefore thinking flexibly is something we should all look to develop whether we are 3, in Year 3, are 33 or 93!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

Photo of the Week:

A big weekend of chess action took place at the school, with our round of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge taking place last weekend. Report and pictures inside.



Tooled Up Education

You can't have missed the fact that it was International Women's Day this week, and this year's theme was #BreakTheBias. Celebrating difference and diversity is something we are passionate about at Toolled Up, and we've got plenty in the Toolled Up library to help break down stereotypes. For starters, check out our resources created in conjunction with gender equality charity, Lifting Limits. You'll find a [list of easily actionable tips](#) to reduce gender stereotypes which can be put into practice at home, and key [advice on how to talk to children about gender roles in books](#). We also have a fantastic [webinar](#) with Kirsty Ruthven, Head of Education at Lifting Limits devoted to this subject. If you are out and about, our fascinating, tip-filled [podcast with Professor Christia Spears Brown](#) on reducing race and gender biases is a must listen. To find some inspiring tales about women and girls (which should be read by both boys and girls), take a look at our [book list](#).

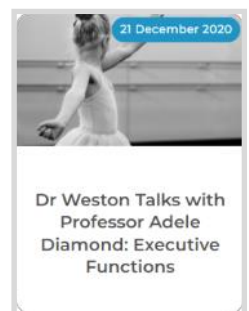
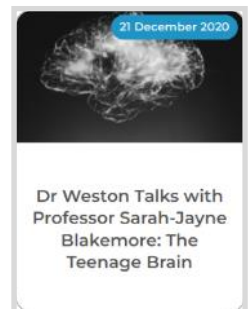
We're proud to work with numerous amazing researchers who are extraordinary women. Browse through our podcasts (there are currently 91 of them and counting) and you'll find some of the most influential names from around the world in the fields of education, psychology and neuroscience. You can take your pick, but, we'd recommend that you acquaint yourselves with [Professor Adele Diamond](#), named as one of the "2000 Outstanding Women of the 20th Century", internationally renowned child psychiatrist [Professor Tamsin Ford](#), Professor Emerita of Family Research at the University of Cambridge, [Susan Golombok](#), Northern Ireland's Mental Health Champion, [Professor Siobhan O'Neill](#), renowned play expert, [Professor Helen Dodd](#), and Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience and multi award-winning author, [Sarah-Jayne Blakemore](#).

The Toolled Up library is already packed with almost 350 evidence-based resources, including interviews with over 80 leading experts from around the world. But, it's your library and we want to know how else we can help you? What new resources would you like to see? Which ones do you love? What could we do better? We always value your feedback and want to ensure that we are giving you the resources that you need. Email us at research@tooledupeducation.com to let us know how we are doing!

Do you have any burning parenting questions? Did you know that Dr Weston will answer any parenting question that you ask? Have a peek at this week's parenting question on the front page of the [Tooled Up Education](#) site. If you have a question, why not submit it? All questions are treated anonymously and we promise we will answer.

A quick reminder As a parent at a Toolled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Toolled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click [here to register for an account](#). It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: YPSII03 and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at support@tooledupeducation.com. If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, then simply click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

Dr Kathy Weston



Telford Charity Day

Telford supported the ZARACH Charity for their charity day this year, who are raising money to provide beds, duvets, pyjamas for children who live in our region and don't have access to these basic needs. All children came to school wearing their slippers and dressing gowns, while the Telford pupils ran a range of fundraising stalls during morning break.

Overall we raised in excess of £600 for this important charity. Thank you to all of the school community who contributed towards this.

Mr Pearce, Mr Harandon and Miss Walker

On February 8th, Telford held their charity day. We raised money for Zarach, who buy beds for children who don't have them. We allowed people to wear bedtime clothes for £1. We also made some stalls for extra donations.

Emma S.

I really enjoyed Telford's charity day because I had lots of fun manning the stall. Lots of people came to it. As a house we did very well with the amount of money we raised.

George H.

Everyone dressed up in comfy bedwear for the Telford Charity Day. We saved up money to buy beds for children who don't have any for a charity called Zarach. We all brought in £1 to wear our bed clothes and ran some stalls to raise even more money.

Charlie E.



World Book Day





Delancey UK Chess Challenge—School Round

Saturday's UK Chess Challenge tournament broke all records for attendance, with over 80 entries from Year 2 to Year 6.

All of the children were on fine form and every one of the 12 main titles was strongly contested.

For many of our players, the UK Chess Challenge was their first tournament experience. Indeed; the Year 2s only finished learning the basic moves of chess at the end of last term. Dara Jafari and Scarlett Yang became the respective new Year 2 Boy and Girl champions. Hugo Kelly, Austin Oman, Amelie Tailor and Elizabeth Hedges took the other top places in the section.

The Year 3s have had a lot of chess this year and it certainly showed on Saturday. Rory Fitzgerald was on top form, winning all seven of his games to claim the Best Boy title. Fathe Chahal was second and Henry Stanley came third. Manha Abdullah, Evelyn Ward and Rosa Williams all shared the Best Girl title, which shows how close this section proved to be.

Can Sezen and Miles Page shared first place in the Year 4 Boys category. Vedh Arcot, Eric Pinedo Fuentes and Kavan Sidhu shared third place. Kaira Nalawade became the new Year 4 Girl champion, closely followed by Lolwa Soliman and Alex Prideaux.

The Year 5 section was also very close. Anjali Ramisetty won all of her games in style to claim the title of Girl champion, with Sumi Kumar and Eva McBain sharing second place. Sid Suryadevara played his best chess to date to claim the Boys' title, one point ahead of both Tiger Chahal and Miguel Ramos Moreno.

Waleed Ahsan outscored several more experienced players to claim the title of Best Boy in the Year 6 section, with Alfie McBain (second) and Daniel Howell (third) close behind. Felicia Jude won the title Best Girl, ahead of Nethuki Mudduwa and Edie Redhead-Sweeny and Aditri Kulkarni, who finished second and joint third respectively.

Well played, everyone, whether or not you became a champion on this particular occasion. All of our players and staff helped to make it a fabulous festival of chess.

In former years, players had to achieve a certain number of points to qualify for the prestigious Megafinal stage of the competition. This year, to celebrate the return of real Megafinals (they were forced online for the last two years), entry is open to ALL chess players.

The Megafinal will be at Yarm Senior School on Sunday 1 May, in the magnificent Princess Alexandra Auditorium. It will provide an excellent opportunity for our players to test their skills against children from other schools. Numbers are strictly limited, so remember - book early!

Mr Marsh



PE and Games News

Netball Round-up

It has been a busy week for the girls with everyone in Year 5 and 6 involved in school sport. The U11 netball team attended the HMC event at Hymers in Hull for a full day of competition. The girls played five matches in the morning, beating Pocklington B, Choristers B, St Peter's A and RGS Newcastle B, losing one match to Bradford A which meant we finished runners-up. In the afternoon we played in the main cup competition due to finishing in the top two and drew RGS A team, losing 2-4 in a tight game. From here we then played in the plate and beat Ashville 5-1. In the final we lost to Pocklington A 5-1 again. By this point I think the girls had run out of steam, but they can be pleased with their efforts on the day. Captain Ella F. has written the following round-up:

At the HMC we all played really well working as a team and winning multiple games. One match we won 11-0! We unfortunately lost in the final but still got lots of great interceptions, passes and some lovely shots. Overall we placed 6th out of 24 teams, had lots of fun and a fab day was had by all.

On Thursday our U11 girls' hockey team played in the regional finals at Maiden Castle, Durham. We had some excellent passages of play, beating Durham 1-0 in the first game. In a tense game v Dame Allan's we competed for every ball, scored two great goals but just missed out on top spot in the group, narrowly losing 2-3. This meant we played top seeds RGS, who were excellent (and won the entire competition) and we lost 0-3. Again it was a tiring day with lots of hockey played and it was great to see the girls finishing their prep hockey journey with such a positive day of sport.

Finally on Friday we had a large block fixture with Ashville and the entire Year 6 travelled away. We played four quarters of 10 mins so all could have at least 3/4 matches. Ashville were super hosts and once again all teams played their hearts out and enjoyed their time away. It was great to finish the week with this block fixture and Lucia was a super captain!

Our Year 5s played netball at home and Miss Bradley organised a lovely afternoon of High 5 games against Ashville. The weather was pretty awful but this did not dampen spirits. Well done to the girls who worked hard and enjoyed their afternoon of sport together. What a busy but extremely enjoyable week of sport for our girls.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

HMC Football

It was an amazing day. Although the sun was not shining, we played well as a team, as well as individually. We played many games with wins, draws and loses. Also the play was very fair, with minimal free kicks and penalties. It was a great day altogether!

Luke P.

U10 Football

On Friday we had a great match between Yarm and St Peter's School, in which there were great players, tension and pressure on both sides. The end result was 3 - 4 to St Peter's, but each school had their moments of excellence. Despite missing the likes of Wilf S. to an injured ankle, the team played exceptionally well. The scores were close, with St Peter's outperforming Yarm in the first third. Our team only just managed to pull two goals back in the final third. Congratulations to Fenwick M. for an awesome goal in the final third, even though he was a centre midfielder, and an outstanding performance from Henry Pugh, scoring two goals and keeping Yarm in the game - not bad for someone recovering from an injury the day before!

Seth T.



News this week

Conflict in Ukraine

The events in Ukraine are both worrying and concerning for all of us, and we are sure it will have been brought up by your children, who will have been asking questions or seeking reassurance from you as the crisis develops. It is possible that they will have seen a variety of graphic or distressing images or footage of the conflict via the news and possibly via social media too, and this might affect them.

As teachers, we are well placed to help pupils talk about what they are seeing online and in the news, and guidance on this has been shared with colleagues to help support this in a timely and sensitive manner. There are also some excellent advice and resources for you to use at home too to support any discussions, which I have linked to below. Dr Kathy Weston has also written a thorough, helpful [‘Wednesday Wisdom’ that is well worth reading and can be found here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Stone and Mrs Speight

[BBC Newsround](#) - All of their reports on the conflict, presented in a child-friendly and neutral manner

[Childline](#) - Worrying about Russia and Ukraine

[Childnet](#) - Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine

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

Red Nose Day Disco—Friday 18th March

Friday 18th March is going to be a busy day for the children in Years 3-6. It is Red Nose Day and we are delighted to tell you that we’re planning a special Red Nose Day Disco for the Prep children!

For Comic Relief, children can come into school in the

morning wearing red clothes or an item of red (non-uniform) and should bring in **£1** to donate to the charity.

The disco will take place in the Prep School hall on **Friday 18th March, from 6pm until 7.30pm**. All pupils are invited

and will be able to enjoy the usual party games and activities organised by teachers and dance to a range of ‘bangers’ played by some teaching DJs!

Tickets for the disco will be **£2 each** (money to be brought along on the night), with all proceeds going to Comic Relief as part of Red Nose Day. We do need confirmation of pupil attendance for catering and safety purposes, as every child will be given something to eat during the event. As such, [please could you fill in this online consent form](#) by **Tuesday 15th March**.

On the day of the disco, children attending the party will go home as usual and can then return for the 6pm start. Please be advised that children will have to be dropped off at the Prep School car park and met by our teachers to walk to the Prep site. Staff will be in attendance from here to supervise the children to the disco. **Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle to school on the day of the disco as they will be drinking water from these during the event to cut back on single use plastic cups.**

Parents can collect their children at 7.30pm from the Prep School. If the Prep car park becomes full, please use the Senior School car park as an alternative and walk up to the Prep site. Please complete the online consent form by Tuesday 15th March to secure a place for your child at the disco. Please note: the disco is only open to Prep School children.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mr Stone

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.

5H Maths

5H have been learning about subtracting mixed numbers. To help with this, they played a game of snakes and ladders where they had to get the correct answers to move forwards in the game.

Mr Harandon



Holiday School

Please note our Holiday Schools will run on the following dates this academic year:

Easter—4th to 8th April

Summer— 18th July to 5th August

[To book places for the Easter Holiday School, please click here.](#)

Mr Simpson

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

Year 3 Kenya Talk

Mr Sawyer came today to talk to year 3 about what it is like in Kenya to kick start our topic. We even got to try some chai tea and chapati.



Year 5 Sustainable Craft

Year 5 produced these eye-catching pieces of artwork on discs of sanded wood. The bark was left on the wood creating a natural frame for their bright artwork using acrylic pens. Inspired by nature, Year 5 created images based on sunrises, cherry blossom and butterflies to name just a few.

Mrs Donoghue



Coming up at the PAA

The Chicago Blues Brothers

Friday 25th March 2022 7:30pm

Direct from London's west end, join the Chicago Blues Brothers and their 9 piece band, for a brand new 2-hour all singing, all dancing hit parade bringing you the greatest movie anthems of all time, performed live in concert.



Featuring the greatest hits from both Blues Brothers Movies with some of the greatest movie tracks of all time. Classic soundtrack anthems from Footloose, Back to the future, The rocky horror picture show with a few surprises and plenty of lunacy thrown in.

Dig out those trilby's, shades and polish your dancing shoes because we are bringing the party to you in this 2 hour spectacular of non-stop music and laughter.

You'll dance, you'll sing, you'll have the time of your life.

Tom Rolfe's – Easter Egg-stravaganza Magic Show!

Wednesday 13th April 2022 2:00pm, 6:30pm

Pop down to the PAA this Easter for an 'EGGstravaganza' of a show

featuring Yarm's Panto favourite Tom Rolfe who promises a jam packed production



filled with Magic, Mayhem, Comedy, Singing, Dancing, special guests and plenty of fun for all the family!

Running time approx 60 mins plus free Easter egg for each child after the show!

Clubs and activities finishing dates

Please note the finishing date for clubs this term:

All Fencing, STEAM, netball, Silver Stories, Rugby, Girls' Hockey, —last date Tuesday 15/3

Microbits—last date Wednesday 16/3

F1 in STEAM, Phoenix Challenge—last date Thursday 17/3

All Dance and kickboxing, Theory —last date Tuesday 22/3

All Chess clubs, Riding, Multisports, Hockey, Choir, Crafts, Philosophy—last date Wednesday 23/3

Nets, Clay club, Girls' Hockey, Grangetown—last date Thursday 24/3

All Digital Leaders, Football, Gymnastics and Drama—last date Friday 25/3

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Key Dates

MARCH

Mon 14	ABRSM examinations today 6G/half 6P Evacuees Day at Murton Park (8.15am-5pm) Year 5 Mars Day House assemblies
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) Prep Duologues performance (4pm; Prep Hall)
Thu 17	Colour blindness awareness assembly U9 Netball v DCSF (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return) National Schools Quiz Competition—Local heat (online event; 2-3pm)
Fri 18	***NEW EVENT*** Red Nose Day Disco (Y3-6; Prep Hall; 6-7.30pm) Red Nose Day for Comic Relief U11 Hockey and Netball v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm)
Mon 21	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)
Tue 22	Parents' Evening (4-6pm) Y3 Netball and Hockey with Dame Allan's (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
Wed 23	Curiosity Emporium ***NEW EVENT*** Belfast Sports Tour Meeting for parents (4pm, via Zoom)
Thu 24	U9 Netball and Hockey v Dame Allan's (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return) Year 1 trip to Raby Castle (all day)
Fri 25	U10/11 Netball and Hockey v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start) U11 Football at DCSF

(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Mon 28 Telford House Duty

YPSSC News

Our sincere thanks go to Stacey Thompson (Chair), Peter Thompson (Vice Chair) and Thania Moreno Troya (Secretary) for their sterling work as part of the Yarm Prep School Social Committee in recent years. They have all served more than a full term in office and step down as of this week. We will warmly remember the brilliant events they have coordinated and the valuable funds raised that have gone to local causes and provided extra opportunities for our pupils.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Louise Taylor (Edward, Y5) and Victoria Richards (Sam, Y5 and Elliot, Y3) will step up to take on the Chair and Vice Chair roles. We look forward to supporting Louise and Victoria as they take up post and continue the long tradition of earnest support that the YPSSC is known for.

The post of Treasurer and Secretary remain vacant. If you are interested in taking on these roles or would like to know more about them please do get in touch with the YPSSC directly via ypssc@hotmail.com or with Mr Sawyer wecs@yarmschool.org / Mrs Speight jsp@yarmschool.org.

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: A lock

Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Imogen C.	Emily Q.
3R	Amaya S.	Emily B.
3W	Fathe C.	Isla R.
4J	Harry H.	Erin G.
4N	Anika S.	Kaira N.
4W	Alice S.	Can S.
5H	Dora B.	Akansha M.
5K	Sonny F.	Ciara W.
5W	Sid S.	William A.
6G	Katie C.	Namitha N.
6L	Jude T.	Anushri W.
6P	Nethuki M.	Libby S.