

The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

The sun has burst through this week giving us a much appreciated Summer Term vibe. Let's hope it stays! It will certainly put a pep in everyone's step as we journey through the adventures of school life in the next few months. On this note, it was great to see our first residential trip for the term set off earlier this week in the form of Year 4 who are exploring Northumberland. They will be closely followed by Year 5 who are gearing up for London next week, then just before half term Year 6 head to The Lakes and without wanting to miss out on such character building endeavours, Year 3 head to York later in June. Go well, our intrepid explorers! The good weather has also seen the cricket season take full flight, much like a Shane Warne 'flipper', in recent weeks. It has been superb to see all of our boys and girls enjoying this wonderful sport. Whether learning their craft in Year 3 or progressing to full hardball matches at the top of the Prep School, we always make it accessible to all and look to stretch every player. There are many opportunities locally to further your child's skills in the sport if they are keen. Interested parents are encouraged to explore the ECB website to get signed up to a local club: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/find-a-club/>.

Open Morning was a great success last weekend and it was super to have many boys and girls representing the school in this fashion. They were great ambassadors and took the responsibility in their stride. It is always a pleasure to welcome current and new families to School; it was one of the principles upon which the school was founded and it remains today. On this note, I hope that many of you will be able to attend the open events that we have coming up in the form of the Summer Fair, Prize Giving, Summer Concert, Sports Day and our Open Afternoon, to name but a few community gatherings planned for later this term. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events, if not before.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it?

Photo of the Week: We have started our Poetry activity with a flourish this term. We began writing about nocturnal animals found in the United Kingdom and took inspiration from The Lost Spells.



Tooled Up Education

Children's Mental Health Week has arrived and we've been mulling over how important it is for all children to feel included and valued. Unfortunately, **harmful talk** that denigrates different social and ethnic groups is still a feature in young people's conversations. Instilling positive, proactive messages about dealing with or avoiding making these comments is important for families to consider. That's why we've joined up with clinical psychologist, Dr Elly Hanson, to give you some [top tips](#) on what to do if you think that these conversations are happening in your child's peer group and how to help them to tackle them..

Other new additions to the library this week include a simple [activity](#) to help young children think about all of the different kinds of fabulous families in the world and to take pride in their own circle of loved ones, whatever form it takes, as well as a list of [75 simple things](#) that your child could do outside.

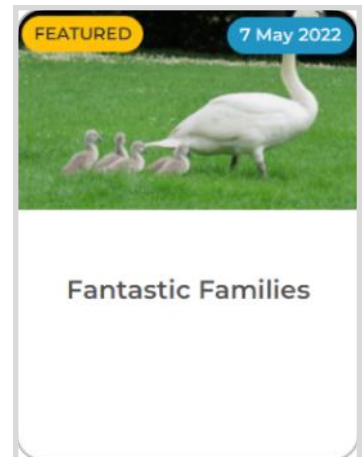
Our series of **expert webinars** also continues over the coming months, all free and exclusive to our Tooled Up communities. On May 16th, we are joined by Dr Laura Towers, who will talk about supporting children and young people through the devastating event of a **sibling bereavement** and, on May 18th, we discuss **post-separation parenting** with Dr Sarah Foley. Find out more or [sign up](#) to either event now.

The Tooled 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 Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled 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



PE and Games News

Under 10/11 Boys' Cricket v Pocklington

On Friday, some of the boys from Year 5 and Year 6 went to York to play a cricket fixture against Pocklington. My team took five wickets and overall, we did quite well. I thought that Harry made some great bowls and so did Luke. Ewan hit some good shots and so did everyone else. In the end we won by eleven runs. I really enjoyed this fixture and hope to do it again in the future.

Ben P.

On Friday 6th May, the Year 5 boys went to a cricket match at Pocklington. Pocklington batted first and Yarm bowled and fielded. Sid bowled the first over taking a wicket. The next over was bowled by Seth who got a direct hit on the wickets by a runout. All the bowlers did well. Each pair got to bat three overs each. After every pair had finished for Pocklington Yarm came into bat. The first pair was Sid and Seth. Pocklington took 2 wickets in three overs but still with Seth smacking fours and sixes. Matthew almost took Mr Simpson's head off by smashing a ball for a six! James finished the innings with a massive six. Pocklington finished with 118 runs and Yarm beat them by 56 runs with a total of 174 runs. We finished off the fixture with juice and biscuits. There was also other Year 5s and 6ss playing other matches at the same time. Everyone had a good time.

Sid S.

Last Friday on Friday 6th May we went to Pocklington near York to play a cricket fixture the coach took a long time but it was really fun when we got there it was really fun we split into two Year 6 teams, softball and hardball. I was on the hardball team and we were fielding first I was wicket keeping and we got some wickets.

Theo S.

Girls' Cricket v Pocklington

What a fantastic afternoon of cricket we had alongside Pocklington School last Friday. With over 100 girls from both schools and 5 matches all happening at the same time it was super to see the girls grow in confidence and learn from each other. Special mentions go to girls who hit some boundaries and helped the score along. We had wickets galore and all improved their game. The games ran so smoothly we then managed a shortened second match as well which was a bonus! Finally it is down to the girls to round up great play with our Tower of Power! Build them up!

Tower of Power

Eva: A great 6

Zara: Batting brilliantly

Olivia J: A super 6

Pippa: Great accurate bowling

Claudia: Another 6

Anjali: Her all round game is super and she can bowl and bat

Louisa: Great hitting and lots of boundaries

Amelie: A super 6

Bea A: Took a brilliant catch on the boundary

Isobel: A great 6

Charlotte Fen: Good all-rounder

Akansha: Bowled someone out

Yuhe and Lucia: Super catches to get girls out

Rosie: Another 6

Mrs Redhead Sweeney



News this week

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)



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

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

Ear Piercings and Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted. The wearing of earrings and ear studs is not permitted for safety reasons. Please avoid ear piercing which will necessitate the wearing of ear studs at school. Children will be asked to ensure any ear piercings are taken out as soon as possible.

It is recommended and expected that any ear piercings take place in the school holidays, not during term time.

Mr Stone

Jubilee Poetry Competition

To celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee we will be planting a tree in our school grounds.

We would like to invite the children from all year groups to write their own Jubilee themed poem to be read to the rest of the school during the planting ceremony.

All entries must be handed in to Mr Stone (Prep) or Mr Pengilley (Pre-Prep) by Friday 20th May.

Sustainable Craft

In sustainable craft this week Year 5 beautifully decorated reclaimed cardboard frames with found materials and offcuts. They worked diligently and with great creative flair.

Mrs Hart



Summer Fair—Friday 24th June

We are delighted to announce the full return of our annual Summer Fair, taking place this year on Friday 24th June (2-5pm) with the theme this year being 'Platinum Party'.

The Social Committee and the Year 6 pupils are already planning on making it a fantastic event for all, with a range of stalls and games for all ages aimed at raising money for YPSSC projects.

Holding the event on a Friday proved to be very popular with the children prior to COVID, and the success was repeated last year (albeit without parents). As such we want to make the fair open to all children in the school community as well as their parents, many of whom would usually have other commitments over the course of a weekend. While this takes place during a school day, the impact on your child's education will be minimal.

We would like to draw your attention to a few logistical matters regarding the fair.

It will be a **non-uniform day**.

Lunch will take place as normal.

School will finish at the usual times - 3.30pm for Pre-Prep and 3.45pm for Prep.

Pre-Prep children can be collected from 2.30pm to come to the fair.

Although the school day finishes at the usual time, parents of Pre-Prep children are welcome to collect early and bring their children to the fair.

Years 3-6 will need to bring some money. £10 max in change should be plenty to have a go at the variety of games

and activities taking place! This will be collected by form teachers for safekeeping during morning registration and handed out prior to the fair. All proceeds go to the YPSSC and the many projects they support the school with. We will not be using tokens this year, which we did last year.

The fair will be fully supervised. Teachers will be present supervising those children at the fair from 2pm. From pick-up onwards we would love parents to come along and join the fun too!

Pick up, after school care and buses will run as normal. Pick up from after school care from 4pm will be from the Pre-Prep.

Year 6 will be expected to stay until 5.30pm. A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents with full details.

There will be no after school clubs on this date. Gymnastics, drama and digital leaders will not be taking place.

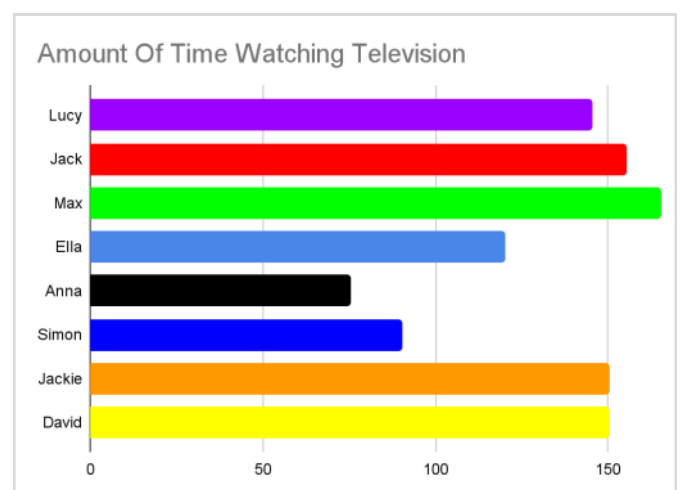
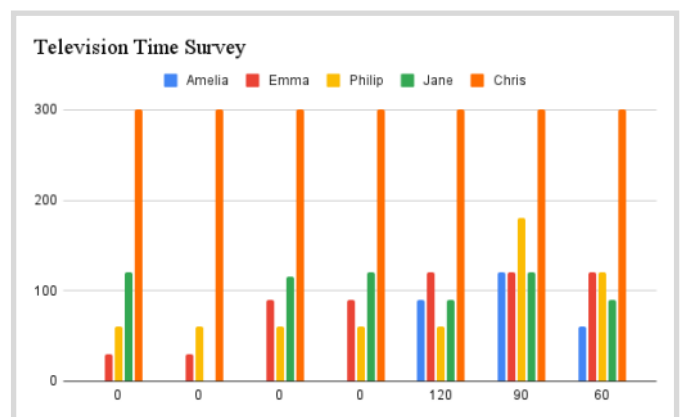
Further details will follow in the coming weeks!

Mr Stone

Year 5 Maths

In maths this week, Year 5 have been using bar charts made on Google Sheets to highlight the television viewing habits of their families!

Mr Harandon



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



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7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.



Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

**How does this game/app work?
Can I play?**

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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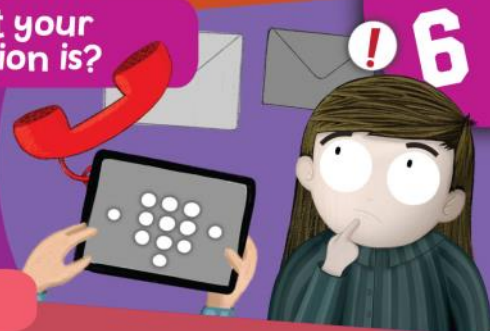
Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.



Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.



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Key Dates

MAY

Mon 16	Year 5 London residential departs
Tue 17	U8 Crickey workshop with Ashville
Thu 19	Y5 return from London U9 Cricket v Ashville (home; 2pm)
Mon 23	Year 6 Lakes residential departs
Tue 24	Yarm Schools Quiz (Prep Hall; 10am) U8 Cricket workshop v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm) Year 2 trip to Edinburgh
Thu 26	School Jubilee Party Y6 return from the Lakes HALF-TERM BEGINS (AFTER SCHOOL) After school care and clubs run as usual
Fri 27	Staff INSET
Mon 6	Pupils return Knockout Table Tennis begins Dance Showcase rehearsals begin



Y5 trip to Komatsu, Birtley

Y3 swimming continues

Mr Chahal visiting Y6 Enterprise group

Tue 7 Y5 trip to Komatsu, Birtley**Wed 8** Arkwright Charity Day

Dance Showcase rehearsals

Thu 9 U9 Girls' Cricket v Queen Mary's

Away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Dance Showcase—Full rehearsal (until 6pm)

Y2/3 Transition Morning

School Council (1pm; Lab)

Fri 10 Dance Showcase (details below)

HMC Athletics

(Gateshead Stadium; 11am start, 4pm return)

U10/11 Girls' Cricket v Barnard Castle

(home; 2pm start)

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

Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Imogen C.	Annalise D.
3R	Emily B.	Zara M.
3W	Cooper W.	Felicity S.
4J	Samuel I.	Ella L.
4N	Violet F.	Ronav G.
4W	Can S.	Hugo M.
5H	Udham C.	Marawan S.
5K	Edward T-P.	Jessica F.
5W	Dorothy W.	Beatrix A.
6G	Wilf W.	Claudia P.
6L	Freddie B.	Yuhe T.
6P	Zac B.	Harry G-J.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 5: Sumi K., Ben W., Dora B., Arvind K., Amelie K., Marawan S., Griff W., Noah A.