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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

What a fabulous final few days of term we have had! It has been brilliant to see our school community come together for the many end of term celebrations that we have held for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School pupils. Thank you for being there to make these occasions so memorable. Hearty congratulations go to Year 6 for braving the wet weather last weekend in their fundraising Sleep Out for Shelter and for completing their final few days in the Prep School in such fine style. I would also like to pay tribute to all pupils who gave their all at our Sports Day this week. Another cracking and very competitive track and field event.

As the term draws to a close, I must pay tribute to all of the teaching, support, estates, administrative and catering staff who have worked so hard this year to make sure every boy and girl is nurtured and motivated to be the best they can be. Every member of staff contributes, some in more visible ways than others, and is highly valued for their efforts. I must also thank my wife, Sarah, and my family for their love and support without which I would be lost!

I wish everyone a wonderful Summer break full of love, laughter and adventures of all kinds. Above all, stay safe and enjoy the company of your friends and cherished ones. I look forward to seeing smiling faces return at the end of August for the next chapter in the life of Yarm Prep School.

Bill Sawyer

Photo of the Week: A busy final week saw Year 3 go on their first residential to York!

Head's Challenge: There are two ducks in front of two other ducks. There are two ducks behind two other ducks. There are two ducks beside two other ducks. How many ducks are there?



Year 3 York Residential

On the 30th June 2022, Year 3 departed for their first residential trip to York. It was to be 48 hours filled with fun and fantastic new experiences for the children! We started with a walk in the glorious sunshine along Sutton Bank, stopping for a snack and admiring the White Horse on the hillside before venturing back up the steps to the bus to continue with our journey. Once we arrived in York, we explored inside the beautiful York Minster, pausing to take in the history and features as we toured. From here, we walked through the streets of York to York's Chocolate Story, where we learned about the history of chocolate within the city of York. We learned about how chocolate is made and even made a couple of sweet treats to take home! By this point tummies were rumbling, so we made our way to Ask for a delicious Italian feast before travelling to our final destination for the day - Stableside at York Racecourse. After a restful night's sleep, we spent the day at Murton Park where we became Vikings. As part of the immersive experience, we learned how to make oil lamps, farm the fields using traditional Viking tools and defend the village from possible attacks!

Please enjoy reading some of our favourite parts of the trip:

It was the best residential ever! We had to do things that Vikings did and visit York's Chocolate Story.

Fathe C.

I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to York and think that the calm, peaceful silence in the Chapter House at York Minster was wonderful - especially the beautiful patterns on the roof!

Cooper W.

We had so much fun on our trip, I especially enjoyed the walk to see the White Horse.

Martha L.

We had so much fun on our trip, my favourite part was the chocolate factory because I loved making the lickable wallpaper!

Rosa W.

I enjoyed learning how to guard the Viking village.

Max J.

Our group won the golden ticket for our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory design. It was so much fun!

Ben H.

My favourite part of the trip was being a Viking for the day. It was like going back in time!

Zara M.

I really enjoyed the Chocolate Story, I learnt all about where chocolate comes from. I mostly liked when we made the chocolate lollies because they looked yummy and you could add lots of different toppings.

Livvie C.

'My favourite was being an angry Viking for the day, the teachers were



our slaves too.

Leo S.

I enjoyed the walk to the White Horse, it was so much fun and something I wouldn't normally do. The views were amazing.

Ciny Z.



Year 6 Sleep Out

On Friday, the year 6 children slept out on the Prep School astro to raise money for 'Shelter'. Even with the wet weather, the children showed resilience, empathy and compassion by putting themselves into someone else's shoes. It was a brilliant and memorable experience that the children will never forget.

Miss
Whitehouse

Well done
to the Year 6
children,
whose efforts with the Sleep Out raised
an incredible £1580 for Shelter. Thank
you to all who have sponsored the
children.

Mr Stone



PE and Games News

Last week we held our annual Pupils v Parents sports. There were some keenly-contested games of cricket, netball and tennis. It is safe to assume that sport was the winner!



Gymnastics success for Beatriz!

Beatriz G. has been tumbling to success in recent weeks on the gymnastics mats. The Year 5 pupil recently finished second in the north of England Regional Tumbling Championship, qualifying her for the national finals—a remarkable achievement for a 10 year old!

Beatriz has now qualified for the national finals, which take place in Sheffield in September. Well done Beatriz!

Mr Stone



Sports Day

Some highlights of our annual Sports Day, which took place yesterday at Middlesbrough Sports Village.



Final results:

1st Arkwright; 2nd Stephenson; 3rd Brunel;
4th Telford

Summer awards assembly

Cricket colours (PDU) – Ben Simpson, James Reeves, Freddie Birkin, Waleed Ahsan, Wilf White

Cricket colours (NERS) – Eleanor Wild, Emily Eveson, Rosie Cook, Lily Cook, Charlotte Fenwick, Anushri Wadehra, Edie Redhead-Sweeney, Lucia Chahal, Zara Worthington, Yuhe Tian

Athletics Colours (PDU/NERS) – Alfie McBain, Charlotte Fenwick, Jake Davidson, Lily Cook, James Reeves, Rosie Cook, Luke Palmer, Katie Cheesman, Tobias Hatfield, Libby Scott, Rorke Anderson, Charlotte Ferreira

Art Stars (RS) – Ashling Timmons, Ewan Paul, Zara Worthington

Dance Colours (JKD) - Emma Scott, Anushri Wadehra, Ella Fitzgerald, Charlotte Fenwick, Rosie Cook, Lily Cook, Neev Sahoo, Elizabeth Adams

Speech and Drama Colours (KHY) - Anushri Wadehra, Aisling Timmons, Katie Cheesman, Emma Scott, Nethuki Mudduwa, Eva Thompson, Daniel Howell, Jude Thompson.

Pre Baccalaureate (GNS) - **Y3:** Annalise Dixon, Daisy Callaghan, Emily Quayle, Rory Brearey, Felicity Sanderson, Manha Abdullah, Alia McGonnell; **Y4:** Alex Prideaux, Jacob Bell, Ollie Bridle; **Y5:** Dora Bonner, Seth Tailor, Amelia O'Connell, Louisa Palmer, Annabelle Anson; **Y6:** Emily Eveson, Claudia Patrick, Effie Peacock, Edie Redhead-Sweeney, Ewan Green, Luke Palmer.

Knockout Chess winner (JG) - Can Sezen (plus certificates for the top 16 finishers)

OVERALL Sports Day (PDU) – 1st – Arkwright; 2nd – Stephenson; 3rd – Brunel; 4th – Arkwright.

OVERALL House Cricket (PDU) – 1st – Stephenson; 2nd – Telford; 3rd – Brunel; 4th – Arkwright.

OVERALL House Cricket (NERS) – 1st – Stephenson; 2nd – Telford; 3rd – Arkwright & Brunel.

House Points THIS TERM - 1st – Stephenson; 2nd – Arkwright; 3rd – Telford; 4th – Brunel.

House competition winners this year:

Arkwright - Chess, Pancake Races, joint Netball, Rugby, Sports Day;

Brunel - joint Girls' Hockey, Table Tennis;

Stephenson - GK Quiz, Coding, Boys' Hockey. Autumn house points, Girls' Cricket, Boys' Cricket, Summer house points;

Telford - House points, joint Netball, joint Girls' Hockey.

OVERALL HOUSE LEADERBOARD:	4 th - Brunel 1957.5
	3 rd - Telford 2200
	2 nd - Arkwright 2550
	1st - STEPHENSON 2982.5

STEPHENSON ARE THE OVERALL WINNING HOUSE OF 2021-2022!

School Captains for 2022/23:

Jack Severn, Dora Bonner, Dorothy Wray, Arvind Kumar, Wilf Sawyer and Amelia O'Connell.

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 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.

EdTech

SUMMER HOLIDAY GUIDE

It can be challenging to find holiday activities for digitally savvy young ones. There are plenty of edtech (educational technology) avenues to explore this summer, however, and we've compiled a rundown of our favourites...

For the gamer

There are some excellent free (or cheap) platforms out there which let budding programmers create their own games and characters. Children can discover the basics of game design as they learn how to build characters and make them speak, move and interact with each other. Young ones can construct a game from scratch and then share it with their friends.

Try: Play Lab at code.org • Toca Builders

For the photographer

If your child is an aspiring photographer or loves fine-tuning images before posting them on social media, there are options which young people may find less daunting than Photoshop. As well as editing and adjusting photos, making illustrations or converting between image formats, some packages are geared towards illustration while others let you work with raster and vector graphics.

Try: Photopea • Sumopaint • PhotoGrid

For the sports fan

Video games are usually seen as reducing the time young people spend exercising. However, there is a genre that encourages physical activity: from music-based games that get users up and dancing, to sports simulators where the controller becomes a tennis racket. Devices' ability to track movement in real time and translate it into a game can make physical activity less of a chore.

Try: Runkeeper • Strava • Zombies, Run! (12+)

For the coder

Online, you can find a selection of programming environments where users can learn to make simple apps. Young people can design an app, code it in JavaScript or work in text-based language, then share their newly created app with friends. With millions of aspiring coders in the world, the Internet has an abundance of tutorials to get young ones started.

Try: App Lab at code.org • Dance Party at code.org • Flappy Code at code.org • Hour of Code

For the explorer

Young adventurers can discover the world from new perspectives – strolling Tokyo's streets or soaring over Yosemite. For those with virtual reality headsets, Google Earth VR puts the whole planet within reach, while – even further afield – youngsters can use their device to delve into the wonders of our solar system with virtual tours of NASA's labs and mission control centres.

Try: Google Maps Treks • Google Earth VR • NASA at Home: Virtual Tours

For the avid reader

Your child's smartphone or tablet can become an inspirational learning tool that fires their imagination while improving their reading, vocabulary, spelling and comprehension. Mobile reading apps and audiobook libraries are worth setting some screen time aside for. As well as developing young ones' language skills, they also encourage the unbridled bliss of enjoying a good story.

Try: Hoopla • Epic • Audible

For the musician

Learning to play an instrument and creating music electronically has become much easier thanks to technology. As the field keeps advancing, more software is being created – and there are many applications which are compatible with various devices, including mobile phones. For example, your child could start their journey to becoming a superstar DJ with real-time mixing and editing tools.

Try: Let's Play Kids Music: Summer Musical • GarageBand • Transitions DJ • YouTube music tutorials

For the historian

Virtual tourism boomed when the pandemic cancelled everyone's travel plans. Let technology transport you to jaw-dropping historical sites or inside some of the world's most inspiring museums. Explore the Colosseum or the Amazon rainforest in VR, take a virtual tour of the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park or step inside the British Museum without leaving your living room!

Try: HistoryView Virtual Library • The British Museum – Google Street View • The National Museum of Computing 3D Virtual Tour

For the artist

Unleash your child's creative streak over the holidays with these arts and craft activity ideas! Most are quick and easy to make with materials you'll probably already have at home. There are ideas for young artists of all abilities, so you're sure to find a few exciting projects to try out. Children could also take a virtual tour of some stunning galleries and art installations.

Try: Artist at code.org • Summer crafts for kids at Activity Village • Summer arts and crafts at Projects with Kids • Google Arts and Culture – virtual reality tours you'll love

Meet Our Expert

Gary Reddin is Leader of the Virtual Curriculum at Alt Bridge School, a specialist provision school in Liverpool. He has supported the integration of technology into the teaching practice across the curriculum to empower young people to reach their academic potential and prepare for life beyond school.



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Key Dates

JULY

Thu 7 Water Run for The Mustard Seed Project

End of year assemblies

End of term at 12 noon

No after school care today

Fri 8 **DON'T COME INTO SCHOOL**

Mon 18 Summer Holiday School begins

AUGUST

Fri 5 Summer Holiday School concludes

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1 New school term begins (*end of day timings TBC*)

Fri 2 YPSSC New Families event (details tbc)

Mon 5 Pre-Prep Parents' Information Evening (7pm)

Whole school photograph

Tue 6 Y3/4 Parents' Information Evening (7pm)

Individual photographs

Wed 7 Y5/6 Parents' Information Evening (7pm)

Mon 12 Clubs and activities commence

Year 3 swimming commences

Prep Safety Week

Wed 14 Year 2 trip to Harlow Carr

Fri 15 Senior School Prize Giving

U11 Girls' Hockey v St Peters (away; 2pm start)

U10 Girls' Hockey v St Peters (home; 2pm start)

Sat 17 Stokesley Show

Tue 20 U8 Rugby & Hockey v Dame Allan's

(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Wed 21 Year 5 Robinwood residential

Thu 22 U9 Hockey & Rugby v Dame Allan's

(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

PLEASE NOTE: Event dates listed from September onwards are provisional, but will be added to the Yarm School calendar during the first week of the summer holidays. [You can find the calendar by clicking here.](#)

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: A chess piece.

Water Run

Our final fundraising event of the school year took place today (the last day of term).

Every child in the school will be taking part in our inaugural Water Run. **We only ask that families make a donation to the Mustard Seed Project, which can be done via our [Just Giving page for the event by clicking here.](#)**

Please note: we know water is a precious



Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	-	-
3R	-	-
3W	-	-
4J	Trisha K.	Tallulah M.
4N	Anika S.	Thomas S.
4W	-	-
5H	Akansha M.	Fenwick M.
5K	Olivia J.	Auden A.
5W	Jessica M.	Sid S.
6G	Chris I.	Thomas P.
6L	Khushee A.	Jude T.
6P	Isobelle G.	Archie A.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 5: Oliver X.

Year 6: Anushri W., Luke P., Jaydon Z., Wilf W., Charlie E., Libby S., Effie P., Emma S.