



Little Phoenix


YARM SCHOOL
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

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Mrs Speight's message ...

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Happy half term. What a great STEAM week we have had in Pre-Prep. Yesterday's special assembly from <http://www.bigscienceuk.com/> was fantastic, the children were enthralled by the array of activities and they loved participating in their Year Group Workshops. I wonder if they can remember any of the experiments they carried out? The Year 1 and 2 children thoroughly enjoyed using the Makedo kits. For those of you who do not know, Makedo is a simple to use, open-ended system of tools for creative cardboard construction. The children created so many wonderful buildings from the cardboard boxes you provided. We had theatres, castles, hospitals and places of interest. I love the inventiveness of our children, they have such inquisitive minds. Miss Rowlands shared the story 'Not a Box' with the children, and they have made superb constructions with their boxes. Thank you to the STEAM team and particularly Miss Ward for organising such a fun filled week. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 27th February. Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight



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Bird Houses

The Reception classrooms were a twitter of activity as the children embraced the challenges of STEAM Week in school. After researching bird houses and feeders the children decided to create their own using recycled boxes and cartons.



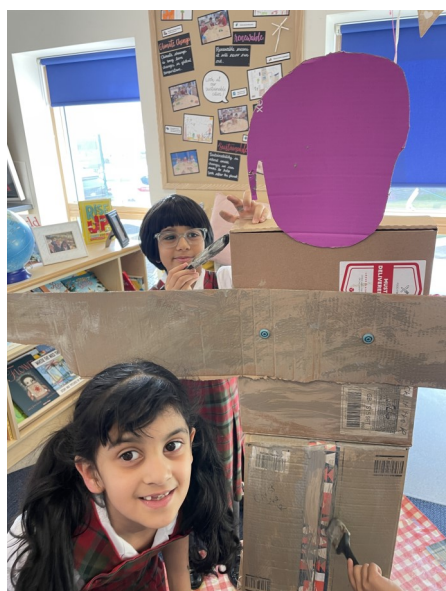
Cardboard Cities

The Year 1 children have loved becoming architects for STEAM week, inspired by both 'The Robber Raccoon' and 'Iggy Peck, Architect' books. The children worked in pairs to design and create a building for our 'Eco City'. These buildings ranged from cosy houses, busy hospitals to huge skyscraper office buildings. To help populate this city each pair designed and made a citizen. The children loved being part of the whole school showcase on Thursday to share their hard work.



Landmarks

The Year 2 children have loved Green STEAM week. They have created landmarks using cardboard and 'Makedo' kits and enjoyed a fantastic Big Science workshop.



Not a Box

In Nursery we have been reading the story 'Not a Box'. The children have been inspired to turn cardboard boxes into their own unique creations.



World Book Day

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

'You are a reader' ***Bedtime stories***

World Book Day 2023 is continuing to build on the theme **'you are a reader'**. To celebrate on **Thursday 2nd March** this year, we are asking all children to come to school in their comfy pyjamas.

The day will be filled with lots of exciting ways to promote reading for pleasure. We would like you to bring along your favourite bedtime story to share with others whilst we cosy up in our nightwear.

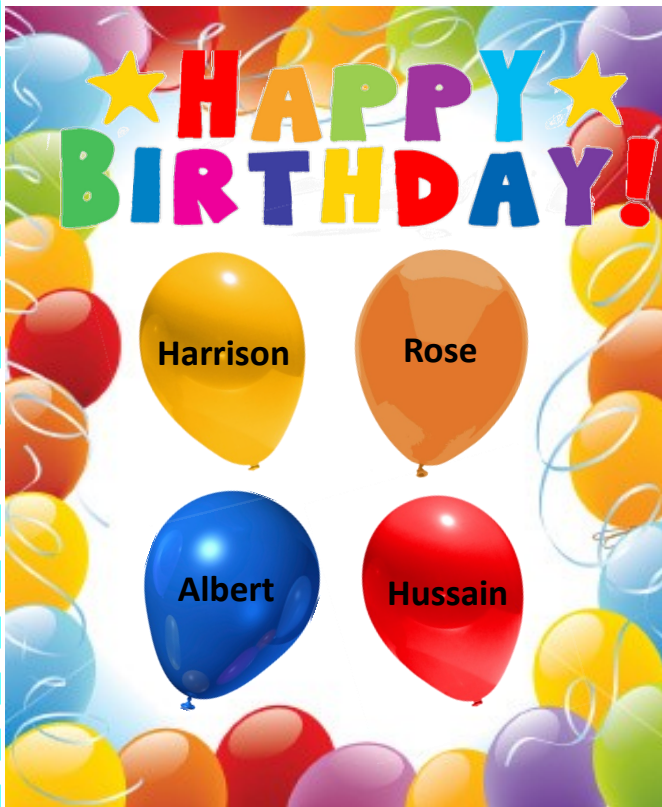
Please note that any children in the Prep school who are attending a fixture must wear the appropriate kit under their nightwear. We would like to remind all other children to consider the weather and dress accordingly.

We look forward to celebrating another exciting World Book Day with you all.

After School Care

In order to assist with our planning we are asking parents to book After School Care for March 2023. [The booking form for attendance can be found by clicking on this link.](#) Please only look to use the care facility if needed.

The deadline for completion is 9am on Friday 3rd March 2023.



Jeans for Genes Day

We be running our annual 'Jeans for Genes' Day on Tuesday 28th February. Children are asked to bring £1 in to wear their jeans for the day, with all money raised going to Kabuki UK.

Kabuki UK is a small charity that was set up by a group of Mum's in 2011 whose children have Kabuki syndrome. Kabuki syndrome is a rare genetic condition that occurs in 1 in 32000 and is a multi-system disorder. People with Kabuki syndrome often have congenital heart defects, hypotonia, feeding difficulties, cleft palate, hearing problems, learning difficulties and kidney problems to name just a few.

The aim of the charity is to support families with children with Kabuki syndrome and also to raise aware of this rare syndrome. The support starts with newly diagnosed families to offer them information, resources, advice and support in those difficult and scary first few months. They organise an annual family day that is usually attended by 160 from the UK (and sometimes overseas), and also smaller regional days, so that families can get together, chat, network and support each other.

**YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS ...**



**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH
7PM - 11PM**

Dress for the 80s

**Magician & DJ
Light Bites**

IN THE PAA BASEMENT BAR

**TICKETS £20 EACH FROM
WWW.YARMSCHOOLASSOCIATION.ORG**

Bring £1 coins!