

The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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INSIDE THIS WEEK... UK Chess Challenge... School Council... HMC and In2Hockey successes...

A message from Mr Sawyer

Check out what's been going on! Check in on what's coming up! Check up on Prep School life this week in our Phoenix Flier! The action packed start to the new half term has continued to excite and engage our pupils in a host of insightful learning experiences. In recent days we have enjoyed World War Two immersion experiences, chess tournaments, music concerts, duologue rehearsals and right before our eyes the new building is taking shape as the steel structure has been bolted together! As you will see from the many photos and reports in this edition, variety is the spice of life and that is certainly on offer here at Yarm Prep. Hoorah!

One of the many highlights of my working week is when there is a knock on my office door or I shake the hand of a pupil in assembly. A knock on my door is a pupil proudly brandishing a piece of work that has been recommended for a Head's Award and a handshake in assembly leads to the presentation of an Endeavour or Values Award. There is nothing better than sharing this success with each pupil and celebrating their effort and progress. I see a huge variety of work for Head's Awards and learn of an even greater range of specific commendations through the Values and Endeavour Awards. I love how our pupils congratulate each other with hearty applause when their peers receive their certificates and how, through all of these awards, we promote a culture that helps every pupil rise, grow and flourish.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: What has four legs but only one foot?



Photo of the Week: The school round of the UK Chess Challenge took place last weekend. Report inside.

Tooled Up Education

You can't have missed the fact that it's International Women's Day this week, and this year's theme is #EmbraceEquity. Celebrating difference, diversity and equity 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 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, tune in to our tip-filled [interview with Professor Christia Spears Brown](#) on reducing race and gender biases or listen to our [conversation with Ella Podmore](#) about her role as senior materials engineer at McLaren Automotive. Passionate about inspiring other girls into STEM industries, Ella also highlights some campaigns and organisations working in this field. For other inspiring tales about women 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 podcast episodes and you'll find some of the most influential names from around the world in the fields of education, psychology and neuroscience. 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 psychiatric epidemiologist [Professor Tamsin Ford CBE](#), Professor Emerita of Family Research and former Director of the Centre for Family Research at the University of Cambridge [Susan Golombok FBA](#), 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 [Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore](#).

In the wake of this day, we'd also like to emphasise that 2022 was an incredible year for women in sport. We were so in awe of the talent, skill, determination and resilience on display that we've brought together [50 fabulous sporting role models](#) to inspire you and your children. It features athletes from around the world and many different sports, each with a unique story. You can also take a peek at this [webinar featuring Laura Merrifield](#), England Women's Lacrosse Captain, as she reflects on her career highlights and provides advice for young athletes who want to enjoy and learn more about Lacrosse or our chat with [England and Saracens rugby player, Sonia Green](#), who discusses how to encourage sporting participation, balance academic pressures with sporting aspirations and the best way to deal with inevitable injuries.

Another reminder about our inaugural online conference: [Support for Children with Autism: An Exploration of Practical and Evidence-Based Ideas for Parents and Educators](#) on Friday 21st April 2023, 9am - 4.15pm BST. The event is aimed at parents and educators across our Toolled Up School community who are interested in learning about optimal ways to support children and young people with autism. We'll be chatting to experts about optimal learning environments, autism and mental health, partnerships with parents and ambition, aspiration and employability. Visit our website for more information and to [register your place](#).

Finally, we've got some technical news! Whilst our research team has been busy creating valuable evidence-based resources for our fast-growing community, our technical team has also been working hard to improve the ease and speed with which you can find what you need.

Because this is a significant update to the system, the main website will be in 'maintenance mode' from 7am on Saturday 11th March until 9pm on Sunday 12th March. We will carry out this work as quickly and efficiently as we can. If possible, we will get back online before 9pm on Sunday 12th March. If you have any questions, please submit a support request form on our website or email us at support@tooledupeducation.com

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!

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: YPS1103 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

UK Chess Challenge—School Round

Saturday's UK Chess Challenge tournament attracted a large entry of 70 children, with players all the way from Year 2 to Year 6.

All of the children were on fine form and every one of the 10 main titles was strongly contested.

For many of our players, the UK Chess Challenge was their first tournament experience. The Year 2s have only just mastered the basic moves of the pieces, but they all played well throughout their tournament debut.

Jayden Wang won all his games and comfortably earned the Best Boy title. Zoyaa Soni played very well too and is the new Year 2 Best Girl.

The Year 3 was very closely contested. Dara Jafari, Paari Muthukrishnan and Hugo Kelly all shared the Best Boy title and Scarlett Yang earned the Best Girl title.

Henry Stanley dominated the Year 4 section, with seven wins from seven games. This was more than enough to earn him the Best Boy title. Manha Abdullah had a great day too and she is the Year 4 Best Girl.



The Year 5 section very strong and perhaps the closest of all of the day's contests. Can Sezen eventually battled his way through to the Best Boy title and the Best Girl title was shared by Lolwa Soliman and Kaira Nalawade.

Monty Van Niekerk was on great form and powered his way to the title of Best Boy in the Year 6 section. Nikita Suryadevara and Anjali Ramisetty shared the Best Girl title.

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, entry is open to ALL chess players.



The Megafinal will be at Yarm Senior School on Sunday 30 April, 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

School Council

Attendees

Form captains, all house captains and most school captains were present (5H Form Captain and the Y3 Form Captains were absent).

This School Council meeting focused on CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES.

Form captains were asked to collate any ideas their forms had that they wanted to raise at council level about anything to do with clubs and activities in school. Ideas were collated on a Google Jamboard during form time on Monday. These were then shared in small groups before Mr Stone went through each of them.

The School Council then selected a number of ideas that would be discussed further with Mr Stone (Clubs and Activities Coordinator), as well as shared with Mr Sawyer and Prep MT by the School Captains in their weekly meeting for further discussion.

Mr Stone thanked the captains for asking their forms for their thoughts.

The School Council felt that these elements of the clubs and activities programme work well:

- A wide choice of clubs;
- A range of clubs help to keep you fit and active;
- Mix of different and specific sports;
- Extended activity options that run into clubs time;
- Monday carousel takes us out of our comfort zone;
- There is something for everyone;
- It allows us to make new friends, as well as spend time with our friends for longer;
- Teaches new skills and talents;
- You are guaranteed one of your choices (*Mr Stone also explained what happens when you do not get your first choice - captains can explain this to their form if anyone is unsure!*)

These ideas were selected by the School Council for further discussion between the School Captains, Mr Stone, Mr Sawyer and Prep MT:

- Different year groups have lunchtime art clubs on different days;
- A 'Try Before You Join' session;
- More Friday clubs, especially for Years 3/4;
- Lunchtime sports clubs;
- Extended drama clubs for each year group (until 5.15pm);
- All clubs should be mixed, not just for boys or just for girls;
- Open riding club to more year groups.
- Clubs we would like to see: Airfix, Movie Making, Swimming, Battle Robots, Martial Arts, Badminton, Cooking.

What happens now?

School captains will take these minutes to discuss with Mr Sawyer in their weekly meeting. Mr Stone will see about implementing some of the ideas into the next Clubs and Activities programme.

Our next meeting will be in May 2023.

Minutes recorded by Mr Stone.



World Book Day



6G and 6W Visit Murton Park

My favourite thing from Evacuee Day was when we went to see Mr F's shed because he had lots of things in it from the war such as: Propaganda, Gas Masks, and many more. *Lucy W.*

I enjoyed the entire day I loved the shelters and rug making but my favourite part was putting out the fire as fire guards would. *Monty v N.*

I found Murton Park very enjoyable and interesting as we got to learn a lot of facts about WW2 and we got to live how it would've been to be an evacuee and the jobs around it. *Sumi K.*

I really enjoyed: going into the Anderson shelters, learning about gas masks and trying on some homemade gas masks. *Seb D.*

My favourite activity at Murton Park was putting out the fire using a water hose. *Rehan K.*

My favourite part at Murton Park was doing the washing. It was really fun because we got to wash some clothes just like how they would in WW2! *Ciara W.*

We will find out how 6L and 6H got on at Murton Park in next week's edition!



PE and Games News

HMC Netball

Well done to Dora's team who won the Shield competition at the HMC netball tournament. They beat Hill House, St Peters A, Ashville, Dame Allan's and Barney in this event. A brilliant team effort.

Well done to Violet's team who finished 3rd out of 30 teams in the HMC netball competition. They won 6 games, drew 2 and lost just 1 game throughout the day. A great effort from the nine girls!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



HMC Football

Although the weather did its best to dampen their spirits the Yarm boys did exceptionally well at the HMC Football event at Hymers. All boys fought hard in trying conditions demonstrating teamwork, collaboration and positivity. Congratulations go towards one team as they managed to make it all the way to the Cup Final and only lost on penalties. It was a pleasure to watch both teams support and cheer each other on throughout the day. Well done!

Mr Underwood



Under 11 Hockey v St Peter's

It was 2:00 on Friday 3rd March when we were playing St Peter's. It was a home game so Yarm walked down to the Senior School to play on the astro. We were warming up when we saw St Peter's getting off their coach and getting shin pads on and we split into 2 games. The line-up of the game was Ethan Cowley in goal, Samuel Edgar in right defence, William McDonald In centre defence, Seb Dalby in left defence, Rehan Krishnamoorthy as right wing, Noah Abbas as centre mid, Joe Williamson as left wing and Auden Ashwell as striker.

The game started off as a Yarm kick-off. The ball was passed by Noah to Rehan. The ball was then passed to Seb who dribbled round a player and passed to Joe. Joe then saw Rehan in the D and passed through the defenders and before they knew it, it was 1:0 to Yarm!

Now it was St Peter's kick-off. Yarm were marking them but they managed to get a shot on goal. Ethan saw it and blocked it with his foot causing it to be a long corner. They passed it to the player in the D but Rehan tackled him and ran the length of the pitch with all the defenders chasing him. Skilfully, Rehan found the bottom left corner of the goal. Suddenly, the whistle blew 2:0 to Yarm!

Sadly their excitement didn't last for long since the St Peter's players tore through Yarm's defence sending the ball the opposite way of the diving keeper. It was now 2:1.

The whistle blew for half time and after some motivation, Yarm came on strong and ready to start off the next half. After the setback Yarm didn't let it worry them so they passed it to Noah who passed it to defence. Samuel dribbled round a player and passed to William. William then passed to Rehan who ran forwards passing it to Joe who got into the D and lined up a shot. 'BAM'! Joe sent the ball right through the keeper's legs. 3:1 to Yarm!

St Peter's then passed to one of their players who got another couple of shots on goal each of them being blocked by Ethan. One of them did end up being a long corner so St Peter's lined up the pass and it went into the D. The player swept it past the keeper. It was 3:2.

Yarm stayed strong and when they kicked off Auden tore down the centre passing it to Joe who got a shot on goal. Sadly, it was blocked by their keeper. Now Yarm took a long corner. Noah passed it to Joe and Joe got another shot on goal but it was saved. Another long



corner and Rehan took it trying to pass to Auden but it was deflected off a St Peter's defender out the pitch. Joe took the hit out and passed to Noah who sent the ball racing past the keeper's outstretched stick. 4:2 to Yarm!.

Finally, the whistle blew for the end of the match and they shook hands and paid their respects. After that they got cookies and walked back up to the Prep School chatting away talking about the match!

Joe W.

Under 10 Netball v Choristers School

On Friday 3rd March the Under 10 Girls played Chorister School (in Durham) at netball. We all really enjoyed the match even though we lost. Chorister were a very good team. Yarm girls played very well too with excellent passing, defending and shooting. I enjoyed being captain as it was very exciting doing the three cheers and deciding who would get the first centre via rock, paper, scissors, shoot!

Rebecca N.

Under 10 Hockey v St Peter's

The U10 boys visited St Peters, York. The fixtures proved to be a tough test. All of the boys showed great determination when under pressure and are continuing to grow in their understanding of the game. Many lessons can be taken from these fixtures into future games. Well done everyone.

Mr Simpson

U11 Girls' In2Hockey – North-East Regional Finals

The U11 girls took part in the North East Regional hockey finals last Thursday.

The winners from Northumberland, Cleveland, and County Durham were invited to find the best two schools ready for the North Final. In the first game v Barnard Castle the girls took some time to get going. We went a goal down quite quickly and it took us a few minutes to get back level just before half time. In the second half the girls were excellent. Lou Palmer was a nuisance up front and helped the team drive forwards and enjoy much more ball. Ellie kept us tight at the back, but we went down again with only 8 minutes left. The girls dug deep though and Bea Allcock and Daisy began to show their quality, drive the team and we scored two more goals in quick succession. 2-1 win.

We were up against RGS Newcastle (pre tournament favourites) in the second game and having lost 0-1 in the HMC hockey final, we knew they were a professional unit capable of scoring many goals. RGS created many chances and we were reduced to break away half chances. The girls worked extremely hard but POM was our GK Nona who was inspired in goal. She made save after save and I haven't seen that level of goalkeeping for many years. Her bravery and agility was outstanding and covered every inch of the D making it impossible for RGS to find the net. Final score 0-0.

With a draw and a win the girls were sitting strongly in the group with just 1 more game to go. Mowden Hall started well and took the game to us. We had to remember our strengths and the second half was a much better performance. Bea A scored a beautiful 'argy' driving in from the left which was roundly applauded by all the supporters. The final score was a 4-0 win.

RGS scored more goals on the day so they pipped us for 1st place but we finished on the same points. This means the team will go through to the North final down in Leeds on Thursday 23rd March and this is the first time in eight years the team have managed this accolade. I was very pleased by the girls and how hard they worked for each other.

Well done Daisy (c), Bea A, Ellie, Willow, Lou, Maisy and Amelie. Finally special mention to Nona whose performance will live long in the memory!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



Parent Handbooks

You can access the parent handbooks on the school website [by clicking here](#). At various points over the coming weeks, we will post some reminders and key pieces of information from the handbook.

Music lessons

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in taking part in individual peripatetic music lessons, [please fill in this form and Mr Gooding will get back to you](#).

Term Dates 2022/23

Spring 2023—Thursday 5th January—Friday 31st March 2023
(Half-term: Friday 17th—Sunday 26th February inclusive).

Summer 2023—Thursday 20th April— Friday 7th July 2023
(Half-term: Saturday 27th May—Sunday 4th June inclusive).

Clubs and Activities

Due to Parents' Evening during the week of 20th March, the following clubs will not be taking place. If you require access to After School Care as a result, please let Mr Stone know.

TUESDAY 21st: Y1 Healthy Body & Mind, Y2-4 Silver Stories, Y3/4 Mindful Activities, Y5/6 Football Squad, Y5/6 Phoenix Challenge, Y3 STEAM.

WEDNESDAY 22nd: Y1 Arty Fingers, Y3/4 Running Fun.

THURSDAY 23rd: Y1 Julia Donaldson Stories, Y2 Eco Club, Y3/4 Board Games, Y4/5 Journalling.

Telford Charity Day

14th March 2023 for RDA Unicorn Centre

Telford would like to support the Unicorn Centre, who are a member of The Riding for the Disabled Association which is the national charity for riding and driving for the disabled, and physiotherapy on horseback. They help children and adults with disabilities by providing horse riding lessons and therapy sessions. The charity has been based at a specially built riding centre in Hemlington, Middlesbrough, since 1998, so this year they are celebrating their 25th anniversary!

It takes a lot of money to look after their 15 horses, pay the wages of all the people who work at the Centre and pay the bills for things like the horses' food and bedding, vets bills, equipment, wages, electricity and water bills – in fact it comes to over £200,000 a year!

It is the intention of our house to raise awareness and money for the Unicorn Centre. On Tuesday 14th March we will run a charity event with each pupil in Years 3-6 paying £1 to the charity. Form teachers will collect the money during

registration. In order to raise awareness children can wear a bright piece of clothing or something horse/unicorn themed.

On the day, our Y6 pupils will also run various stalls such as a tombola, "guess the number of sweets in the jar" and various challenges. Therefore, it would be wonderful if your child/children can also bring in small amounts of change e.g. 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins (no more than £5) in order to participate in the events. There will be prizes up for grabs!

Telford House staff

Red Nose Day/Prep Disco

RED NOSE DAY AND PREP NEW YEAR DISCO - Friday 18th March

Friday 17th March is going to be a busy day for the children in the Prep School. 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, all 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.



PREP DISCO FOR YEARS 3-6

The disco will take place in the Prep School hall on **Friday 17th 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 **Monday 13th 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 Monday 13th 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

Prep Squash Club

Our Prep School Squash Club meets after school every Thursday, under the tutelage of Johnny Buckton at Yarm Squash Club. It has been great to see how the children are developing their skills and beginning to employ them in matches too, all while having fun with their friends.



Last week, half of the group played a mini tournament, while the other half enjoyed some coaching. Well done to Brian Franks who won the tournament, just ahead of Florence Phillips. The roles will be reversed in the next session, with those who did not play in the tournament having a go this time.

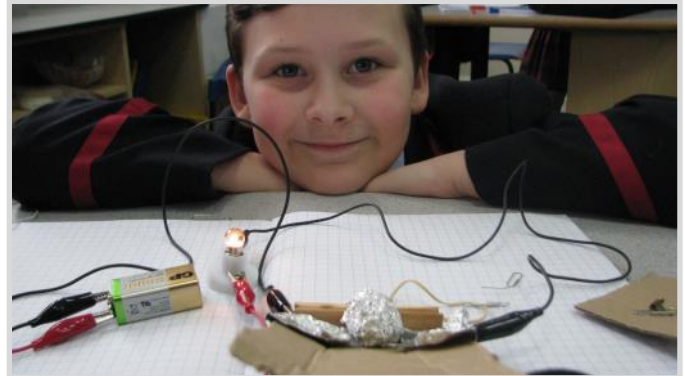
Mr Stone



Year 4 Making Switches

Year 4 have been making switches as part of their 'Electricity' topic in science.

Miss Ward



Easter Holiday School

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Easter Holiday School which will run from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April. Our Holiday School is for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School children only.

Due to the increase in entry fees and other costs involved with Holiday School, the price per child per day will be £40. Please note, payment will only be accepted once places have been confirmed by myself via email and will be taken via BACS or via childcare vouchers if you are eligible

Once places have been confirmed, parents have 72 hours to amend or cancel any bookings, after this payment will be expected in full within 7 days. If payment is not received after 7 days any confirmed places will be reallocated.

We are pleased to confirm that for a trial period of 12 months we will be accepting payment of the holiday school charges via childcare vouchers should you wish to use this method of payment. Childcare vouchers are offered by some employers for their staff as a tax efficient method of paying for qualifying childcare. For those parents who do not have access to this type of scheme via their employer the Government provides a similar scheme called "tax free childcare". For more information including eligibility criteria

please visit <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>. If you would like to pay via childcare vouchers/tax free childcare please ensure that you indicate this will be your method of payment on the booking form and then make the payment via your childcare voucher provider for the exact amount of holiday school payment due.

Yarm School is already registered with the following schemes, so should be available as an option for childcare provider when you request the vouchers: Enjoy Benefits, Allsave, Kiddi vouchers, Edenred, Computershare, Fidelity, RG Childcare, Care-4, Sodexo, Tax Free Childcare (Government Scheme).

If your employer runs a scheme not listed above please [contact Julie Robson in the Finance Office](#) prior to requesting vouchers via your employer.

Please note that these vouchers cannot be used for school fees or extras and any payment in excess of the holiday school charge will be refunded to your tax free childcare account less an administration fee.

Nursery Parents: As per the Nursery January Termly Letter (January 2023), your child must be toilet trained and not in pull ups to attend Holiday School due to the nature of the activities and excursions.

The timings for the days will remain as usual from 8am to 5pm. A timetable of the trips has been attached to the booking email and a further email will be sent out if any specific clothing/equipment is required closer to the start of Holiday School.

Places on all days are limited and the deadline for applications is 3pm on Friday 17th March. Please only book for the days that you require. [The booking link can be found here.](#)

If there are any changes to your plans at any time, please contact holidayschool@yarmschool.org.

Mr Simpson

Coming up at the PAA

One Night in Dublin—[Click here for tickets](#)

ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN is coming to Yarm when The Wild Murphy's will set up Murphy's Pub here at The Princess Alexandra Auditorium, guaranteeing one glorious night of high-energy Irish Music and more than a little bit of Irish Craic.



In their own inimitable style, multi-award-winning Irish tribute band The Wild Murphy's perform classics tracks including: Galway Girl, Tell Me Ma, Dirty Old Town, The Irish Rover, Brown Eyed Girl, Seven

Drunken Nights, Sally MacLennane, When You Were Sweet Sixteen, Whiskey in the Jar, Wild Rover and Molly Malone, guaranteed to have the audience's hands clapping and toes tapping all night long.

West End Magic—[Click here for tickets](#)

London's longest-running theatre magic show, direct from the Leicester Square Theatre, presents some of the most exciting names in magic & variety in the UK.

An exciting, family-friendly show offering an amazing mixture of magic, comedy and variety acts, featuring British Champion of Magic Oliver Tabor, magical compere Wayne Trice plus special guest acts.



Since 2013, the regular London based show runs throughout the year featuring incredible award-winning magic, mind reading mysteries, hilarious comedy and can include ventriloquism, juggling and crazy stunts.

The perfect treat for all the family, suitable for ages 5 to 105. Guaranteed to deliver the best in magic, illusion, comedy and variety.

YPSSC News

YPSSC is looking for a new Treasurer

Would you like to be part of a dynamic and fun team?

Would you like to be involved in organising school events for children and parents?

Do you like counting money?

If you are interested in finding out more, we'd love to hear from you, please email ypssc@hotmail.com.

Thank you to Ian Peaceful, who is retiring from the role at the end of this financial year, for giving his all as our Treasurer for the past 12 months.

YPSSC



Akansha's Harp Success

Last weekend I participated in the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival. I am extremely proud to say that I won First place in the Grade 1-3 Elementary Lever Harp category and Yarm School Harp ensemble (who I played in as well) won first place. I



particularly enjoyed playing Sea Breeze - my first solo piece - as I got wonderful comments from the adjudicator.

All the performers played brilliantly and I thoroughly enjoyed watching the other categories. From this experience I learnt the importance of taking a breath and preparing yourself before a performance.

I am very grateful to my teacher (Miss Paterson) for supporting me with both my practice and my performance.

Akansha M.

Table Tennis Club

Our Tuesday after school table tennis club continues to prove to be both popular and great fun. Under the expert tutelage of Dr Perry and Malcolm Corking, the group of Year 5 and 6 children participate in skills sessions, fun games and the occasional tournament.



Mr Stone

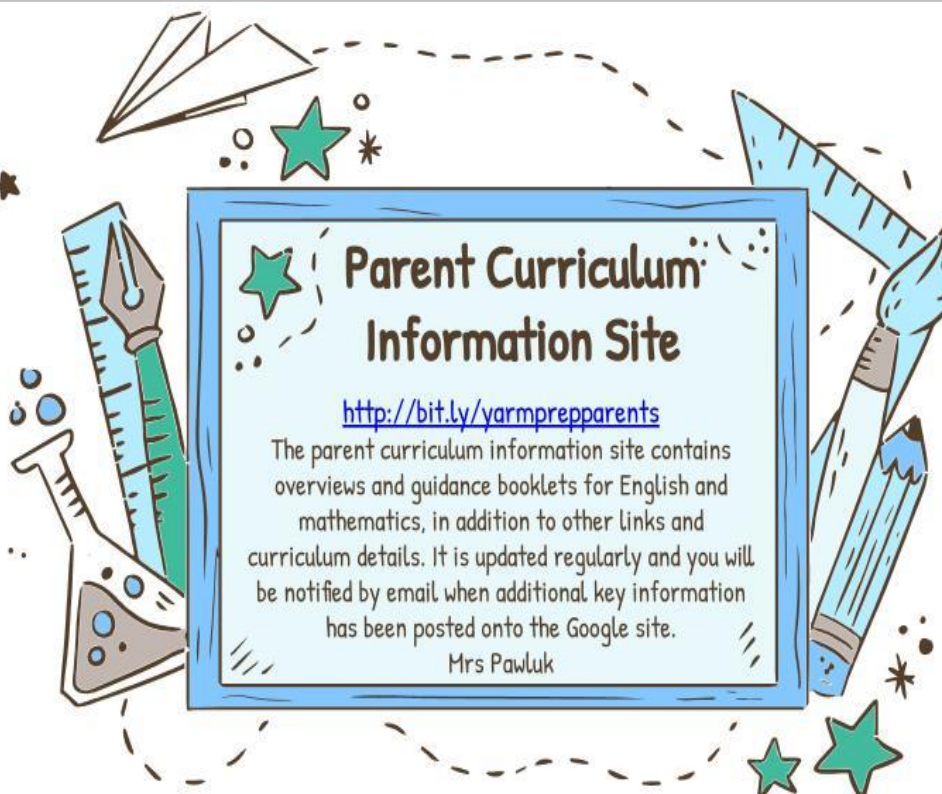


Internet Safety

All Yarm School families can join Parent Zone's Digital Schools programme, giving you access to stacks of resources and training about what children getting up to online.

[Click here for full details.](http://bit.ly/yarmpreparents)

Mr Stone



The Yarm Times

The tiger prowls in the zoo

Tiger loose on the streets of Yarm!

By BENJAMIN WHITE

On the 3rd March 2023, a tiger from a zoo in Eaglescliffe escaped. After days of tracking, zookeepers finally found the tiger. This may seem like good news, however it was terrorising the citizens of Yarm on the streets. Earlier this morning, we managed to get an interview from some of the spectators of this terrifying event.

"I do not know how on earth that wretched tiger got there, but somebody needed to get it out of here. It nearly killed my 4 year old child," screamed a horrified woman.

"I was meant to be having a party with some of my friends today, but because of the intimidating tiger, it has been cancelled," shouted a frustrated man.

All this chaos meant there was severe danger in town. Schools were closed down because it was too dangerous for children to attend; shopkeepers are losing money as nobody is coming to their shops; people are having to cancel plans and none of the citizens are coming out of their homes until the coast is clear.

Fortunately, our reporters have managed to get hold of Sunshine Zoo (the owners of the loose tiger) to get an exact plan of how to stop this madness, before it is too late.



"When we found out that Charles the tiger managed to escape from his home, I called the zoo manager straight away, who managed to get hold of the coordinates of the tiger," explained a zoo keeper.

"We decided the safest course of action would be to get in a helicopter with a tranquiliser gun and fly to the streets of Yarm. However, this won't be easy because we will need to have the most accurate shooter as we cannot afford any mistakes by hitting a human with the gun because it can kill someone," said the manager.

When the news van drove to where the tiger was said to be, it was chasing one of the citizens who decided to go out and buy some raw meat. Not only is it incredibly dangerous to go out on the streets with a tiger on the loose, the person also risked their life. Luckily, the tiger was shot by the tranquiliser in the helicopter and the person wasn't hurt. The tiger is now safely in the zoo and everybody is safe.



Charles the Tiger prepares to chase a citizen with meat in his hand.

However, not everyone escaped unharmed, some people were sat in hospital and very badly injured from being bitten and some people fainted from the shock of the incident as they were so scared.

In the evening, the tiger expert from Sunshine Zoo found out where the tiger escaped.

"I can see a little hole in the fence which is big enough for Charles to fit through. However, this is not a design fault, it has been gnawed away by the tiger's powerful teeth and jaws," she said.

The employees at Sunshine zoo guessed that the habitat the tiger was in wasn't satisfactory and was not like its usual home in the jungle. They decided it would be a very good idea to change the habitats the animals were in and make sure their enclosures are more stimulating for them before all of the zoo decide to escape onto Yarm High Street. Whilst this was a terrifying incident, it is great to hear that the zoo animals' welfare is being improved.

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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 devices 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 iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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Key Dates

MARCH 2023

Mon 13	LCM examinations week House Chess—Matchday 1
Tue 14	Telford Charity Morning Y5 London trip—Zoom meeting for parents (email gns@yarmschool.org for details) Y1 Stay and Play (8.40-9.30am) U8 Football v DCSF (away; 2pm start, 4.15pm return) U11 Hymers Rugby Sevens (12pm start, 5pm return)
Wed 15	Prep Duologues performance (4pm; Prep Hall) House Chess—Matchday 2
Thu 16	Year 5 Good Work Assembly U9 Hockey v Dame Allan's (away; 2pm start, 4.15pm return) U9 Netball v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start) Reception trip to Locomotion, Shildon
Fri 17	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief Prep New Year Disco (Prep Hall; 6-7.30pm) U11 HMC Hockey (11am start, 3.45pm return; venue TBC) U10/11 Netball v Dame Allan's (TBC) U10/11 Netball v Gateways & Ashville (at Ashville; 2pm start, 4.30pm return) Bring Mothers/Grandmothers to Pre-Prep Day
Mon 20	ABRSM examinations this week Parents' Evening (4-6pm) Last Year 3 swimming of the year Clubs and activities finish this week Year 4 Drama Week House Chess—Matchday 3 Show Racism the Red Card—Year 5 workshops Year 4 Good Work assembly
Tue 21	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)

Wed 22	House assemblies Curiosity Emporium
Thu 23	In2Hockey Girls' U11 Northern Final (Leeds; details TBC) Yarm Year 4 Netball & Football Tournaments (Prep; 11.30am-2.30pm) Year 3 Good Work assembly
Fri 24	Clubs and activities finish by this date Year 4 Drama Performance (Prep Hall; 4.15pm) U11 Football v Durham (away; 2pm start, 5pm return)
Mon 27	Y5 London trip departs Year 6 French Week

[You can find the Yarm School calendar by clicking here](#)

Solution to previous Head's Challenge:

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Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Aditi K,	Amani R.
3H	Shanvi P.	Dara J.
4G	Meadow E.	Annalise D.
4J	Rosa W.	Jack M.
4N	Isla R.	Cooper W,
5F	Violet F.	Zoe X.
5H	Anwita D.	Hugo M.
5K	Heidi K.	James A.
6G	Anjali R.	Eva M.
6H	Imogen P.	Dorothy W.
6L	Miguel RM.	Charlie M.
6W	Willow A.	Alex W.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 3: Monty B., Hugo K.

Year 4: Ciny Z.

Year 5: Thea S., Sylvia D., Laurel G., Satoshi Y.

Year 6: Bea M., Emma A., Jack S., Miguel RM.