

The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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INSIDE THIS WEEK... House Chess begins... More Year 6 at Murton Park... Snow day!...

A message from Mr Sawyer

ead all about it! Read all about it in the Phoenix Flier which gives you all the news you need on Prep School life. We have enjoyed another week of enthusiasm and engagement across the school. The arrival of snow towards the end of last week certainly made for much entertainment! Massive thanks go to our Estates team who worked tirelessly to keep the school open, paths clear and the car park well gritted. Schools run on a team basis with everyone doing their bit to keep the wheels turning. We are fortunate for the earnest support offered by all departments here at Yarm. The team work extends beyond school too as we aim to forge and sustain links with our families. Schools and families working in alignment is undoubtedly key to a child's success. With this in mind, we look forward to our forthcoming parent consultations next week. Whether you are joining remotely or are coming into school I hope they go well and allow you to share in the achievements of your children.

It was a pleasure to watch the children perform tonight in our Prep Duologues competition for Years 3-6. They displayed superb ambition and resourcefulness in their efforts. It takes courage to seize the opportunity that such a competition presents and creativity to add colour and character to the delivery of dramatic pieces. This was most certainly in abundance and it bodes well for the future, not only as a life skill but also as a means of enjoyment of the performing arts. Bravo!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?



Photo of the Week: An unexpected turn in the weather led to an impromptu snowman building competition last Friday! More pictures inside.

Tooled Up Education

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week; an optimal time to consider neurodiversity in more colour and to think about what we can do in our own lives as parents to make the world a little bit more inclusive and welcoming towards those that might see or think differently.

We are always interested in learning more about Neurodiversity at Tooled Up so, on Friday 21st April we are delighted to be hosting our first all-day live online conference to increase our understanding of autism and to allow researchers, parents, and educators to come together in a shared space.

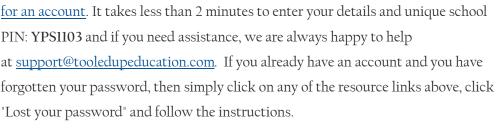
We'll be chatting to experts about optimal learning environments, autism and mental health, partnerships with parents and ambition, aspiration and employability. We will also include some 'lived experiences' throughout the day from parents who advocate for their children, as well as from people with autism who will talk about what has helped them on their life journey. You can register and find a full list of speakers with details here.

In the meantime, you can explore various fantastic <u>resources</u> on the topic in the <u>Tooled Up library</u> or check out this quick guide to neurodiversity which lays out the most important things parents need to know from current research and what you can do to help your child if they are neurodivergent.

As it is also British Science Week in the UK. Make sure that you browse our science related content which includes a bunch of fun quizzes and facts that you can all check out as a family. We can always do more to promote science and STEM at home, so let yourself get inspired by browsing our resources!

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!

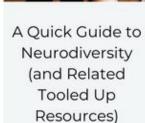
A quick reminder As a parent at a Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click here to register for an account. It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: YPS1103 and if you need assistance, we 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



Dr Kathy Weston

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.

Mr Stone





Online Autism Conference

House Chess—Matchday 1

The top eight players from each of the four Houses are currently testing their strength against each other and the first round brought an explosive and highly competitive start to the championship.

Brunel beat Arkwright, 7-5, after a very tough and extremely close match.

Udham and Hugo won two games each, Kaira and Phoenix both one game each and then Monty Bowen and captain Monty Van Niekerk added valuable draws to the Brunel tally.

Meanwhile, Captain Miles won two games for Arkwright, Miguel and Marawan won one game each and draws were earned by Paari and Edward.

In the other room, Stephenson ensured they would be the early championship leaders, with a convincing 11-5 victory over Telford.

Captain Can continued his excellent form with two wins, then Anjali and Lolwa added two more. Benjamin and Stan both won one game and drew one and Griff

and Samuel also won one game

each.

Telford found the going tough, but they still won some fine games. Their top scorers were Eric and Kavan, with a win and a draw each. Rory and Nikita added further points to Telford's team score.

Stephenson currently top the table on 'goal difference', with Brunel snapping at their heels, while Arkwright and Telford are still in contention for the title, but they need to start winning – and quickly.

Two rounds remain. Who will be the 2023 champions?

Mr Marsh

















Snow Day!

















We have a huge and varied stock of preloved uniform available.

Boys & Girls Blazers
Coats & Cagoules
Hats
Summer uniform
Winter Uniform
Games Kit Items
PE kit Items

From Nursery through to Year 6.

Prices start from £1!

If you are looking to add to your uniform wardrobe or simply want a few spares, visit our website www.ypssc.co.uk or scan the QR code below to complete a stock check/order form.

All clean and reusable donations of outgrown uniform are welcome too- just bag them up and either pass them on to a committee member or d

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Year 6 Telford Enterprise Sweet Challenge

In the Monday Enterprise carousel activity, one of the things you do is to try to create a new sweet for a shop. We had to think of the four P's of marketing: product, price, promotion and place. Akansha and I teamed up together to create a millionaire shortbread which had a special twist (honeycomb in the caramel and gold spray). We called our new product 'Magic Caramel Crunch'. The products that we all made were brought into school and everyone tried each others. I really enjoyed this lesson.

Веа М.

In Enterprise this week we had the challenge to create a new dessert or chocolate and design a brand and price for them (using the 4 Ps of marketing: Product, Price, Promotion and Place) everyone would then taste them. Bea and I created millionaire shortbread with added honeycomb, caramel sprinkles and gold spray. We called our creation 'Magic Caramel Crunch'. They would be priced at £1 each and we would sell them at big events like parties or festivals. We tried each other's sweets and commented on them. I enjoyed this activity a lot because it helped us to understand business and how to design a new product.

Akansha M.













6H and 6L Visit Murton Park

It really created an image of an evacuee's life for me, and I obtained much knowledge about not just evacuees, but about World War 2 in general. The activities were entertaining, and helped us understand more about the tasks that were done back then.

Navina M.

My favourite thing at Murton Park was putting the fire out using water I liked working together on this.

Imogen P.

My favourite thing to do in Murton Park was the butter shaping where we got to use big wooden spatulas to compact it into a cube like you would buy at a supermarket.

Edward W.

My favourite thing about Murton Park was learning about the types of bombs and how to defuse them with water.

Udham C.





















PE and Games News

Under 10 Netball v Red House

It was great for our U10s to pitch themselves against Red House last Friday. Despite playing some U11s they adjusted well to the pace of the game and competed well in the second halves. With many games cancelled with the snow I was pleased we could fulfil this set of fixtures.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Under 11 Mowden Sevens Tournament

The U11 7s team travelled to a cold Mowden Hall School for their annual 7s Tournament. Over the course of the afternoon the boys had a mixed bag of results. The boys grew into their matches and ended up beating RGS, who has won every other game that afternoon. Everyone showed great commitment throughout and we ended scoring some really good tries. Overall, the afternoon proved to be a good learning experience heading into the 7s at Hymers.

Mr Simpson

Under 11 Hymers Sevens

The U11 boys took part in the annual Hymers 7's competition the team started slowly and built into the competition. There were many good performances especially against St Peter's, Birkdale and Scarborough College. This competition proved to be a good learning experience for everyone.

Mr Simpson

FIXTURES PRO

To find out how to access the Fixtures Pro website and see where the children are playing and when, click here.







Year 5 Community Group

The Year 5 community group have made bird feeders for around the school.

Mr Frank

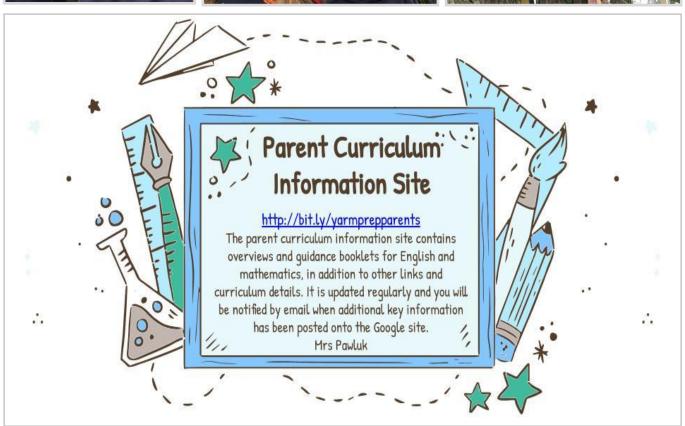












Parent Handbooks

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, <u>please fill in this form and Mr Gooding will get back to you</u>.

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.

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 <u>contact Julie Robson in the Finance Office</u> 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

Plastic bottles—HELP!

We were delighted to welcome Jasmine Scollay, a student from our Sixth Form, to assembly on Wednesday. Jasmine presented an assembly about the importance of recycling plastic, sharing some startling statistics regarding how many plastic bottles are thrown away everyday.

Wanting to do something about this, as well as using it as the impetus for her EPQ project, Jasmine is collected plastic bottles of all shapes, sizes and colours. With these, she will be

making a greenhouse! To help her, we would like all children to bring in some plastic bottles from home and put them in our big recycling bin, underneath the school clock.

Mr Stone

Year 5 Sustainable Craft

Brunel have started various projects this week during their sustainable craft session. From rock painting to origami using up scraps of paper. Well done for being resourceful and adaptable Brunel.







Year 4 Arkwright Italian

Year 4 Arkwrightians have been making pasta with Pippa from the kitchen in their Italian activity this week. Bellissima!

Miss Ward





Jeans for Genes Day

We raised a total of £244.95 for our recent Jeans for Genes Day for Kabuki UK. Well done everyone!

Mrs White

Year 5/6 Darkroom Photography

What do you get if you mix instant coffee, vitamin C, water and Cillit Bang? It turns out you get a very smelly and undrinkable mixture. It's called caffenol and you can use it to develop black and white films. We made some in the lab to see if it would work.

We weighed everything out precisely and mixed it carefully. We noticed that the chemical reaction raised the temperature by 7 degrees: this is called an exothermic reaction.

We'd been working on classic portrait photography, and a technique called Rembrandt lighting, so we developed the film in our caffenol. It worked! What do you think?





Mr Gooding

Informal Concert

Last week's Prep Concert was a lovely occasion. We focused mainly on younger players this time, although there were some notable solos from pupils further up the school.

The event was bookended by performances from the Prep Orchestra, once again in fine form, playing *Daisy Chain Wlatz* and *King Tut's Strut*. The Brass Ensemble gave us Blue Shift by David Frost and the String Ensemble a spirited performance of Simple Syncopation.

Both in ensembles and amongst the soloists we had a good number of pupils who were giving their first ever public performance. They all played beautifully. Such performing experiences and ensembles are vital in growing the next generation of musicians. Next time you hear a professional concert, remember: this is where it starts.

Our next concert will be at 4 p.m. on 3rd May. As well as more solos and contributions from our normal ensembles, our combined choirs (around 70 singers) will be giving a concert performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Prep music is alive, well and growing, so don't miss it!

Mr Gooding

Telford Charity Day

Well done to everyone who took part in the Telford Charity Day. A grand total of £593.30p was raised for The Unicorn Riding Centre!

Telford Team

Coming up at the PAA



Crazy Comedy Company

In the last 18 months the funtastic four have played an astonishing 200 shows to over 250,000 people on a packed tour headlining at Butlin's resorts and in their own shows at Blackpool's viva Showroom and Edinburgh Festival.

Together they present the freshest and funniest new family show in the business suitable for all ages including seniors and adults without kids!

Stars Live



For the first time together, we will see amazing musical performances from your favourite TV Stars, LIVE on stage!

Ben and Holly will sing some of their favourite songs with help from the magical Nanny Plum. The PJ Masks heroes, fresh from a new adventure, will show the kids that they can be a hero too! And last but not least, we have a very special performance from My Little Pony that will get every ponies hooves stomping.

Joining our headline acts are the amazing Mr Potato Head and Mrs Potato Head who are super excited to be hosting the show and who may also have a surprise or two in store. Mr. Monopoly will be making sure that everything is in order back stage and will also be sure to make an appearance in the stage show of the year!

Get ready for fun, laughter and lots of singing and dancing in the unique multi-character live stage show.

Science and DT Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce our first ever Science Ambassadors and DT Ambassadors at the Prep School! The children will meet regularly to bring their ideas (and those of their forms) on how to make the subjects better at school.

Miss Ward

Science Ambassadors

3B Aditi K.

3H Sajan G.

4G Imogen C.

4J Alia M.

4N Rory B.

5F Eric PF.

5H Lolwa S.and Ollie B.

5K Pradyoth K.

6L Dora B.

6G Monty vN.

6H Jack S.

6W Akansha M.

D&T Ambassadors

3B Lizzie R.

3H Dara J.

4G Benjamin H.

4J Rosa W.

4N Amaya S.

5F Kaira N.

5H Ollie B.

5K Harry H.

6L Seth T.

6G Arvind K.

6H Udum C.

6W Janakai M. and Navina M.

Last week of term reminder:

Please note, during the last week of term. Nursery will finish at 3pm and Pre-Prep will finish at 3.15pm each day. **There is no after school care on Friday 30/3.**

Yarm Daily News

12th March 2023

A mammoth discovery



Just last week, a mammoth footprint was found in the snow outside a cave in the Cairngorms. Nobody knows where it came from, but research from palaeontologists shows that it is fresh, but better still genuine! Locals are terrified that a mammoth is still alive from the last Ice Age(the Holocene) and roaming the forest nearby. A resident dog walker, Danny Mc Gregor had this to say about it, "I was out in the woods walking my wee dog Hamish and he ran off and I couldn't find him for an hour. When I did find him he was rolling in a huge pile of dung! I would like to be assured this is mammoth scat not that of a T-rex."

Also trees in the area have been going down mysteriously and are found in crumpled heaps on the forest floor. Tourist Nina Whitehound said "With all the trees going down and the talk about the mammoth, I'm almost too scared to go for a walk in the forest!" Evidence suggests an enormous, mammoth sized creature has been knocking them down in its quest to make a pathway through the trees.

Finally coarse hair has been found in clumps of hawthorn bushes near the footprint. It has been tested and analysed with other specimens and it is certified mammoth fur. Wolfgang Grandmann, local analyst, said "I am hoping the fur is just fox fur and they got the test results wrong or the village is in complete danger!" Other locals disagree. They say if the mammoth is real then they will get more tourism and money for the local economy.

With a storm approaching the Cairngorms, things are looking down for the mammoth. There are no known places big enough to hold such an immense beast. Another sad thing is all the turf the mammoth needs to survive could be washed away in the heavy rains. The good news is the research the scientists have done has proven the animal to be a male specimen which means the locals could be expecting tusks as well as a trunk to be knocking on their doors for shelter! Could the mammoth be coming to your place?

Year 6 Drama Week(30th January3rd February)

Year 6 Drama Week was the best. Everyone thought so. Thanks to Alice all the children got to participate and put on a fantastic show for the parents by the end of the week. They learnt 5 songs, four dances and several scenes. Here is what one of the children had to say. "I, Alex, got to perform as 'Scary Spice' in the second to last scene. I think everyone will agree with me that we had the most fun this year so far!"



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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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about

people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life ...

MAKE YOUR INTEREST

BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

Don't worry if you don to their ately know the answers to their

REMIND YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

y role I work with many children young people who admit being tant to teil a trusted adult about nful content they've viewed online, in it leads to having their devices iscated. Emphasise to your child that re always there to listen and help; sure them that if they do view harmful ent, then they are not to blame – but ng about it openly will help. Children ildn't be expected to be resilient nst abuse or feel that it's their job to ent it.

KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking with your child about their digital lives. could try using everyday situations to ask stions about their online experiences.

DISCUSS THAT NOT **EVERYTHING WE** ONLINE IS REAL

TRY TO REMAIN CALM

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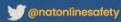
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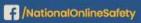


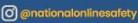


National #WakeUpWednesday









Key Dates

MARCH 2023

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

6G & 1/3 6W Bikeability

Nursery finishes at 3pm this week

Pre-Prep finishes at 3.15pm this week

Tue 28 6H & 1/3 6W Bikeability

Wed 29 6L & 1/3 6W Bikeability

Lost property handed in by this date

Thu 30 Year 5 return from London

Fri 31 End of term

No after school care

Dance Assembly (9.50am; Prep Hall)

Lost property assembly

End of term assembly

APRIL 2023

Sat 1 Year 6 Edinburgh Sports Tour departs

Mon 3 Easter Holiday School commences

Edinburgh Sports Tour returns

Thu 6 Easter Holiday School finishes

Thu 20 Pupils return

Summer Term begins

Nursery finishes at 3pm this week

Pre-Prep finishes at 3.15pm this week

Fri 21 Ramadan celebrations

Mon 24 Prep clubs and activities begin

Tue 25 Whole School photograph (9am)

You can find the Yarm School calendar by clicking here

Solution to previous Head's Challenge:

A bed

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Alice J.	Austin O.
3H	Bertie H.	Emily W.
4G	Thomas M.	Lottie L.
4 J	William G.	George Y.
4N	Elliott E.	Max J.
5F	Ronav G.	Kaira N.
5Н	Ollie B.	Joey P.
5К	Anjana D.	Can S.
6G	Oliver A.	Monty v N.
6Н	Pippa J.	Tiger C.
6L	Oliver X.	Louisa P.
6W	Matthew R.	Olivia J.