

The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the final half-term of the academic year. I hope that everyone enjoyed a fruitful and restful break during the week away from school over half term. We have returned to the bustle of school life once more and we have a host of brilliant events and activities coming up in the next few weeks to ensure we finish the year in celebratory style. Mr Stone has listed all of the final events coming up in the next few weeks, please check your inboxes for his email and where applicable book your tickets via the request form. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to school soon.

Next week we host our Induction Day when all pupils will meet their new Form Teachers. They will have the opportunity to engage in a host of fun team building activities and start to look ahead to the next stage in their Yarm School journey. Parents will find out which teachers their children will have at the end of the day. All in all it is a fun, action packed experience for current and new pupils.

Looking further ahead we have our Summer Fair. Please, if you can, make the effort to come along to this wonderful community event. Our Social Committee and our Year 6 pupils have been hard at work to make sure the afternoon is a great success. I thank you in advance for your support.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: How can $5 + 5 + 5 = 550$?



Photo of the Week: Year 6 enjoyed a week of brilliant experiences and equally brilliant weather in the Lakes prior to half-term. Memories and pictures inside.

Tooled Up Education

Now that June is well underway and the sun has been shining (a little) here in the UK, summer feels like it's almost here. Exams will soon be over and during the coming month or so, we might start to think about plans for the summer break.

The end of exams will be welcomed by many families within the next week or so. Partying isn't the only way to mark the occasion and it's good to remind teens that there are many more options for unwinding and rewarding their hard work. If you need some inspiration, check out our [list of 20 fun and varied activities](#). Whilst assessments are still ongoing, don't forget that we've got various resources in the library which focus on [staying calm](#), [engaging with nature](#), [mindfulness](#), [being creative](#) and [taking care of ourselves](#).

In light of the tragic deaths at Bournemouth Beach and with many of us contemplating trips to the seaside, we'd like to draw your attention to our advice on [water safety](#), drawn from the best sources and with links to further information. If you're feeling inspired to plan your summer, we can offer plenty of help.

Our summer packing lists for [children](#) and [teens](#) are a great way to cultivate useful life skills and build their confidence, and we also have a [packing checklist](#) ideal for any teen planning their first festival experience. Our [holiday](#) section is packed full of everything from [planners](#) to beach science ideas for both [children](#) and [teens](#). We've also just published our [top tips](#) for fun and quirky days out this summer and will soon be updating our useful list of holiday camps and activities (watch this space).

We'll soon be updating our list of summer camps and activities. If you have any great suggestions, do [let us know](#).

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 "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

Dr Kathy Weston



Keeping Calm: Exercises to Relax and Control Anxiety



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Children



Water Safety and Drowning Prevention



My Wellbeing Journal



30 Calming Drawing Ideas



Calming Mindfulness Apps for Children and Teens

Year 6 Lakes residential

My favourite memory of the Lakes is probably ghyll scrambling because it was very fun to walk up a stream and jump off all the cliffs that were there to.

Anjali R.

I enjoyed the hill climb due to the spectacular views and incredible historical sites.

Sam E.

My favourite part was the ghyll scrambling and going up the waterfalls and jumping off huge rocks.

Monty vN.

We went sailing on Wednesday and we had to pull the sail while someone steered and keep going around and round. It was really fun learning a new skill.

Sumi K.

My most memorable memory was when Max rammed into Ellie and nearly capsized our boat by making hard turns and due to us ramming into Ellie, she fell off.

Marawan S.

My favourite part of the lakes trip was doing the ghyll scrambling with Jake and jumping of the highest jumps allowed and going under the water fall.

Will M.

My favourite activity was definitely sailing because I loved how me and Harlowe (who was my partner) were able to control the boat and go as fast as we could. It was amazing!

Emma A.

My favourite memory was when we went sailing and I was on a boat with Maisy, we got capsized together but when I had to help her up I was laughing too hard so I couldn't.

Lucy W.

I had so much fun! I loved the evening activities; we were challenged and pushed to our limits. The midges weren't on our good side but as a whole: It was a brilliant trip!

Thomas F.





I have had an amazing time at the Lakes District. The best thing was taking part in ghyll scrambling. The midges weren't the highlight of the trip!! We made GREAT memories.

Willow A.

My favourite part was ghyll scrambling. We jumped off waterfalls and swam in deep pools. We played lots of fun games and it was so exiting.

Annabelle A.

My favourite part of the lakes trip was the food and sailing.

Alex W.





YPSSC Summer Fun Fair 2023

Colours

Wear your brightest colours!!!

Friday 23rd June 2023 @ Prep School

Prep Children 2-5pm

Pre Prep with grown ups from 2.30pm

Year 6 stalls & Games

Fairground Rides*

Archery* – Mini Golf* - Gel Aim*

Food stands

Stalls, stands & tombola

Tom Rolfe entertainment*

Petting Zoo*

Hamper Raffle

****CASH ONLY****

For the grown ups...

Summer Mini Bar TBC

www.ypssc.co.uk

KIDS
£5 wrist band
unlimited ride
access
£2 adult entry

Summer Fair LATEST

Friday 23rd June - 2-5pm

We are delighted to announce the full return of our annual Summer Fair, taking place this year on Friday 23rd June (2-5pm) with the theme this year being 'Colours'. 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. £15 max in change/coins (no notes please) 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.
- Parents can buy a rides wristband prior to the event. There will be a wide range of fairground rides for the children to go on, with a wristband being available to purchase before the fair for £5. **Please see the details regarding this on the next page.**
- 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, football and drama will not be taking place.

A message from the YPSSC:

There will be rides, stalls, animals, games and delicious snacks, food and ice creams! Tom Rolfe will also be making an appearance with an exclusive mini show down in Pre-Prep first. As it is a non-uniform day why not dress in your brightest colours!

Wrist bands can be bought for £5 from our website - www.ypssc.co.uk - which allow for unlimited ride access. Pre-ordered wristbands will be given to your child by their teacher at 2pm on Fair day; additional wrist bands will be available on the gate. All other stalls will take only cash. Grown-ups £2 entry.



In addition to all this fun and excitement we will be doing our Colourful Hamper raffle- more details of how to take part to follow. Tickets will be £2 each and available to buy through the website as well as being sent home with your children, and also available on the day.

There are so many ways to be involved and enjoy the Funfair- donate some prizes, volunteer some time, but most importantly come and enjoy the fun of the funfair!

To get in touch email us ypssc@yarmschool.org or visit our website or join the whatsapp groups for updates:

YPSSC official - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C8LBv1LGyN053t9HVOADaM>

YPSSC volunteers - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/4d23P8hXCZJJrcgwND8QjT>

See you at the Fair!

[CLICK HERE to buy your Summer Fair raffle tickets and ride wristbands!](#)

YPSSC Summer Fair

Volunteers Wanted!!

We appreciate volunteers valuable time in helping with YPSSC events.

We are now looking for volunteers for the summer fair-

****Thursday 22 June from 2pm to sort donations**

****Friday 23 June 12-2pm for setting up**

****2-5pm to attend stalls**

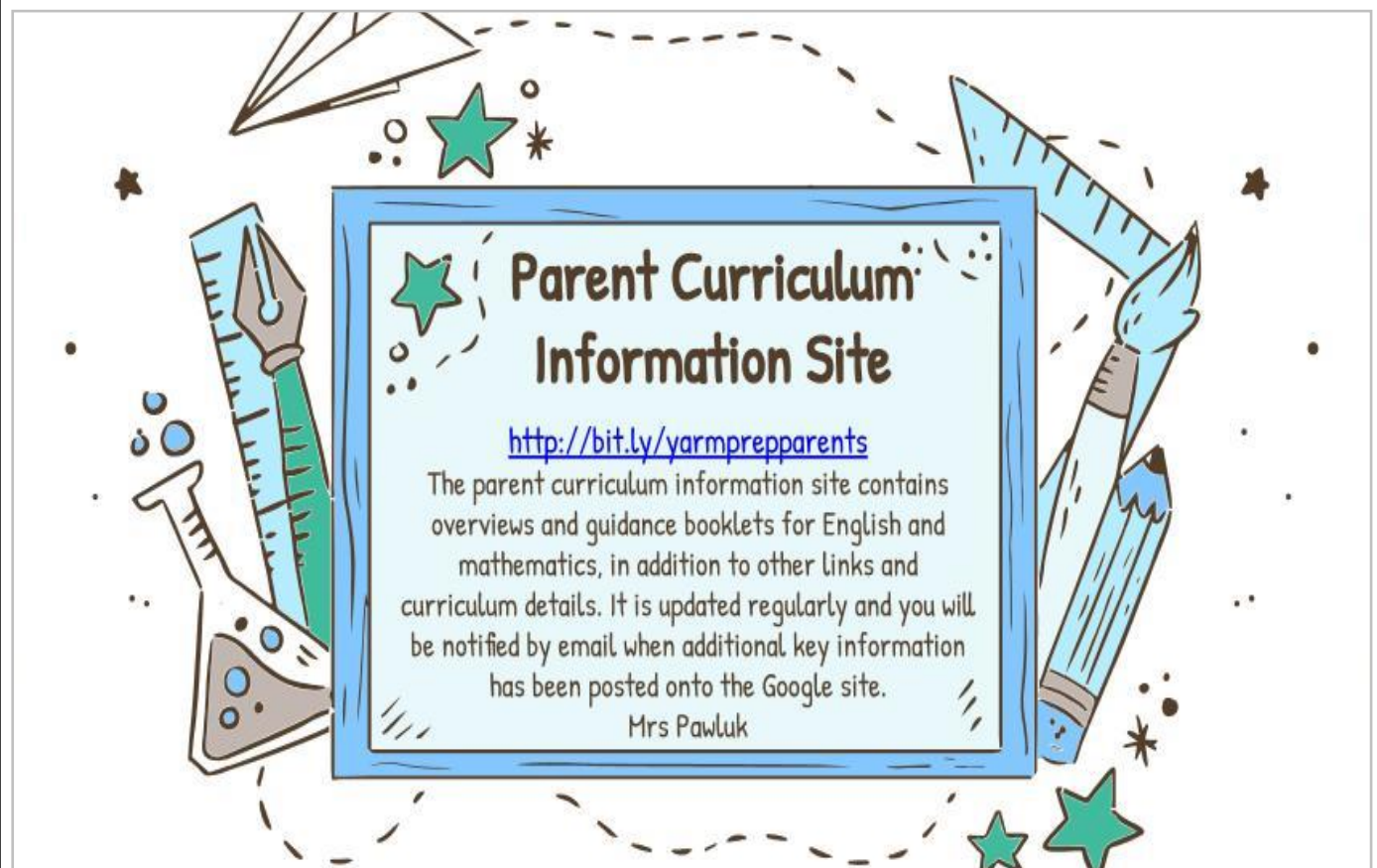
This year the summer fair theme is Colours!

If you can help, please let us know which stalls you would prefer or any that you would like to avoid!

Tombola - Wine bottle tombola – Plants - Lucky jars/bags - Soft toys/Adopt an animal - Slushie machine - Candy floss – Raffle - Preloved Uniform - Refreshments

We also would love donations for the above stands please, that can be left at school from 12th June.

Thank you very much as always YPSSC
ypssc@yarmschool.org



Parent Curriculum Information Site

<http://bit.ly/yarmprepparents>

The parent curriculum information site contains overviews and guidance booklets for English and mathematics, in addition to other links and curriculum details. It is updated regularly and you will be notified by email when additional key information has been posted onto the Google site.

Mrs Pawluk

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](#).

Contact Details

Please don't forget to inform the school office of any changes to your contact details, namely mobile number, address or email address so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Mrs White

Arts and Crafts Club

Year 3 Arts and Crafts club had fun creating Ice Creams as the weather has turned warmer!

Miss Goodfellow



Charity Climbing

James (5K) has been climbing and bouldering for the last 18 months now. He and 3 other friends wanted to combine their passion for climbing with giving back to the community. They decided to raise money for a local charity (Feeding Humanity) so, as they described "they could see where the impact was being made". They took part this weekend in a challenge to continuously climb 4411ft, the height of Ben Nevis. This was 59 times up the climbing wall without more than a drinks break! They did so well, and they achieved this raising over £1000 in the process!

James said a very big thank you to everyone who sponsored

the group and he's looking forward to his next big challenge outdoors (watch this space!)

Chess Lessons with Mr Marsh

Private Chess Lessons with Sean Marsh at the Preparatory School are given in a similar way to the very successful Instrument and Speech and Drama tuition. Lessons of 30 minutes duration would be offered on either an individual or paired basis, dependent upon parental preference, and would take place at the Preparatory School every Monday or Wednesday. Lesson times will be offered on a rolling rotation, thus minimising disruption to the class teaching timetable.

Sean Marsh will teach these individual/paired lessons, whilst maintaining his usual Monday and Wednesday Chess Activity and lunchtime and afterschool chess clubs. He understands the value of the productive learning that can take place on a one-to-one basis and that a significant increase in the pupil's understanding of chess can occur during such lessons.

If you are interested in having chess lessons with Mr Marsh or would like to find out more, please email jg@yarmschool.org.

Mr Grundmann

Mr Bike

Thank you to Sustrans for running their Dr.Bike session in school on Monday. Twenty-two bikes were serviced and given a clean bill of health. If you have any unused and unwanted bikes at home, Sustrans always welcomes donations of bikes at their Stockton cycling hub. Please take them along to 147 High St, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1PL. Telephone 01642 617 672 or email at stocktonactivetravel@sustrans.org.uk for more information.

Miss Ward

New pony!

On Saturday the 27th May we had a foal called Kennie. Kennie is a colour called palomino which can be a darker colour or a lighter creamier colour. Kennie is very friendly and loves



to play and run around with her mum. Kennie likes to sleep almost as much as she likes to play so it is important that we leave her to sleep when she wants to so she has enough energy for the day. Kennie is now just over a week old and is very happy and healthy.

Harriet B. (6H)

Coming up at the PAA



Stars Live - SUNDAY 16th JULY, 12pm and 3.30pm

The PJ Masks, fresh from a new adventure, will show the kids that they can be a hero too! Get ready for fun, laughter and lots of singing and dancing in the unique multi-character live stage show on its European Tour.



Eclipse - The Pink Floyd Experience—SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, 7.30pm

Featuring the whole of their epoch-defining album The Dark Side of the Moon, plus music from Meddle, Animals, Wish You Were Here, The Wall and Division Bell. A spectacular evening of Floyd classics, not to be missed for any Floyd fan.

Year 4 Sports Afternoon

Prior to half-term, our Year 4 pupils took part in a fantastic sports afternoon alongside three local primary schools. They enjoyed making friends, playing sport together and experiencing new activities. The children all played netball, cricket, football and either gymnastics or fencing. The Year 4s were wonderful hosts and it was a great success. Thank you to the fantastic staff who helped make this event a success.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

YPSSC News

YPSSC would love to welcome all parents to our Monthly YPSSC social coffee mornings at 'The Keys' on Yarm High Street commencing next week! Enjoy a cup of coffee with cake and

catch up with other parents.

9-11am on the following dates: Wednesday 14th June, Thursday 21st Sept, Tuesday 17th Oct, Wednesday 15th Nov, Monday 11th Dec.



Please also note down our evening social on: Tuesday 17th Oct 7.30-9.30pm evening drinks @The Keys.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

YPSSC



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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Key Dates

JUNE 2023

Sat 10	Teesside Individual Chess Championship (Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm)
Mon 12	Healthy Eating Week
Tue 13	Year 4 trip to Washington Wetland Centre HMC Tennis (at Dame Allan's; 10am start, 4pm return)
Wed 14	Induction Day
Thu 15	Welcome to Reception Evening (7pm; Studio Hall) Prep Summer Concert (Prep Hall; 4pm) U9 Boys' & Girls' Cricket v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start)
Fri 16	Bring Your Dads to School Day (Pre-Prep) HMC Boys' Cricket (at Woodhouse Grove; 8am depart, 11am start, 5pm return) U10/11 Boys' Cricket v Durham (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return) U11 Girls' Cricket v Red House & Queen Mary's (home; 2pm start)
Mon 19	Diversity Week Telford House Duty ABRSM examinations week
Tue 20	Nursery New Starters Information Evening (6.30pm; current N1 families invited) U11 Girls' HMC Cricket (at St Peter's; 11.30am start, 4.30pm return) Reception Musical Showcase (Studio Hall; 9.30am)
Wed 21	Reports released to parents Nursery Sports Afternoon (1pm; Pre-Prep) Y2 Transition event for parents (4pm; Prep Hall) Reception Trip to Saltholme
Thu 22	Y3 York trip—Zoom meeting for parents (4pm)
Fri 23	Summer Fair (2-5pm)

Mon 26	Clubs and activities finish this week
Tue 27	Open Afternoon (2-6pm) Nursery Musical Showcase (Studio Hall; 9.30am)
Wed 28	Pre-Prep Sports Morning (9-11.30am) Y6 Pupils v Parents Sports (Astro; 5-6.30pm)
Thu 29	Year 3 York residential departs
Fri 30	Year 3 return from York (3.45pm) Year 6 Sleep Out (after school until 9am Saturday) All clubs and activities finish today U10/11 Girls' Cricket v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start) U10 Boys' Cricket v Aysgarth (away; 2pm start, 5pm return)

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

Solution to previous Head's Challenge:

You have two, because YOU took away two!

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Jana A.	Francesca S.
3H	Deia TM.	Harrison G.
4G	Lottie L.	Benjamin H.
4J	Fathe C.	Alice W.
4N	Daisy C.	Kaiden G.
5F	Lewis D.	Joseph A.
5H	Joey P.	Jacob B.
5K	James A.	Amelia C.
6G	-	-
6H	-	-
6L	-	-
6W	-	-