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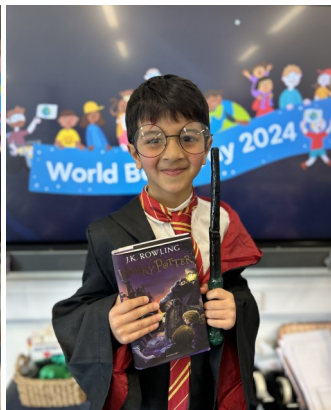
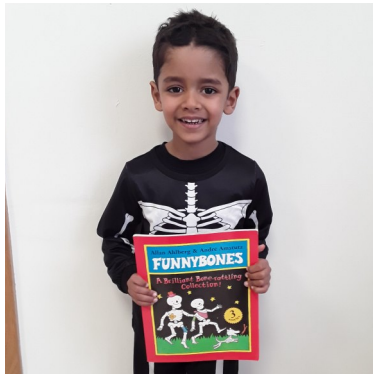
8th March 2024

Another extraordinary week in Pre-Prep and of course, fun and learning have been evident throughout. World Book Day saw an array of colourful characters from pupils' favourite stories and I was so impressed with the selection of outfits. Moreover, I was delighted with the level of detail the children shared with me about their favourite texts. I had the pleasure of working with a group of children this week who demonstrated great prosody when reading with me. They knew to pause when seeing a comma or an ellipsis and read with great expression as they identified an exclamation mark. Today was equally delightful as we were able to welcome adults into our school to sample a tiny part of a day in the life of a Yarm School pupil. Success breeds success and I'm sure you will all agree it was wonderful to share this during our assembly. Have a wonderful relaxing weekend, I hope all Mums have a lovely Mothering Sunday and enjoy being pampered and spoilt.

Warmest wishes,

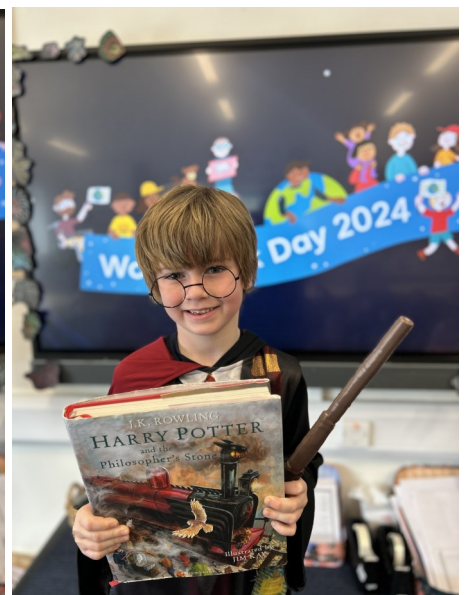
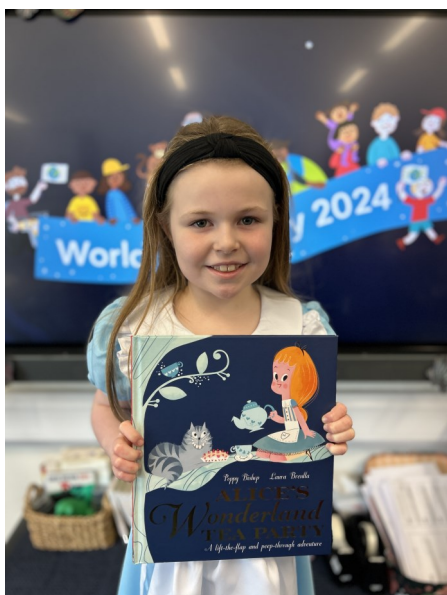
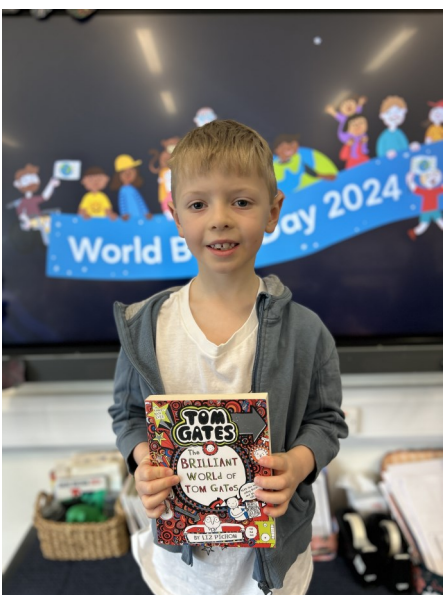
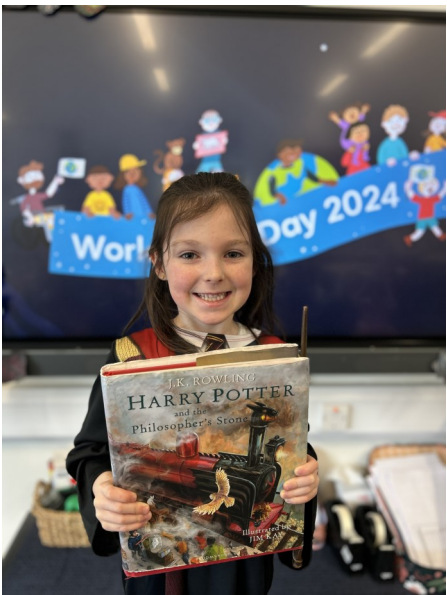
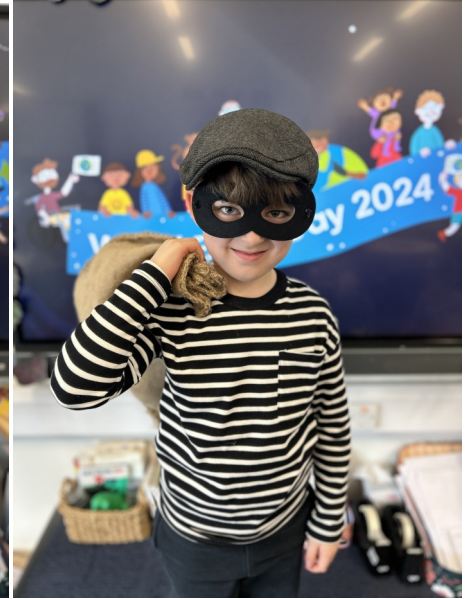
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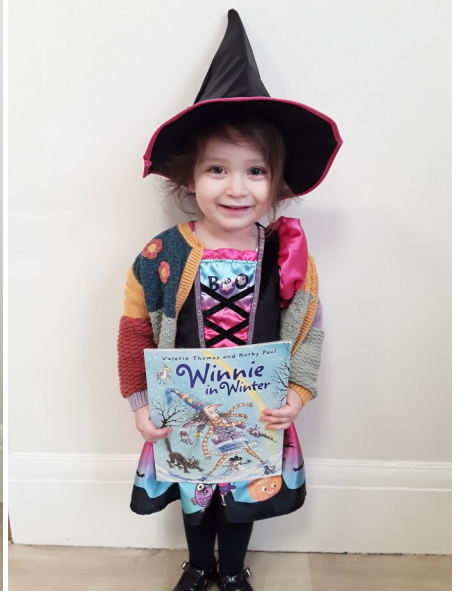
World Book Day

The Year 2 children had a wonderful World Book Day, dressing up as some of their favourite characters. They were lucky enough to listen to stories which were read to them by our Year 6 pupils.



World Book Day

The Nursery children loved sharing their favourite books with their friends on Thursday. Here are a selection of some of their choices .



World Book Day

Books offer children a world of entertainment and knowledge. The children in Reception loved dressing as their favourite book characters for World Book Day.



Planets

The Year One children have continued the space theme from STEAM week and had so much fun dramatising the orbits of the planets. We then used a variety of different materials to create the planets in our solar system.



Yarm Preparatory School UK Chess Challenge Report

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Last weekend brought our latest major chess event, in the form of the initial stage of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge.

67 eager children entered the tournament, which featured all year groups from Year 2 to Year 6. We used the highly impressive new Hazel Andrews hall for the first time.

The Year 2s were playing in their first chess event and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. After seven tough rounds, Arya Jafari emerged as the section winner with a very impressive score of 21/21. The new Year 2 Girls' Champion is Shanaya Chauhan, who won all of her games apart from the one she lost to Arya.

Jayden Wang also scored 21/21 to win the Year 3 section but the battle for the Girls' title was much closer and ended in a four-way tie between Edie Thompson, Zoyaa Soni, Karunya Garg and Rosie Lowe.

In keeping with our usual policy, we didn't apply tie-breakers or play-offs (which is how other parts of the country like to resolve tied places) but instead we awarded all four girls with a title and a trophy.

We saw another 21/21 in the Year 4 section, which brought tournament success to Dara Jafari - and not for the first time. Scarlett Yang is the new Year 4 Girls' Champion.

The Year 5 section was the only one without a 21/21 scoreline. Rory Fitzgerald lost his first game but then showed remarkable resilience and consistency to win his next six games, all against dangerous opponents, to win the section. Manha Abdullah also recovered well from some early setbacks to finish strongly and become the new Year 5 Girls' Champion. Miles Page was in full control in the Year 6 section and won all of his games to comfortably take the title.

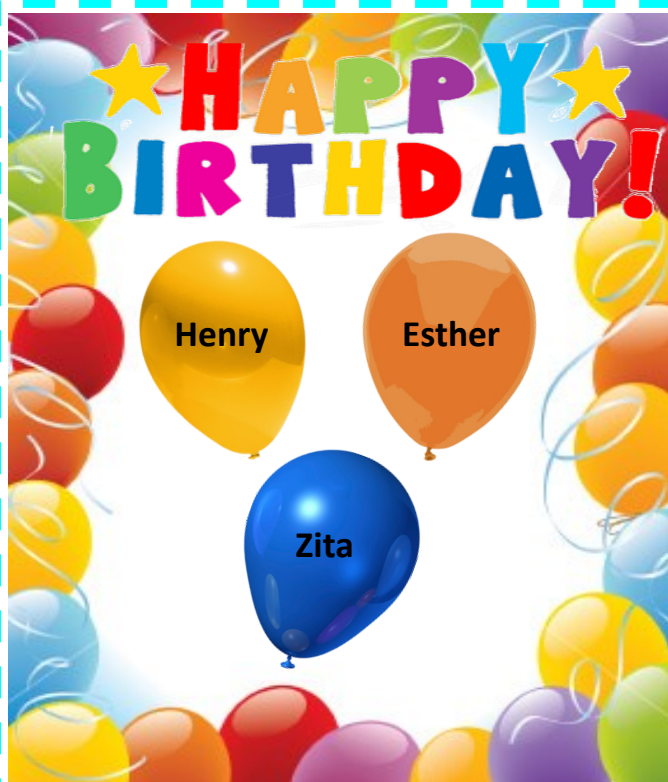
The road to the Girls' title proved to be a much tougher battle and it ended in a dramatic three-way tie between Anika Sunkavalli, Lolwa Soliman and Kaira Nalawade.

The next stage of the UK Chess Challenge is the Teesside Megafinal, which will once again be held at the magnificent Princess Alexandra Auditorium, on Sunday 5th May. The Megafinal is open to ALL of our players, but please book early if you would like to participate, as we always sell out of all 150 places and we cannot create any more once they have gone. Entry details and form are to be found here:

<https://www.delanceyuschoolschesschallenge.com/product/2024-teesside-megafinal/> If you would like further details of this event please see Mr. Grundmann. We hope to see you all there.

Sean Marsh





P.E. Kit

Please ensure that P.E. tops and shorts are both embroidered with your child's initials. Please contact our uniform showroom on uniformshop@yarmschool.org or 01642 792588 who can arrange this for you.



Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March

Lateness

Please be reminded that the school day starts **promptly at 8.35am** each morning. If your child arrives after 8.35am then they will receive a late mark. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

For Comic Relief, all children can come into school in the morning wearing an item of red clothing, along with their usual school uniform and should bring in £1 to donate to the charity [or you can donate via this link](#).



Easter Holiday School

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Easter Holiday School which will run from Tuesday 2nd April—Friday 5th April. Our Holiday School is for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School children only.

The price per child per day will be £40.

The timings for the days will remain as usual from 8am to 5pm.

Places note that Tuesday and Thursday are now fully booked for Nursery and Pre-Prep. There is extremely limited availability on Wednesday and Friday.

<https://forms.gle/oXF5C5LeN2xJD2rp9>

Date	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4
Pre Prep	Hall Hill Farm	Gibside	Holmside Park	Cinema
Prep	Walk	Holmside Park	Gibside	Cinema

EOS Live: Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse

Sunday 17th March, 2pm

Based on the sell-out show at the Royal Academy of Arts, London. Filmed and Directed by David Bickerstaff. From the exhibition walls to the wonder and beauty of artists' gardens like Giverny and Seebüll, the film takes a magical and widely travelled journey to discover how different contemporaries of Monet built and cultivated modern gardens to explore expressive motifs, abstract color, decorative design and utopian ideas. (live stream - Friarage Theatre)



<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/eos-live-painting-the-modern-garden-monet-to-matisse/>

Royal Northern Sinfonia—Mozart's Dissonance Quartet

Tuesday 2nd April, 7.30pm

Enjoy a cosy, friendly night of music with the string players of own Royal Northern Sinfonia. It's a brilliant chance to hear them work in a smaller group and in a more intimate setting. They're playing two quartets, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ghazaros Saryan, and Alexander Glazunov's Quintet. Alexander LOVED the cello so he added an extra one to the usual quartet line up. Ghazaros Saryan String Quartet No.2, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart String Quartet No.19 'Dissonance', Alexander Glazunov String Quartet



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George Ko - The Moon Tour

Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm

Piano pioneer and Neo-impressionist George Ko (GKO) returns to perform a provocative exhibition of unconventional and virtuosic originals and film music. Using classical virtuosity, improvisation, and styles across genres, GKO creates cinematic and kaleidoscopic compositions. Critics describe his music and performance as "performing wizardry, flowing yet bright, lively and heroic... with moments of nostalgia, reverie, and reflection. Steinway says "He's great for music... making classical music exciting and accessible for the masses."



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