



Little Phoenix


YARM SCHOOL
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The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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The Poetry Competition- where shall I begin? Yesterday, the Studio Hall was packed with both children and staff, eagerly anticipating this annual event. It became the highlight of the week and the perfect opportunity for all of our pupils from Nursery and Pre-Prep to come together. Both the Nursery and Reception children recited their poems so well with such diction and clarity and the actions they performed certainly demonstrated their understanding. I know that Mr Pengilley was extremely impressed with all of our performers and it was a difficult task to choose a winner from our Year 1 and 2 classes. The Year 2 children are preparing for their trip to Edinburgh and I know that many of them are counting the sleeps, I wonder whether they can tell you how many there are? The Reception children are excited about the eggs which are in the incubator and have created some wonderful pictures for their eggs display in the Studio Hall. I do hope we have success! Open Morning is the next event in our calendar and I am looking forward to welcoming prospective, new pupils and their parents to our wonderful school. Have a super, long weekend and let's hope that the weather stays dry!

Joanne Speight

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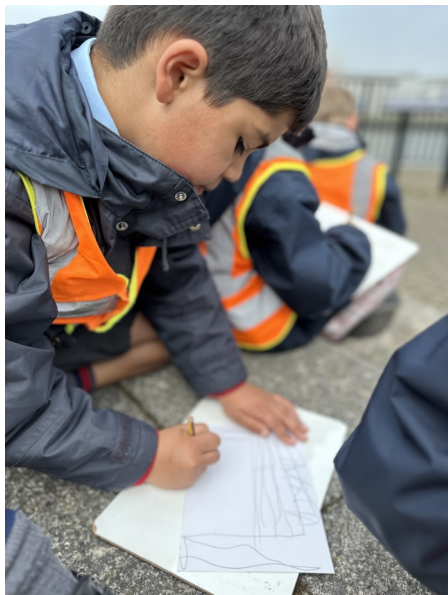
Looking After Our Teeth

The Reception children were treated to a visit from our friends in Year 4 who came to share what they had learned about looking after their teeth. Super collaboration!



The Transporter Bridge

The Year 1 children had an amazing trip to the Transporter Bridge on Wednesday. The children were lucky enough to learn some of the iconic bridge's history from the extremely knowledgeable Paul Tidy, who runs the visitor centre. A highlight of the trip was seeing the Mackenzie Thorpe statue "Waiting For Me Dad."



Poetry Competition

The Year 2 children performed their poems on Thursday for our Pre-Prep poetry competition. Well done to all of the children for taking part.



Boomwhackers

The Nursery children always enjoy their music lesson on Tuesdays. They have been learning how to use boomwhackers to make different sounds.



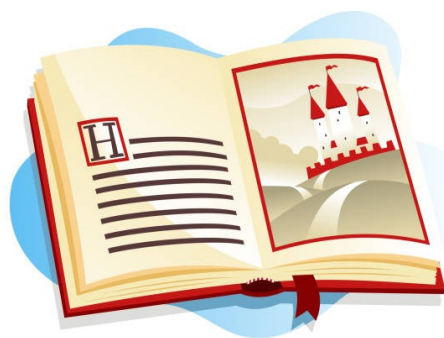


Class photographs—Tuesday 7th May

Please can all children in Pre-Prep come to school in the correct summer uniform for the class photographs on Tuesday 7th May. Girls should wear the summer dress with white ankle socks.

Reading Books

Please could we kindly ask that you have a look at home to see whether you have any Little Wandle reading practice books that belong to school. Should you find any, please do return these to school.



Dates For Your Diary

- 7/5/24— Class photographs
- 10/5/24—RS trip to Marske beach
- 15/5/24—Preparation for Year 1 meeting 6pm
- 17/5/24—RD trip to Marske beach
- 21/5/24—Year 2 trip to Edinburgh
- 23/5/24—Break up for half term (after school)
- 3/6/24—Pupils return to school
- 14/6/24—Bring Dads/Grandads to school
- 19/6/24—Nursery Sports Afternoon
- 21/6/24—Summer Fair 2pm
- 24/6/24—Induction morning
- 24/6/24—Welcome to Reception Evening 7pm
- 25/6/24—Nursery Musical Showcase 9.30am
- 25/6/24—Reception Musical Showcase 10.30am
- 1/7/24—Pre-Prep end of year celebration
- 3/7/24—Nursery end of year celebration
- 4/7/24—School finishes at 12 noon (no after school care)

Prep School Open Morning

Our next Prep School Open Morning is on Saturday 11th May from 9am—12pm. Please do let friends and family know. Booking is essential via the Yarm School website.

Reception P.E. Kit

For the summer term, children in Reception should wear either white or navy P.E. shorts



Box of Tricks—Tom Rolfe

Saturday 11th May, 11am, 1pm and 3pm

Join Yarm panto regular 'Tom Rolfe' for a brand new, fun packed show featuring hilarious magic, mind boggling balloon modelling, super dangerous juggling and maybe even a custard pie or two!

Running time approx. 45 mins.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/box-of-tricks-tom-rolfe/>



Temple of Delusion

Saturday 1st June, 2.30pm

The stars of CBBC'S number one show "Danny and Mick" are embarking on a new adventure and theatre tour for 2024.

In a faraway land that time forgot, the ancient treasures, mysteries and magic of an old and forgotten civilisation lay in hiding for only the brave (and the mistaken) to find...!

And so it is that our hapless heroes set off on another adventure full of mistakes, pitfalls and danger!

Guaranteed fun and thrills for all the family!

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Yarm Prep shortlisted for Best Independent Prep Award

Yarm Prep School has been shortlisted in the category of Independent Prep School of the Year in the 2023 Tes Schools Awards.

Dubbed the 'Oscars of education', the Tes Schools Awards celebrate the best of education across the UK recognising teachers and schools from UK state and independent schools, across early years settings, primary and secondary education.



The shortlist was compiled by a panel of notable judges, including school leaders and other educational experts. The schools and teachers they chose showcase the best educational practice across the sector across 21 award categories, covering all areas of school education.

Mr Bill Sawyer, Head of Yarm Prep, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have been shortlisted for this prestigious national award for our school and our partnerships work. I am extremely proud of the pupils and teachers at Yarm who make our partnerships possible, as well as the schools and organisations we partner with.

"Since 2022, we have taken our activities on the road which has meant all our partner schools can access them regardless of budgetary or time constraints. Our VR workshops are led by Prep pupils and they relish the role of facilitator sharing their knowledge and teaching other pupils."

Headmaster, Dr Huw Williams, added "Yarm Prep is thriving, and positively shaping the lives of young people here at Yarm and beyond, through our outstanding provision within school and the impactful partnership programmes we coordinate and participate in. This recognition of staff and pupils at the Prep is richly deserved."

“Children thoroughly enjoyed the VR session. So many of our children, will never have the opportunity to experience using this sort of technology. Children will go on to write an extended piece of writing from today's new learning. Lovely gentlemen who delivered the session. The digital leaders had lots of patience with the children...”

Quote from partner school

Jon Severs, Editor of Tes Magazine said, "Congratulations to all the shortlisted entries - the standard was so high this year despite the challenges schools face. It is critical we celebrate excellence and share it widely so we can ensure that the fantastic work happening in education is properly recognised."

Winners will be announced on 21st June at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park Lane, in London.

YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:



CASINO ROYALE

SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY, JUN 15TH

7PM - LATE

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EARLY BIRD TICKETS JUST £75 FROM CLASSLIST

