



The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to this week's Phoenix Flier which reflects the action packed nature of our school through a bumper collection of articles, photos and reflections! One of the many highlights in recent days was our Dance Showcase on Friday last week. Our pupils, alongside their counterparts from the Senior School, brought high-energy choreography and enthusiasm to the PAA stage. The variety and quality of the dances displayed was hugely impressive, reflecting countless hours of practice, significant skill, and the evident talent within our ranks. Performing at such events requires immense courage and commitment, qualities that are especially admirable in such young pupils and will benefit them greatly in future endeavours. I extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Dunkley and all the staff who supported the show, and I offer warm congratulations to all the pupils who were involved.

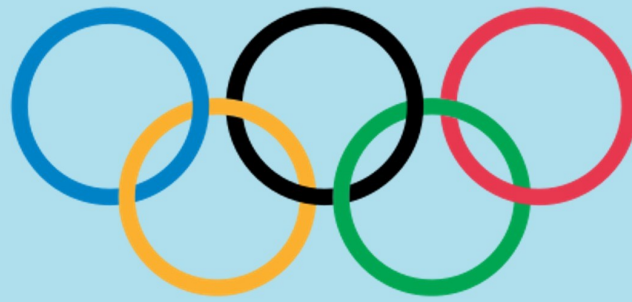
We have enjoyed celebrating the theme of diversity across the school this week through a range of themed assemblies and workshops. Celebrating differences is fundamental to life at Yarm Prep; it helps to build a culture that is accepting and appreciative of others. As part of the theme it was amazing to be joined by Paul Sturgess, former Harlem Globetrotter and Britain's tallest man on Thursday. He shared with us how he has embraced his uniqueness and has used it to his advantage. He entertained us with his life story, some super basketball skills and left us with the important message that we should all be proud of our differences and who we are.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: Forward I am heavy, backward I am not, what am I?



Photo of the Week: An incredible Dance Showcase is just one of the many events featuring in this week's edition of the Flier.



YPSSC Summer Fun Fair 2024



What's On....

Yr 6 Stalls & Games

.... Fairground Rides.... Meltdown

.... Climbing Wall Stalls, stands & tombola

.... Food stands Tom Rolfe entertainment

....Teacups.... Petting Zoo Hamper Raffle



Friday 21st June 2024 @ Prep School

Prep Children 2-5pm

Pre Prep children with grown-ups from 2.30pm

Wristbands & raffle tickets available NOW from
Classlist or email /pssc@/armschool.org

For the grown-ups.
Summer Mini Bar



****CASH ONLY****

[CLICK HERE TO BUY WRISTBANDS AND RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

YPSSC Summer Fair Donations Wanted!!

****Tombola Prizes****

****Books****

****Wine/Bottles****

****Lucky jars & Empty Jars (no label)****

****Used gift bags****

****Plants****

****Soft Toys****

**** Fancy dress costumes****

**Please drop them at
Prep or Pre Prep reception w/c
10th June**

ypssc@yarmschool.org

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Year 3 York Residential

Our residential to York was a wonderful experience for all involved. We set off on a cold, wet and rather dreary Monday morning. Our first stop was Sutton Bank where we walked across the top of the hill to see the famous White Horse of Kilburn. After lunch, which was eaten at the Visitor's Centre, we returned to the coach to head for York. Having arrived in the city centre close to Clifford's Tower, we disembarked from the coach and walked to the Jorvik Centre. As we walked down to the reconstructed Viking village, we paused to talk about the archaeology of York and primary evidence. We then travelled around and looked at the people working in the village and experienced the authentic smells. Next, we went to see the new sculpture of Queen Elizabeth II and admired the architecture of the famous Minster. Our final activity of the day was Ask Italian where we thoroughly enjoyed a delicious dinner. It was then time to go to the Racecourse Centre and find out with whom we were sleeping, (certainly the most frequent question of the previous week!)



On Tuesday morning, after a leisurely start to the morning and a hearty breakfast, we departed the Racecourse and travelled to Murton Park. We spent the first part of the day demonstrating our superb Viking knowledge and then it was time to get in role which involved wearing a tunic and working in the Viking village. We quickly met the Chief who kindly allowed us to join him and we were given four different jobs to complete in return for a home and protection. Our tasks were: 'guard duty,' quern stone milling, tallow lamp clay sculpting and learning to play a Viking 'tafl' game. At the end of the afternoon, we skilfully defended our village against a rogue Anglo Saxon and set off back for Yarm. This was the first residential experience for our Year 3 children and they were a pleasure to stay with, upheld our School Values and are definitely looking forward to more Yarm adventures next year. Well done to all of the children in Year 3.

Mrs Jones





Dance Showcase

170 pupils from Year 3 to Upper Sixth took to the stage to perform in 'Once Upon a Dance' Dance Showcase 2024. It was an evening of entertainment as Yarm School dancers span their way through Fairytale stories. They performed with energy, confidence and flare celebrating a year's worth of hard work! The evening was full of magic, adventure and feel good fun!

"Thank you so much for putting this together I enjoyed every single minute of it."

"A joyful and fun performance, with such an incredibly high standard of dancing, technical, lighting, video and production/logistics."

"It was such a positive vibe. Everyone of those individuals was shining, brimming with confidence and thriving."

"Such an amazing show."

"Tonight was absolutely outstanding! The dancers, the music, the graphics, the lighting. I love it!"

"What an incredible show! The best yet!"

"I was blown away by what I saw tonight."

Well done to everyone!

Mrs Dunkley



Arkwright Charity Day

Last Wednesday, Arkwright held their long-awaited charity day and for once, the weather was kind! The Year 6 Arkwright children had chosen the theme for their stalls to maximise the donations for a very worthy cause. At the beginning of this academic year, Mrs Redhead-Sweeney had suggested that as a house we could raise money for Zarach (a charity started by a teacher in Leeds to end bed poverty). Mrs Redhead-Sweeney had heard about the charity and felt it was such an important cause. It seems hard to imagine that there are children not that far away who have no bed to sleep on, and all in Arkwright (staff and pupils) agreed wholeheartedly with this choice. The aim was to raise £600, which would buy 4 bed packs and therefore give 4 children a comfortable place to sleep. Expectations were high but we had no idea that it was possible.

The children were fully behind this and the amount raised was just over £700!. Fantastic news and a huge thank you to all pupils and staff.

For more information about Zarach, please look at <https://zarach.org/about/>.

Mrs Lofthouse-Hill



Teesside Individual Chess Championships

The 11th Teesside Individual Chess Championships took place at Yarm Preparatory School on Saturday 8th June and the tournament attracted just over 80 entries from a plethora of local schools.

We had a fabulous day of chess, with all of the title battles proving to be tough, with no easy wins to be had anywhere.

It was particularly pleasing to see a lot of children playing in one of our events for the first time.

Shanaya Chauhan is the new Teesside Under-7 Girls' Champion and **Arya Jafari** finished in third place in the same section.

The Under-9 section was the largest section and our players were up against numerous very tough players from other schools and clubs.

Dara Jafari is the new Under-9 Boys' Teesside Champion, winning the section with a perfect score of 5/5. One of the best performances of the day saw **Daniel Shavit**

outscore several other top players to claim second place all to himself; easily his best performance to date.

The new Under-9 Girls' Champion is **Scarlett Yang**. **Jayden Wang** and **Paari Muthukrishnan** shared third place in the toughest section of the day.

Our players did very well in the Under-11 section. The Teesside Boys' Champion is **Miles Page**, who won the tournament with 5/5 and the Girls' Champion is **Kaira Nalawade**, who finished just half a point behind Miles.

Phoenix Emadi and **Kavan Sidhu** shared third place.

Well done, everyone - and thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a great success.

Mr Marsh



Sports Round-Up

North-East Junior Schools Athletics (formerly HMC Schools)

We took our U9/10 and U11's to this prestigious event with over 500 children competing from 16 schools altogether. It was a great atmosphere with children cheering each other on and pushing themselves to firstly make the finals for their event and then to try and get a place on the podium. Throughout the day we had success and the U10 and U11 relays teams made their respective finals. We enjoyed success in the javelin events with Rex White setting a new record of 26.02 metres and Heidi Kingsbury winning the same event for the second year running. Dax Cullingford won the U10 javelin and once again set a new record of 22.94m with his effort. In the U9 girls Amelie Tailor threw the vortex well and finished on the podium in 3rd place. Austin Oman also in the U9's finished 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 3.05m. On the track we had two runners up with Annabelle Andrews and Manha Abdullah securing 2nd places in their respective 80m sprints. Amelia Cheesman secured another 3rd place in the 100m final towards the end of the day.

Overall the U9 girls finished 11th out of 16 schools and the boys 10th. The U10 girls finished 7th out of 16 and the boys 9th. Finally the U11 girls finished 5th and the boys 4th so as a year group they placed the highest overall from Yarm.

Overall, it was a fantastic day with lots of positives to take from it. Well done to all who competed for school.

North-East Junior Schools Tennis (formerly HMC Schools)

Well done to the tennis players who travelled to Dame Allan's to play in the annual HMC doubles competition.

Our first boys pair of Hugo and Noah played 3 matches in their pool, narrowly losing to RGS 7-8 but beating both Ashville and Durham 12-3 and 8-6. They progressed to the plate and won one and lost one so finished second overall in the competition. The first pair of girls saw Ellie A and Annalise beat RGS 8-5, GSAL 8-0 and Ashville 8-6 so topped their group. They then progressed to the cup competition. They beat GSAL's first pair 15-6 and lost to a fantastic pair from RGS 9-12 which meant they finished 2nd overall out of 9 teams.

The children were excellent throughout and a pleasure to spend the day with. Well done Hugo, Noah, Ellie and Annalise.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

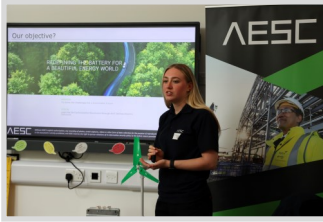
Tennis Activity

The Year 3s and 4s have been working hard in tennis activity and are all making great progress. We are grateful to Yarm Tennis club and the coach Ann, for providing the children with lovely facilities and great coaching.



STEM Days

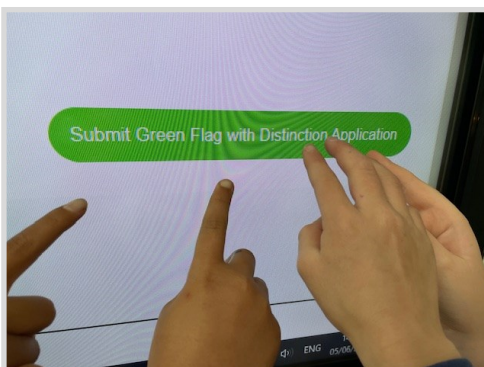
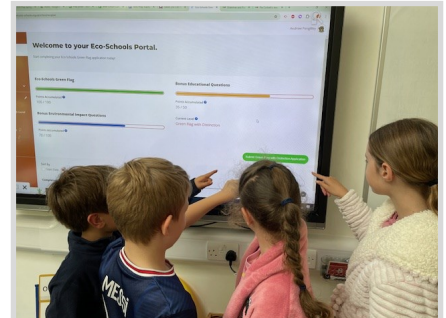
We held our first STEM Days this week, in association with the North East STEM Foundation. Overall, over 450 children from 11 local Primary Schools, including our Year 6 children, took part in a wide range of activities run by local employers, all with a STEM focus. Helping them along the way were 5K (Monday) and 5G (Tuesday), along with a number of our 3rd Year Senior students, who acted as 'Science Magnets' for the events.



Eco Club

Our Eco Club submitted our Green Flag application for approval. We should hopefully hear back before the end of the term. Once they completed this, there was time for some mindful gardening! The children were taught new skills and contributed their own ideas about where we should place each of the plants. This small garden will hopefully provide lots of colour and habitats for insects. The children thoroughly enjoyed developing new skills and being empowered to make their own choices.

Mr Pengilley



Summer Key Events

Please note this is an abridged version of the email sent to all parents prior to half-term. *Please keep an eye on it each week for updates, which will be written in red.*

Next to some events, you will be asked to confirm attendance by completing the [events attendance form](#). This is one single form, covering all of the key events noted below where place/tickets need to be requested. Please do take some time to fill in the form in conjunction with reading this letter, as it helps us significantly with event planning.

Monday 17th June

ABRSM examinations week (select musicians in Years 3-6)

Some children are involved in music exams on this day and on Tuesday.

Wednesday 19th June

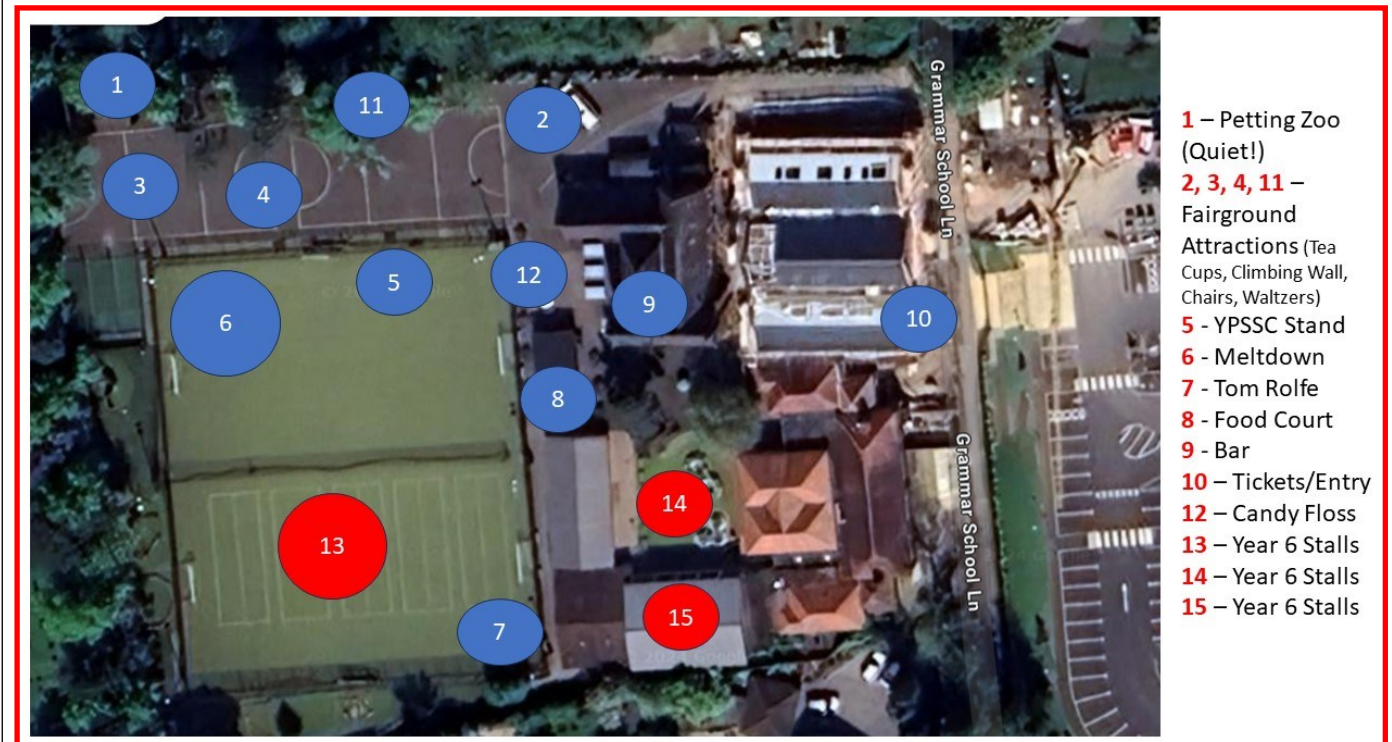
Reports released to parents (All year groups)

The end of year report for your child will be made available via the Parent Portal from 4pm. If you have any problems logging in, please contact [our IT Team](#).

Friday 21st June

Summer Fair (All year groups)

The fair map can be seen below! Holding the event on a Friday has proven to be very popular with the children. As such we want to make the fair open to all children in the school community as well as their parents.



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. Pre-Prep will also be given priority to go on the rides between 2.30-3pm. Children who are in Pre-Prep on the day of the fair will also get to enjoy a special show by Tom Rolfe in the morning!
- **Parents of Y3-6 children** are also welcome to come along from 2.30pm. However, if you are taking your child home at the end of the school day, you must let your child's form teacher know.

•**All Year 3-6 children 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 and the many projects they support the school with.

•**Parents of Y3-6 children 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 £7. The YPSSC will be providing further details in due course.

•**Parents of Pre-Prep children can buy a rides wristband prior to the event and collect them on the day at the gate.** The wristbands will also be available on the day of the fair for all families.

•**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.

Mr Stone

There will be no Friday after school clubs today.

Monday 24th June

Prep Induction Morning (Nursery to Year 6)

Induction allows the children to spend time in their new classes with their new Form Teacher so that pupils will feel comfortable and familiar at the start of the school year in September. We will announce the new classes to the children on the day when they get to school as we find this avoids the potential for any upset prior to the day. All children (including Year 6) should wear home clothes for their Induction event; please no football shirts, beach wear or hair products. Please bring your child to school as normal, with our current Year 2 children being dropped off at the Pre-Prep as usual. After an initial form time, the children will be taken to their new classes for the morning. They will then spend the afternoon back in their current forms, reflecting on their morning and enjoying their usual Monday lessons and activities. Nursery children who are moving up to Reception in September who do not usually attend on a Monday morning should arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 11.30am. Year 6 children and children not attending Yarm from September 2024 will have a range of

YPSSC PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep & Senior Uniform

PE and Games

See Listings on **Classlist** or
Email Us

YPSSC@Yarmschool.org

Donations of good condition, clean uniform and PE & Games items accepted all year. Kindly bag them and label them with 'YPSSC PreLoved Donations' and drop them at either Pre Prep, Prep or Senior School Reception.

Thank you!!

activities planned for them in school on this day.

Today is the last activities carousel session of the year.

Tuesday 25th June

Open Afternoon (Years 3-6)

Parents of **children in Years 3-6** are invited to come along to our open afternoon to celebrate your child's work and meet their Form Teacher. In addition, there will be an art and DT exhibition in the Prep Hall, as well as musical performances. Refreshments are also available. If you are a **Year 3-6 parent** and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

There will be no after school clubs on this date.

Wednesday 26th June

Today is the last Wednesday activities session of the year.

Year 6 Pupils v Parents Sports

A time for parents of Year 6 children to dust down their trainers and participate in some 'competitive' sports with and against their children. The event begins at 5pm and ends at 6.30pm, after a barbecue. If you are a Year 6 parent and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

Thursday 27th June

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Details to follow from the Y6 parents organising the event.

Friday 28th June

Prep Sports Day (Years 3-6)

Commencing at 9.30am at Middlesbrough Sports Village, our annual Sports Day takes place. House points will be up for grabs and we invite parents to spectate around the outer ring of the stadium. The event will finish at approximately 12.30pm. All of the children will be participating in every event, with the emphasis on participation and having fun. Please ensure your child comes in their house-coloured PE

top. All children must bring a bottle of water too. Snacks and packed lunches will be provided by school. Children will return to school afterwards and can be collected at the normal times.

All clubs and activities have finished today for the year.

Tuesday 2nd July

National Schools Quiz Final

Our three intrepid teams will be taking part in the online final during the morning. Further details will be shared with parents of those taking part.

Wear an Item of Blue for Butterwick Hospice (Years 3-6)

We will be running a fundraiser for Butterwick Hospice on this day. Children can bring in £1 to wear one item of blue clothing with their school uniform.

Lost Property Assembly (Years 3-6)

We will clear out the lost property cupboards and hope to reunite some items with their rightful owners. Please may we ask parents to have a good root around at home and, if you find any uniform that does not belong to your child, send it in for the assembly.

Wednesday 3rd July

Prep Prize Giving (Years 3-6)

All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this event, commencing at 5.45pm in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium and lasting around one hour. As the event is compulsory for pupils in Years 3 to 6, the children will be supervised after school and provided with a light tea. They will then walk down to the auditorium accompanied by their Form Teachers and will be seated together. Prize Giving is a ticketed event with each family being allocated 2 seats. [Please complete the form below by Monday 17th June to secure your allocated tickets.](#)

Priority for any additional tickets will be given to families with children in Year 6. Younger siblings who attend Yarm Pre-Prep will be permitted to stay in an extended After School Care facility which will be run by Pre-Prep staff until 7pm at no extra cost, with children brought to the Senior School for collection after this event. Please note that this will include a light tea. Please indicate, where relevant, if you would like your child to take advantage of this facility.

Parking is available at the Prep School and Senior School, and members of the school's Estates team will be on hand to direct you. Spaces are limited and once one site is full no further cars will be permitted on to the grounds for safety reasons. Please bear this in mind if planning to attend the event and try to arrive in plenty of time so that you can be seated ready for Prize Giving to start promptly at 5.45pm.

We are expecting the event to last just over an hour, following which you are invited to join staff in the Dovecot Courtyard / Sports Hall for refreshments. Please collect your children from

their Form Teacher following the ceremony and ensure you supervise your children closely after the event.

Thursday 4th July

Water Run for the Mustard Seed Project (Nursery - Year 6)

Our final fundraising event of the school year. Every child in the school will be taking part in our second annual Water Run, so a change of top and a towel are advised! We only ask that families make a donation to the Mustard Seed Project, [which can be done via our Just Giving page for the event by clicking here](#). Please note: we know water is a precious resource so we will not be using large quantities of it. Staff will be using water pistols and sponges, while there will be a sprinkler at the end too.

End of term - no after school care (All year groups)

Term ends at 11.30am for Nursery and Pre-Prep and 12noon for Years 3-6. There is no after school care so we ask all parents to collect their children at the correct time please.

Monday 15th July - Friday 2nd August

Summer Holiday School

Mr Simpson will be sending further details and the booking form **next week**.

Mr Stone

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](#).

Mr Gooding

Butterwick Hospice Fundraiser

On **Tuesday 2nd July** we will all wear one item of blue and bring in £1 to wear that item to raise money for the Butterwick Hospice. **What is Butterwick Hospice?** It is a very calm place where people are cared for in the later stages in their life. The staff are very special people because they understand how to support not just their patients, but how to support their families during a very difficult time for everyone. Recently my Grandma went to the Butterwick Hospice. There was a flower garden and there was a beautiful cat who came to visit my Grandma's room. We had the doors open so my Grandma could feel the breeze on her face and smell the delicate flowers the day before she passed away.

Immy C.

Tempest Class Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is 6th June 2024. Order through the Tempest website using

your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Mr Stone

Reminders for 2024/25

Over the next few weeks we will be slotting in some extracts from our Parent Handbook ahead of the new academic year, to give you some reminders about key school policies.

Uniform

The reputation of a school is influenced in no small degree by the appearance of its pupils. The uniform is, therefore, formal yet practical. The School has recently moved to an online system for ordering all required uniform. The Uniform Shop is now a showroom only. Samples of the uniform items are available for fitting appointments with all orders required to be placed online via the Perry website. Please see <https://www.yarmschool.org/uniform-shop/> for further details. We politely request that all parents and pupils are aware of these and follow the uniform requirements set out by the school. This includes the wearing of school quilted winter coats only, correct footwear (smart, black school shoes—not trainer-type shoes) and no jewellery. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Prep Management Team.

Titan Mouthguards

Our live order form is open for parents to book a mouthguard fitting session for their child at school, on **Friday 30th August** (second day back after the holidays). [To book a fitting for your child, please click on this link.](#)

Coming Up at the PAA

[Riverdance 25th Anniversary - Live stream—](#)
[Sunday 30th June, 2pm and Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm](#)



Having originated as an interval performance during the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest. Riverdance has gone on to become a worldwide phenomenon. This 25th Anniversary production is a powerful and stirring reinvention of the show, celebrated the world over for its Grammy Award-winning music and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance.

Science Museum Live on Tour—Sunday 28th July, 12pm and 3.30pm

Brand New for 2024.

This year join London's world-renowned Science



Museum as they bring you this brand-new stage production aimed at igniting your curiosity, fuelling your imagination, and inspiring you in new and exciting ways.

Back to Bacharach - The Very Best of Burt Bacharach—Sunday 22nd September, 7.30pm

Back To Bacharach is an exciting production, touring throughout the UK featuring



some of the finest West End vocalists, accompanied by the amazing "Magic Moments Orchestra", recreating Burt Bacharach's timeless masterpieces.

A perfect evening of nostalgia, great songs and stunning performance.

Stephenson Enterprise Activity

On Monday 10th June, Ms Sarah Pike (George's mum) came to talk to the Year 6 members of Stephenson who are currently studying



Enterprise as part of the Monday activity carousel.

Ms Pike, who is the Head of Marketing and Business Development at Tomahawk Steakhouse Group, one of the fastest growing hospitality businesses in the UK, spoke to us about her real life experience in the business world. My favourite part of the talk was when she taught us how businesses work and all the different aspects one has to consider to make a business work well and what to do to avoid it failing.

Benjamin F.

Parking at the Prep School

It has been brought to our attention that the disabled parking bays are being used by non blue badge holders when dropping off/collecting children from school. Please can these parking spaces be kept free for use by those who do require them.

Mr Sawyer

Sports Uniform

Children can now wear blue and red games kit for PE lessons, however, please note that for sports day, children will need to wear their white polo shirts to denote their houses.

PE team

STEAM Club

The Year 5 and 6 children have been enjoying stringing up their completed wooden catapults and then trying out their 'firing power' in STEAM Club this week.

Mr Grundmann



Holiday School Dates

Summer 2024:

15th July to 2nd August (15 days)

Mr Simpson will share the booking form after half-term.

October 2024:

21st—25th October (5 days)

Christmas 2024:

16th—20th December 2024

Easter 2025:

7th—11th April 2025

Summer 2025:

14th July—1st August 2025

Parent Curriculum Information Site

Welcome to the Yarm Preparatory School Parent Curriculum Information Site.

The aim of the site is to provide you with the key curriculum information for each step of your child's journey through school. Additionally, there are links to resources and guidance for supporting your child at home. Please pass on any requests for additional information to your child's Form Teacher or email Mrs Pawluk and Mrs Speight. The site will be regularly updated.

jp@yarmschool.org jsp@yarmschool.org

Please click the images below to take you to each curriculum page or use the menu tab.

<https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

Click here to access the Parent Curriculum Information Site

Tooled Up Education

Sport is in the air at the moment! Cricket fans might be glued to the T20 World Cup, Euro 2024 kicks off soon in Germany, and the Paris Olympics are just a few weeks away.

Sport is important in our children's lives, too, which is why at Toolled Up, sport is central to our thinking about physical health and emotional wellbeing. So we want to make sure that as many of our children are staying physically active as possible, and that they're preparing to succeed by learning about caring for their bodies.

A great place to start is this [overview](#) of the importance of physical activity for young people, and the benefits for academic performance, mental health and body image. Then think about the food children need to give their sporting performance a boost: our [article](#) on Sports Day Nutrition and our more detailed [webinar](#): Optimising Nutrition For Young Athletes.

Research tells us too many adolescent girls are dropping out of sports during their early teen years, mainly due to body image concerns. Two informative presentations on girls and sport are with Dr Emma Ross on [Talking More Openly About Female Bodies](#), and Dr Kat Schneider who addresses body talk and [Body Confidence](#).

Another event this week for many Toolled Up families in the UK is **Fathers' Day!** It's a great time to think about the role that fathers play in their families and how fathers can be supported.

In this [podcast](#), Dr Kathy Weston talks to CEO Paul Pomroy about how he balances roles as a busy executive and loving, engaged Dad!. You can also listen to Dr Weston's [talk](#) with Adrienne Burgess of the Fatherhood Institute on how paternal mental and physical health might affect children, and how Dads can most effectively influence children's engagement with learning. In this [podcast](#), Dr Hope Christie talks with three expert panellists on fathers' mental health, and how we can support fathers to have the best possible relationship with their children.

And don't forget this week's [Wednesday Wisdom](#), featuring Andrew Smith of the charity Little People, on his experiences of fatherhood and dwarfism.

Plenty of resources for the whole family!

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!

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: YPSII03 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, click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

Dr Kathy Weston

TOOLED UP®
BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

POP-UP ADS

WARNI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

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Coming Up

You can find the Yarm School calendar for the Summer Term by clicking here

JUNE 2024

Mon 17	ABRSM examinations week
Tue 18	NEJS Girls' Cricket (at St Peter's; 1pm start, 5.30pm return)
Wed 19	Nursery Sports Afternoon (1-3pm) Mustard Seed Project assembly
Thu 20	Y2 Transition event for parents (Prep Hall; 4pm) Nursery New Starters Info Evening (6-7pm) U9 Cricket v DCSF (away; 2.15pm start, 4.15pm return)
Fri 21	Summer Fair (Prep School; 2-5pm) No after school clubs today
Mon 24	Prep Induction Morning (Reception-Y5) Y6 taking part in activities all morning Clubs and activities finish this week Welcome to Reception Evening (Studio Hall; 7pm)
Tue 25	Prep Open Afternoon (2-6pm) Reception Musical Showcase (9.30am) Nursery Musical Showcase (10.30am) No Prep after school clubs
Wed 26	Pre-Prep Sports Morning (9-11.30am; Prep Astro) General Election assembly with 6th Form Y6 Parents v Pupils Sports (5-6.30pm; Prep)
Thu 27	Y6 Leavers Disco Summer Fair Y6 winners lunch Prep Election assembly
Fri 28	Sports Day (10am-12.30pm; Middlesbrough Sports Village) Clubs and activities finish today PREP BACCALAUREATE DEADLINE TODAY!

JULY 2024

Mon 1	Prep Election voting takes place today Pre-Prep Celebration (5pm; PAA) Nursery finishes at 3pm
Tue 2	National Schools Quiz Club Final (Online; 10am) Lost Property Assembly Butterwick Hospice fundraiser (£1 to wear a blue item) Nursery finishes at 3pm; R-Y2 at 3.15pm
Wed 3	Prep Prize Giving (5.45pm; Prep Hall) Nursery Celebration Assembly (2pm; Prep Hall) Nursery finishes at 3pm; R-Y2 at 3.15pm
Thu 4	Water Run for The Mustard Seed Project End of term at 12noon; no after school care

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Preparation Day	Tuesday, 27th August 2024 Wednesday, 28th August 2024
All pupils return	Thursday, 29th August 2024
Half term begins	Friday, 18th October 2024 (after school)
Pupils return	Monday, 4th November 2024
Term ends	Friday, 13th December 2024 (after school; no after school care)

Spring Term 2025

Pupils return	Monday, 6th January 2025
Half term begins	Thursday, 20th February 2025 (after school)
INSET Day Friday	21st February 2025
Pupils return	Monday 3rd March 2025
Term ends Friday	4th April 2025 (after school)

Summer Term, 2025

Pupils return	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May 2025
Half term begins	Thursday, 22nd May 2025 (after school)
Pupils return	Monday, 2nd June 2025
Term ends (after Prize Giving)	Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3H	Aaron Y.	Hannah M.
3J	Senon W.	Nael S.
3P	Gowri P.	Harris K.
4F	Paari M.	Alice J.
4J	Bertie H.	Freddie B.
4S	Zac S.	Aditi K.
5G	Sandy O.	Rory F.
5H	Charlie M.	Bella M.
5K	Kaiden G.	Olivia T.
6H	Rebecca N.	Jacob B.
6L	Charlie D-B.	Brian F.
6W	Harry H.	Florence P.

Music Awards: Gold—Andres O.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 4: Bertie H., Sajan G., Ralph E., Jana A., Ted H., Zac S., Harriet A., Thomas H., Georgie D-B.

Year 5: Rory F., Daisy C.

SUPPORT OUR YSA AND BID FOR AN AUCTION OR RAFFLE PRIZE!

We are delighted to have two fundraising opportunities this week - both are connected with our Casino Royale Summer Ball but you can participate even if you are not attending the Ball!

Charity Auctions

We have a live auction with four fantastic prizes - you can bid for these from now until 7pm on Saturday 15th June [online](#) (click 'Live Auction') or you can bid live if you are at the Ball. The live auction prizes are:

- West End show with Mediterranean Fine Dining Lunch and One Night Stay at The Langham for 2 people,
- One night stay at Manor House in the Cotswolds, Wiltshire for 2 people with breakfast,
- Two night stay for 2 in a stunning luxury shepherd hut on the edge of the North York Moors,
- Hooting Owl gin tour for 4 people, lasting one hour, with a double G&T to start, the history of Hooting Owl and a double G&T to finish.

We also have a silent online auction with a huge range of amazing lots, which you can bid on from **now** until the end of the live auction on the night of the Ball. Simply follow [the link](#) and click 'View the Lots'. Prizes include Champagne Afternoon Tea for Two, Signed Football Memorabilia, 4 Ball of Golf at Moortown Golf Club, a Porsche Experience at Silverstone and much much more! Click and see for yourself!

Proceeds from the auctions go to Cardiac Risk in the Young who prevent young sudden cardiac

deaths through awareness, screening and research, and support affected families.

Vitality Dental Care are kindly match-funding £1000 of what we raise at the auction - thank you so much to Vitality Dental Care for their support.

Hamper Raffle

Pupils, parents and staff in First and Second Year have been working hard in their Tutor Groups to create some spectacular hampers!

Get in with a chance to win one by buying raffle tickets via the online form at:

<https://bit.ly/YSARaffle24>.

Proceeds from the Hamper Raffle go to the YSA who support the Senior School with a huge range of projects such as the new gym, kayaks, art boards, Geography Club equipment and much more!

Good luck to all our bidders and raffle participants.

