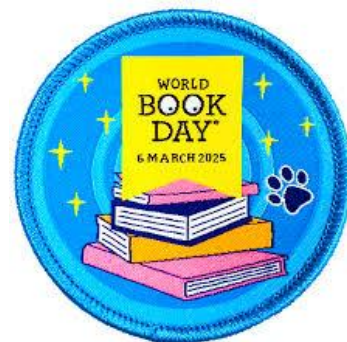


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Newsletter 23 Monday 3rd March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another super week in school to look forward to with World Book Day on Thursday and Olympian, Jenny Wallwork on Friday! Please read on for further details.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: We have had a lovely week this week exploring our new story 'Pip and Egg'. The children have designed a front cover for the story. They have drawn themselves and their friend. The children have been exploring similarities and differences e.g., looking at eye colour, hair, height and age. We have also learnt how to keep our teeth healthy, learning brushing techniques and learning about a balanced diet.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have started our new text in English with the wonderful story, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The children have been finding the letters from the different crayons to Duncan highly entertaining! We started to find out why Fiji is a tourist destination and look at some key attractions in Sigatoka. In History we finished making our PowerPoints about the Endurance Expedition which saw Shackleton take a crew of 28 men on a hazardous journey to cross Antarctica. We have also begun our new science topic and have been learning about the differences between things which are alive, have been alive and have never lived.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been researching Barbara Hepworth, our artist for this term, in preparation for writing our own biographies about her. We have used our computer skills and reading skills to research and select key information about her to inform our writing. In Science we have



learnt about 3 states of matter - solids, liquids and gases. In French, we have been learning how to say some actions words in preparation for being able to say what our own hobbies are in French.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6 we have been discussing future careers. The children chatted about what they would like to do when they're older and what skills might be needed for this job. We have also been doing some observational drawings of the houses around school using sketching pencils and wax crayons. In the next lesson, we will be using a water colour wash over our wax crayon drawings in the style of Larry Lerew.

Start Small, Dream Big – thank you to Mr McCarthy

As part of our Start Small Dream Big project we were lucky to have Mr McCarthy deliver an assembly today about his job as a Mental Performance Coach. As part of his job he works with individuals who are excelling in sports and trains their brain to feel positive but also to be grounded and level. Mr McCarthy explained that he didn't always find school easy and had to work hard. He said he was always outside as he loved football. At 9 years old he joined Leeds United however he had no self-belief in himself even though others were telling him he was good. He never went on to play professional football but did go on to play professional golf. Mr McCarthy went on to study Sports Psychology at University and has built up his own business and this has enabled him to travel all over the world. Mr McCarthy shared with the children that everyone has a superpower and his is "Always giving his best."



Mr McCarthy then came into Year 5/6 to run a session about 'Releasing your inner champion'. The children were asked to think about their super powers, they had to write a positive affirmation about themselves which they shared with the class. Mr McCarthy shared with us about being in the comfort zone and then taught us about being in the learning zone which is where we make progress. The children all set a personal goal with the aim of achieving it by Easter. We looked at the steps that need to be taken to achieve their goals. A huge thank you to Mr McCarthy for coming in to deliver an inspiring session.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March – dress up day and bring a book in!

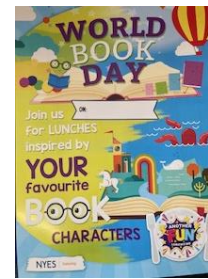
This year, to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, we would like everyone to come in dressed up as a character from a book. We'd like the children to also bring in their favourite book, wrapped in plain paper (or popped in an envelope) and for them to write words to describe their book on the paper/envelope. The children will share these during the day. We will be spending some time during the day with children from other classes and we will all be doing some learning tasks linked to a popular picture book! There may even be an extra surprise for the children!



Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Magic Meatballs
Hufflepuff
Slytherin topped spuds
Ollivander's Wands
Ravenclaw Slaw

Goodwin's Chocolate Extravaganza



Makaton sign of the week

We have a number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is: **Lady/Woman**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx

Athlete Assembly and Event – this Friday

On Thursday before half-term, we found out that Jenny Wallwork will be our GB athlete who is coming to visit us on **Friday**. She is a member of the GB badminton team and has travelled the world representing our country. The children will be taking part in a workout session with Jenny and we are asking for the children to collect sponsorship towards the event to raise money towards sporting equipment for our school. Thank you so much for the sponsorship forms and money which has been sent in for this event.

Comic Relief Day – Friday 21st March

On Friday 21st March school will be supporting the Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation.



Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the March edition of the online safety newsletter for your information. This month's newsletter has articles about Artificial Intelligence.



PE Days this half term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE this half term. **Children in Y1-Y6 need a PE kit in school which has a black / navy blue tracksuit, socks and trainers as a PE session may take place outside.**

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday (swimming)

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Friday

Keep in touch – School Facebook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school Facebook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, school meals and nursery fees are put on Parent Pay at the end of every week. Please can we remind families to check their account on ParentPay and make sure bills are paid as soon as possible. New families to the school will receive login information for ParentPay once their child / children have started.

School Dinners

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have a school dinner free of charge.

Children in Nursery can order a school dinner and the cost of their meal is £2.10

Please note that the cost of a school dinner is £3.55 for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of March for children in Year 3-6 will be £74.55. (21 meals)

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Bookings for Dandelions Childcare

All bookings must be made **by 12pm on a Friday** for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children. Accounts are put on ParentPay. Parents are charged based on the bookings they make and any additional sessions.

Please either telephone the school office, using the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w> or email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk



AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone for their positive attitude in the classroom. This person gives everything a go and is really beginning to challenge themselves.



We are so impressed with their hard work and the progress they are making. We are particularly proud of their improved handwriting and presentation in their books.

Keep putting yourself out there and keep being you!

Congratulations and well done to

Brooke!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is such a kind, caring and considerate person. This person makes sure everyone is included in their play and has patience with others. Well done George!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown great resilience towards their learning in reading and writing this term. They have worked hard on putting finger spaces in-between words and they are building their fluency in reading. A huge well done to Sofia!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shown an excellent commitment to their reading - we have noticed this at home and in school. This person's confidence to read in front of a larger group during our whole class reading sessions has grown and this has been lovely to see. Keep up the great work, Millie!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued hard work and dedication to their learning. We have noticed that this person gives everything to each and every lesson and she does it with a smile on her face. We love your kind and caring nature and your ability to make everyone feel welcome. Well done to Karren!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of resilience and co-operation.



This person has been nominated because in P.E. he was working as a team and showing respect to the opposing team.

The values award goes to Samuel who was nominated by Charlie.

Well done, Samuel!

Attendance

Weekly Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 96% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

Week commencing 24th February 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	96%	99%	94%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

March 2025	
3/3/25	Nursery and Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
6/3/25	World Book Day – come dressed as a character from a book and bring a favourite book into school wrapped up. World Book Day promotional school dinner
7/3/25	Athlete Event - Jenny Wallwork
10/3/25	Nursery and Reception children – Forest Schools afternoon
19/3/25	Height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6
21/3/25	Comic Relief Day – children can wear non-uniform for a donation of £1
27/3/25	Class photographs
31/3/25	Whole school – Skip 2Be Fit / Boxercise workshops – all children need their PE kits
April 2025	
2/4/25	Year 3 and 4 last swim at Thirsk Easter School Dinner
3/4/25	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp School Disco
4/4/25	Children need to bring in 2 hard-boiled eggs for our decorating competition School breaks up at 2.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	School open for the summer term
24/4/25	Key Stage 2 theatre trip to York
May 2025	
5/5/25	Bank Holiday Monday
12/5/25	Year 6 SAT week
23/5/25	Break-up May half term
June 2025	
2/6/25	School open
w/c 2 nd June	Year 4 multiplication check – two week window
w/c 9 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
20/6/25	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY
July 2025	
18/7/25	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
September 2025	
2/9/25	School open for academic year 2025-26

