

“The roots to grow  
and the wings to fly”



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## Headteacher's Message

As I come to the end of my first month in school, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. Parents, carers, staff, children, governors and everyone in the village has made a real effort to help me settle in and I feel very thankful to be part of such a warm and friendly school community.

On Monday this week I was lucky enough to see our wonderful KS2 children in action when we took them to the village hall to meet one of the Mayoral candidates. This was part of their learning about democracy and they did a fantastic job asking questions about the role of a mayor in York and North Yorkshire and the election process. The children were an absolute credit to the school with their thoughtful questions and excellent manners. I definitely think that we have some future politicians in our midst!

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been reading the book “The Imaginative Gardener”. We have used our own imaginations to design our own plants and insects. Reception have written simple sentences about their plants. In RE we have started to learn about special places in other religions. We learned about what happens in a Mosque. In maths, nursery have been learning about 2D shapes and reception have been learning about addition stories

### Class 1

Class 1 have begun reading a new story this week "The Storm Whale". we have really enjoyed thinking about Noi and his father, how they were feeling and describing the things that they did. We are continuing to grow our plants and some have begun to produce shoots! We are excited to continue to measure as they grow to track their progress.

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have really enjoyed writing diary entries in role as one of the characters from our whole class text "The Abominables" by Eva Ibbotson. In Art we had a fantastic time finding objects that we could use to create our birds nest sculptures with. In our history lesson we learnt about day to day life as a Viking in Britain and for RE we continued looking at how Christians advertise the church to new members.

### Class 3

Class 3 have had an exciting week this week! They have all written up their final copy of their narratives. In maths, they have finished their unit on shape. In computing the children trained a programme to recognise and classify different objects in the classroom. We also learned about voice recognition and sound waves using 'Audacity'. In art, we began designing our own colour/ light boxes in the style of Carnovsky. We will begin making these on Friday. The children learnt about positive ways to manage stress in PSHCE and they designed their own 'well-being wheel' to support them when they feel challenged.



## Ribbon awards

# Celebrating our Success

<b>EYFS</b>	This week the ribbon goes to Lily. Lily has made super progress in her reading and is trying hard to use her phonic sounds in her reading. Lily is always kind to other children and helps to look after our nursery children without being asked.
<b>Class 1</b>	The Ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to Tom T . He has been really enjoying his learning, encouraging others and making fantastic use of the provision to practise the skills he has learned. Keep up the great work Tom.
<b>Class 2</b>	The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been a real positive influence on our classroom. They have worked hard and really become a valuable member of our class. Well done to Jack M
<b>Class 3</b>	The ribbon is going to Sophie M for building resilience and believing in herself when overcoming a challenge. Well done Sophie!

## The Values Award



Dacian nominated Jack L for perseverance in Maths. Every lesson he never gives up and keeps on trying. Great work Jack!

## Attendance last week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97%	94%	96%	97%

### Did you know?

Any child with attendance below 90% for any reason is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just 2 days a month!

### Friday Celebration Assembly Dates

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 and class 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS and class 2
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 and class 3

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## Dates for your diary

May 2024	
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> June)
24/5/24	Break-up May half-term
Dates for next half term and for end of term events will be shared in next week's newsletter	

## Safeguarding

It has been brought to my attention that there are some children travelling to school in cars who are not wearing seatbelts.

I will be talking to the children about this in assembly, but I would appreciate it if you could remind them that even though it might be a short journey and your car might be travelling slowly, it is not safe for anyone to travel without their seatbelt done up. Thank you.

### Online Safety

The National Crime Agency has recently sent an alert to schools raising awareness of the recent rise in incidents of online blackmail involving children and young people. You can find out more about this by following the link

[Online blackmail \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Attached to this newsletter is a parent/carer online safety advice sheet produced by the National College every Wednesday called 'Wake Up Wednesday'.

This week is advice about **Group Chats**.

Please don't forget to collect your **spare change** and bring it into school for our PTA Fundraising Commemorating D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The aim is to raise over £80.00.

The class that raises the most by the **17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, will receive a portion of the funds to spend on whatever they wish and a donation will go to the Royal British Legion.

