

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th May 2022

SUMMER 1 TERM

Hello Everyone!

As we finish the first half term of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership as parents and carers with our school. As we do our best to ensure that 'normality' is resumed, yet still responding to the ongoing impact of COVID that still impacts to this very day, our staff have worked harder than ever. The school continues to flourish and the pupils are our biggest motivator. We are proud of each child in our school family and our environment is happy and enabling.

As Headteacher, I have been very proud to demonstrate to our Local Authority and Teaching Alliance partners, just how far the school has come. Our Governance is at its strongest and our purpose of 'Together We Can' is resonate. On behalf of the staff and governor team, we hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th June for our final half term of the school year where we will enjoy sports day, parent lunches, the school production, transition days, school visits and engagement in our curriculum.

My best wishes to you all



Attendance

Attendance this half term is **92.29%**

Attendance this week is **95.51%**

The national attendance figure at this point in time is **94.5%**

We will continue to monitor attendance closely and remind parents of their responsibilities. We do aim to work with families to improve attendance. At times, this is not always possible and, in these instances, we have a duty to follow up persistent absenteeism with more formal procedures. We do appreciate you working with us to ensure attendance is a priority for your child's wellbeing.

Punctuality

A reminder that **school starts promptly at 9am.**

All children should be in school for this time.

IMPORTANT NURSERY INFORMATION- EARLIER TIME FOR GATE OPENING

From Monday 6th June, we will be opening the nursery entrance at 8.55am, five minutes earlier than currently, and at the same time as the rest of the school. Nursery starts at **9am** but a member of staff will open the gate at 8.55am and take the children down a bit earlier to help settle them.

Please can you ensure your child is dropped off at this time.

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Mon 6th June

Term starts

Howsham Mill Trip (Conkers)

Thurs 16th June

Howsham Mill Trip (Oak Trees)

Tues 21st & Weds 22nd June

Year 6 Transition Days

(Both Malton and Norton School)

Thurs 30th June

Sports Day

JULY

Weds 6th July

Cricket Tournament 1pm

Thurs 7th July

Reserve Sports Day

Fri 8th July

Pupil reports out

Tues 12th & Weds 13th July

Year 6 Bikeability

Weds 20th July

Year 6 Leavers Day Out

Details to follow...!

Fri 22nd July

End of year celebration assembly
9.30am

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF TERM!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**With immediate
effect - children
are NOT to bring
any toys from
home into school.**

REMINDERS...

Howsham Mill: Monday 6th June (Conkers)

Children in Conkers class will be at Howsham Mill on the **first day back** after half term. Please wear school uniform as usual and **trainers**. Remember your **packed lunch** and **plenty of water!**

After school extra curricular clubs

Please note these will finish the week beginning 13th June. We will be running them again (with a different focus) in the autumn term as they have proved very successful and popular.

We welcome any focus-suggestions for future clubs from parents/guardians.

Please email these to Mrs Kemp on the admin email by the 13th June:

admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

Father's Day Lunch: Friday 17th June

If you would like to join your child/ren for this, please let Mrs Kemp know ASAP by emailing the office (email address above). All parents/carers welcome - not just Dads!

Welcome to Hayley Woodcock as our new kitchen assistant

A very warm welcome to Hayley, who others may recognise as Poppy's Mum! We look forward to her joining the team following half term.

Book sale of old phonic books

After school on Tuesday 21st June, we will be selling our old reading scheme books for Early Years and KS1 that no longer fit our teaching programme of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

All these books are in good condition and can be used by you to support your child's reading at home.

Each book will be sold for 20p. All proceeds will go towards our sensory garden.

NYCC Cleaner / Caretaker Vacancy at school

Working for NYCC as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings. Full training will be provided and the hours are between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 15 hours per week over 5 days. No weekend work! For this you will be paid £9.50 per hour.

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On Wednesday 18th April 2022, we welcomed two guinea pigs into our Acorns Nursery family. The guinea pigs came from Betton Farm, a charity run farm just outside of Scarborough (it is a lovely place to visit with a few animals, small play area and a lovely café/bakery) and will now live on the sheltered decking area outside Acorns. In the warmer Summer months, they will have access to the fresh grass in Acorns garden.

The children were very excited to meet the Guinea Pigs, we spoke about how nervous they could be and used our whispering voices when we first met them, gently stroking them for a few minutes before putting them into their hutch where they could hide under piles of hay.

Miss Cooke and Mrs Raines asked the children from Acorns Conkers and Oaks for name suggestions which were put into a hat and picked out. The Guinea Pig's hutch was very kindly donated by Nicola (Robin's 'Gan') and we were supplied with bundles of hay and food from Mrs Kemp.

Thank you to both Nicola and Mrs Kemp, we are very grateful for these donations.

Although the Guinea Pigs will be based in Acorns, all the school children (and staff!) will have access to them. We will learn all about how to look after and care for the Guinea Pigs and enjoy lots of cuddles with them too.



Doris



Popcorn

As part of our Enchanted Woodland thematic learning, we had a fabulous time at Howsham Mill! We enjoyed hunting for minibeasts around the woodland, using equipment such as pooters and magnifying pots. Then, we wrote habitat postcards from the bugs that we found. We also created bug caravans by placing natural foliage into tin cans – these are now hanging up in our outdoor area. Another highlight was toasting marshmallows on the campfire to make delicious s'mores!

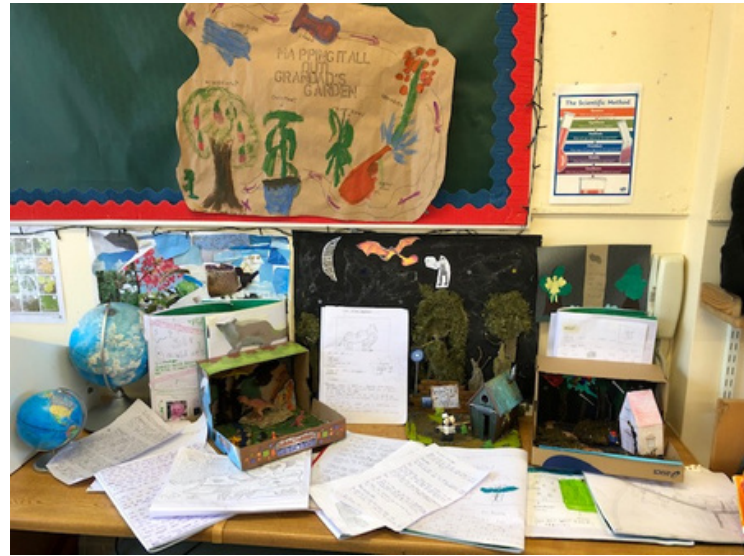
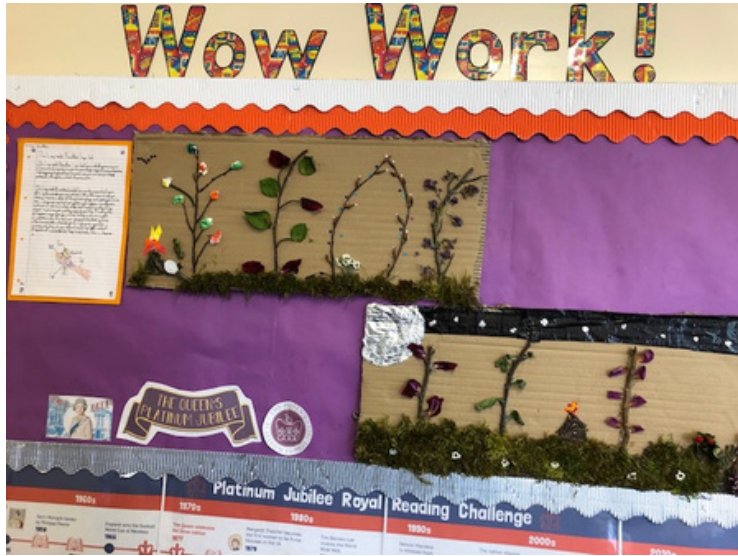


At Forest schools, we gathered a variety of leaves, twigs and plants to make these natural mobiles. Attaching the string and threading the foliage was a real test of our funky fingers!



As part of our Maths learning, we have been engaging in a variety of fun games. Here, are some of our younger children playing an outdoor track game together with the added challenge of missing numbers on the track!

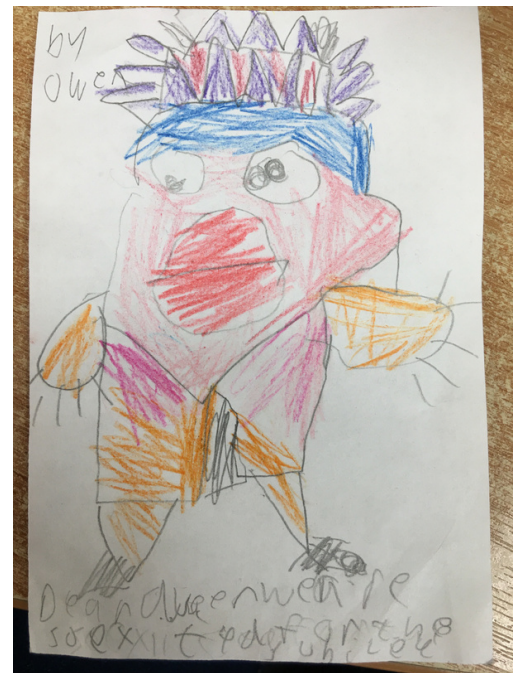
Fabulous homework by children in Oak Trees class...



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Conkers Class

In Conkers class, after writing some fabulous poetry about the upcoming Jubilee, the children requested to make and send the Queen a card.

Each child drew a picture of Her Majesty and we are hoping that she will be thrilled with her new Leavening official portraits...



UPCOMING TRANSITION DAYS IN SCHOOL

Transition days in the summer term will be Tuesday 12th/Wednesday 13th July
(Year 6's will be doing 'Bikeability' these days.)

Any nursery children who will be starting Reception in September are invited and encouraged to attend for the full day on both the Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 2's will go up to KS2 Oak Trees class.

Young Voices 2022

At last – we made it to this absolutely amazing event and wasn't it worth the wait?

On Friday 13th May, 23 children from Oak Trees class finally set out to Sheffield Arena to perform in the Young Voices choir. From beginning to end, your children were an absolute delight to share this experience with. Well behaved, polite and absolutely engaged in every second!

We worked hard throughout the afternoon singing with a choir of 5141 very excited children. David Lawrence, our conductor, with incredible patience and humour, pulled all our singing together and even taught us some new songs. We represented the school fantastically well. Then we worked with Alfie Sheard and Twinnie, two talented Yorkshire musicians – truly inspiring - and then, probably the most incredible artists – the Beatbox Collective taught us how to beatbox with them. The favourite of the day, however, I am pretty sure was Andy and the Urban Strides team. Oh how we have been inspired!

Finally, the audience began to arrive at the arena and our excitement mounted further (Mrs Stockill cannot believe how high pitched some children are able to scream!). The concert began – such stunning singing and magical moves including songs from O Fortuna, to a Muppets Medley; from the original Sing from your Heart to a classic medley of Beatles songs – just sensational.

Thanks must go to Mrs Bennet, Mrs Peel and Miss Woodcock who kindly came along to make it all possible. And, of course, to the super talented Oak Trees children.

What a wonderful time we had, cannot wait for next time!



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