

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th June 2023

SUMMER 2 TERM

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Tuesday 13th

Peat Rigg Info Session: 3.20pm
for parents/carers of current Y2-Y5 children

Thursday 15th

Pop-up library in school

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st

Norton College & Malton School

Y6 Transition Days

Thursday 22nd

Sports Day: 1.15pm

Wednesday 21st

Rounders Tournament KS2

Tuesday 27th

Parents E-Safety Meeting: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Let us know if you intend joining!

Wednesday 28th

Malton School Y5 Experience Day

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th

Bikeability (Year 6 children)

Thursday 29th

Photographer in for class photos: 9am

Pop-up library in school

JULY

Monday 3rd

Stay and Play Morning:

Nursery & Reception class: 9-10am

Let us know if you intend joining!

Wednesday 5th

Reserve Sports Day: 1.15pm

Thursday 6th

Reports home

Yorkshire Air Museum Trip
(Payment via ParentPay please)

W/C Monday 10th

Transition week

Any nursery children starting in
September are invited to join and stay

Let us know if you intend joining!

Wednesday 5th

Summer Sports Tournament KS1

Rounders Tournament (mixed)

Friday 7th

FOLS Summer Sausage Sizzle 3.30pm
(Volunteers needed please!)

Thursday 13th

Pop-up library in school

FOLS Summer Disco 5pm-7.30pm

Friday 14th

End of year show 9.30-10.30 and 2-3pm

Please only attend *one* show

Thursday 20th

Year 6 Treat Day: Bowling and lunch out

Friday 21st

Last day of term

End of year assembly 9.30-11am
(all welcome). Y6 Parents rounders (am)
then lunch together with your Y6 child

Hello everyone

I hope you had a good half term and managed to enjoy some family time together. Welcome back to the final half term of this year with our topic of 'Battles and events that have shaped our world' capturing the interest and minds of our children. This will be supported by a visit to the Yorkshire Air Museum.

Our extra-curricular clubs start this week and will run for the next 6 weeks. This half term the clubs have been based on the children's interests and requests and we hope they enjoy attending them. We are looking for interesting external after school sports or other clubs for the new academic year and so if you know of any locally, please let us know.

We are still looking for a school Governor to join our experienced and committed team. If this is something you feel you may be interested in but would like to find out more then please get in touch and I will be happy to chat to you about the role, requirements and commitment.

Our friends from Norton Library will be in school this week promoting the summer reading challenge to the children. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep the children engaged in reading and busy over the summer. We would love for you to actively encourage your child/ren to take part in this. More information will follow in due course.

Finally, we will be casting for the summer production this week and very soon your child will come home with a script to learn. Our production this year is titled 'Time Lord' linked in with our history topic. It is a very busy half term with much going on and one of my absolute favourites of the school year.

Have a lovely weekend.

My best wishes

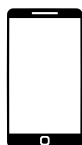
Sian Mitchell

Reminder:

Parents E-Safety Meeting: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

This will be presented by a local Police Community Support Officer.

We encourage all parents/carers to attend.



Please let us know if you intend joining.

We look forward to seeing you there.



School Attendance

Our school weekly attendance was 98.37%

22 May 2023 - 26 May 2023

This is above the primary national average attendance of **93.6%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **97.01%**

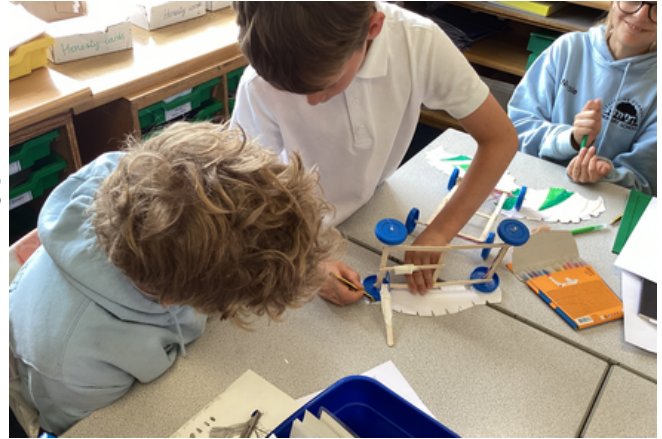
Attendance **this term** so far: **96.00%**

Recent highlights from across school

Oak Trees identifying trees and flowers in the local area...



**Oak Trees
are in
production!
Constructing
their
slingshot car
from their
design in DT**



Young Leadership Team

The Young Leadership Team have been very industrious the past few weeks working with their peers and teachers to plan, prepare and deliver special focus days all about keeping safe. Last half term they delivered a fantastic assembly all about keeping safe around water and this term they are busy thinking of ideas and activities for our upcoming Road Safety Day.

Alongside this they have been championing recycling within school and thinking of ways of how we can promote sustainability within our local community.

Gardening Club

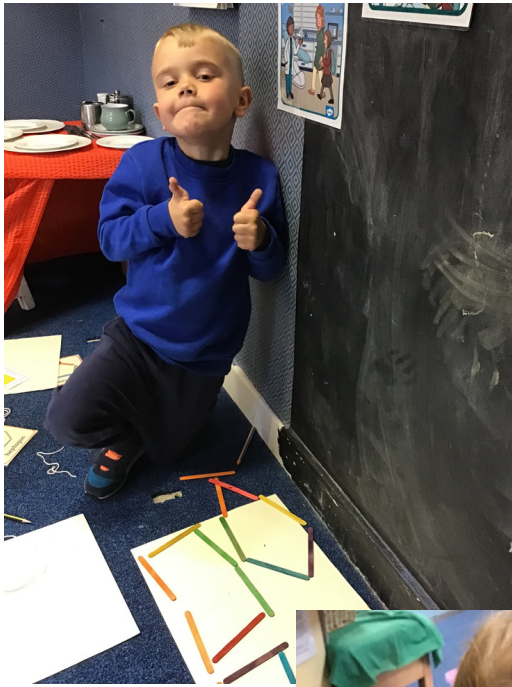
Our Extra-Curricular clubs started this week. The children in Gardening Club have been very busy with Miss Cooke planting tomatoes at the front of the office window.

They have also been planting a variety of evergreen plants in the sensory garden.



Recent highlights from Conkers class

Some of the children class used sticks to create these super 2D shapes!
They also named these shapes and described the properties too.



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Conkers children have also really enjoyed making patterns and creating their own fruit kebabs last half term. It was a delicious treat too!





Water bottles, sun cream and hats!

Please can we remind parents/carers to send your child/ren into school with the above each day please, now that Summer finally appears to be upon us. Thanks in advance.

Sports day invitation



Parents/carers are warmly invited to our Sports Day afternoon of activities on the school field: **Thursday 22nd June at 1.15pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming fundraising events for school music opportunities...

The Summer ice lolly sale! Every Friday 3.15pm (from 9th June)

This will take place **every Friday** for the whole summer term at **3.15pm** in the playground.

We will be selling large ice pops for **50p each**.

This Friday (9th) we will sell the rest of the toys left over at swap shop for school funds, so please bring a little extra money!

SAUSAGE

Sizzle!

FRI 7TH JULY : 3.30PM-5PM

In the school playground

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

SAUSAGES IN A BUN: £3

BAR SERVING ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS

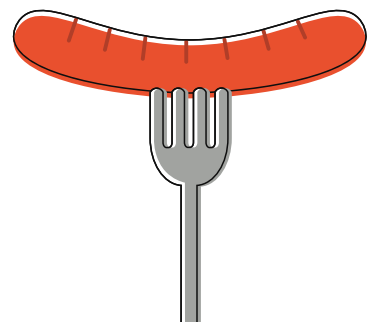
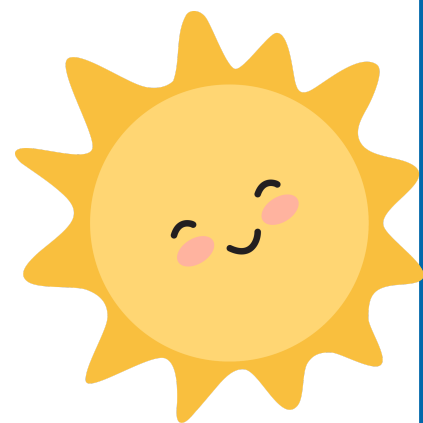
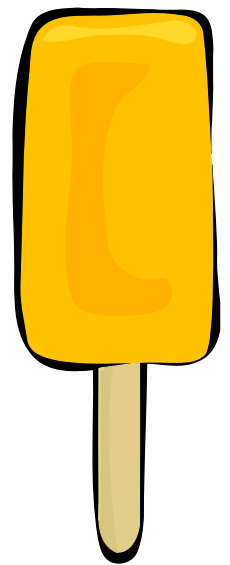
A GLASS OF WINE/CAN OF BEER: £3

SOFT DRINKS | BAGS OF CRISPS | ICE-LOLLIES: ALL 50P

We are making a plea for volunteers to help run the event.

Please contact the office. Thank you.

We are looking to raise funds for musical opportunities at school such as Young Voices, wider opportunities instrument lessons and to buy ocarinas for KS1.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

OMETV

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

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When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's the potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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