

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th July 2023

SUMMER 2 TERM

DIARY DATES

JULY

Friday 14th

End of year show

9.30-10.30am & 2-3pm

Please only attend one show

Tuesday 18th (only)

Yr 5 Taster day at Norton College

Thursday 20th

Non uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize please.

Year 6 Treat Day:

Bowling and lunch out

Friday 21st

Last day of term

End of year celebration

assembly and tombola

9.30-11am (all welcome).

Y6 Parents rounders (am) then lunch together with your Y6 child.

Note-ice pops will NOT be on sale on this last day of term. Thanks.

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th

Training Day

Tuesday 5th

Term starts

Monday 11th

Trip to the National Railway Museum (Conkers & Oak Trees)

Mon 18th-Weds 20th

Peat Rigg Residential (Oak Trees only)

Tuesday 26th-21st November

Swimming for Yrs 5 and 6

Looking ahead...

February 2024

Friday 9th

Young Voices concert for Oak Trees

Please you ensure you clear any outstanding debts on ParentPay by the end of term.

This includes ALL payments for past trips, lunches, nursery fees and wrap around care.

THANK YOU!

Hello everyone

The last three weeks have been busy with a mix of Bikeability, Year 6s visiting their new secondary schools, an inspirational visit from professional skateboarder and ADHD champion Ryan Swain, a school visit to the Yorkshire Air Museum, rehearsing for our end of year production, recruiting for our new teaching team for September, which the children have all been involved in AND our daily learning. Wow!

The final week also looks as jam packed with lots of things to remember (please check out the key dates in this newsletter). This week, the children have taken part in transition week- spending time in their new classes with new classmates.

They have carried out a number of transition activities to get them ready for September and the changes and challenges they face.

This week also sees the LAST week for the extracurricular clubs- these will NOT run during the last week of term.

We look forward to an enjoyable last week of term.

My best wishes

Sian Mitchell

Friday 14th July: Day of the shows!

Shows will take place at 9.30-10.30am and 2-3pm

Please note- no refreshments will be available but you are welcome to sit in the hall after drop-off, for the morning performance.

The raffle will take place at **3.10pm**.

Please return any tickets (sold or not) ASAP.

Thanks again to Mrs Stockill for collating some amazing prizes for this!

Thursday 20th July: Non uniform day

Non uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize please. Tombola will be held at the End of Year Assembly on Friday 21st.

Friday 21st July: End of Year Celebration Assembly

Our **special end of year assembly** will take place **9.30am-11am**.

This will include the tombola (with the prizes kindly donated from Non uniform day). All are welcome to attend. **Year 6 parents vs children rounders** will take place after the assembly. Yr6 Parents are then welcome to stay and have lunch with their child- please let Mrs Kemp know if you wish to order a lunch ASAP.

School Attendance

Our school weekly attendance was 96.05%

3rd July-7th July 2023

This is above the primary national average attendance of **93.9%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **94.68%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **96.86%**

Recent highlights from across school

Some reports from Oak Trees children...



Bikeability

Bikeability was brilliant we learnt how to do stopped U-turns and flowing U-turns. We learnt how to be a proper cyclist and how to make left and right turns.

-Aiden, Year 6.

Sports Day

We enjoyed setting up for all the race as a year 6 privilege. It was a great experience and really enjoyable because it was just fun and not too competitive, everyone was cheering each other on. I enjoyed the parents and adults doing the three-legged race.

It was a hot day and we all got ice pops at the end! *-Nicole & Oliver, Year 6.*



The Yorkshire Air Museum

We had a great day at the Yorkshire Air Museum, our favourite part was going inside the old plane and learning how to be a Paratrooper, we had to pretend to jump out of the plane with our parachute. We also learn about Sir George Cayley who was the first man to fly a fixed-wing flying machine.

-Sophia and Joshua, Y 3 & 4



Ryan Swain visit

We were very lucky to have Ryan Swain, a local celebrity and motivational speaker, come to visit our school last week. The children really enjoyed it. Ryan, who is a professional skateboarder and Skateboard GB registered Coach with over 20 years of experience under his belt, brought his skateboard with him of which children and even staff had a go.



Recent highlights from Conkers Class

Conkers were extremely lucky to have special visitors in class on Monday! Mrs Raines very kindly brought in her baby guinea pigs for the children to see, and many enjoyed petting them.



A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Malton Show competition this year. The theme was 'How climate change effects our world'.

A special congratulations to Sophia (Year 3 pupil) who came second and was awarded a rosette and money.



School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.**



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Understanding your child online course has been paid for by **North Yorkshire County Council**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **NYFAMILIES**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.



The Countryside Code Competition

We've teamed up with Natural England (and Shaun the Sheep!) to launch a special poster competition.

Design a poster to promote the Countryside Code featuring Shaun the Sheep and friends.

Things you might want to include:

- What is the Countryside Code?
- Top tips and advice for when you're outdoors.
- Can you create a new character to make friends with Shaun?

Closing date: Friday 14th July, 12pm

Winners announced on Thursday 20th July and will be contacted by email.

Age-related prizes available and winners of the competition will receive a Picture News goody bag, certificate and will have their poster featured on all the Countryside Code's official media channels.

To enter, submit your design with your **name, age** and **school name** to: help@picture-news.co.uk



With very special guest judge
Marian Spain,
Chief Executive, Natural England.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE



on the App Store;
"Teen" on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

