

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6th June 2024

Summer 2 Term

Hello everyone

I hope you had an enjoyable half-term break and a good start to the new half-term. The final push to summer begins and this half term is full of wonder and excitement for everyone. Our extra-curricular clubs started this week with an exceptional take-up. The rehearsals for the summer production of 'Rock Bottom' have started and the children are enjoying learning songs and their lines. Details of costumes will be sent in due course. Also on the line up for this summer term is a visit from a local MP, bike ability for Year 6, a visit to the Castle Museum for Conker's and a visit to Murton Park for Oak trees as well as a whole school visit to Flamingo land. Also on the bill is our Oak Trees class brass concert on 3rd July at 1.45pm in the hall, to which everyone is invited. We have our FOLs disco on Thursday 4th July and the week after this we hold our transition week at school where the pupils spend the week in their 'new' classes, as they will be in September. Much to look forward to.

Parent and carer survey

This was sent home on Monday, and we would really value it if all parents could spend 5 minutes filling this out and returning to school. This survey enables school leaders to capture parents views on the current strengths of our school as well as provide essential information about the areas we could improve on. Last year we only had a 53% return rate and we would be delighted to receive a full return rate this year to enable us to plan and take account of everyone's views. There is a free text box at the bottom of the survey, and we would definitely encourage you to add additional comments to this.

National Thank a Teacher Day

On 19th June is National 'thank a teacher' day and I know staff would love it if you were able to drop them a note or a line to thank them for anything particular you feel they deserve recognition for. In advance of this I would like to thank each and every teacher and teaching assistant at Leavening for their dedication and passion to the role and the school. Our pupils really do get a great and unique education and experience at Leavening. Any communication can be done through the main office.

Have a lovely weekend.

My best wishes



Sian Mitchell

School Attendance

20 May 2024 - 24 May 2024

Our school weekly attendance was: 90.77%

This was below the **primary national average of 93.3%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **98.72%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **98.72%**

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Mon 10th

Warriors club-

(see poster for more details)

Weds 12th & Thurs 13th

Bikeability

Tues 18th

York Castle Museum trip (Conkers)

Tues 18th & Weds 19th

Year 6 Transition days:

Malton School & Norton College

Weds 26th

Year 5 taster day: Malton School

Thurs 27th

Murton Park trip (Oak Trees)

Reports home

JULY

Weds 3rd

WOPSS Concert 1.45pm (Oaks)

Parents/Carers warmly welcome

Thurs 4th

FOLS Summer Disco 5.15-6.30pm

Mon 8th-Fri 12th

All children to their new class

Weds 10th at 1.15pm

Dress rehearsal for summer show

Thurs 11th

Crucial Crew event (Yr 6 only)

Fri 12th

Summer production

Tues 16th

Flamingo Land trip

(Conkers and Oak Trees)

Weds 17th

Yr5 Taster Day (Norton College)

Further details to follow.

Weds 17th

Yr 6 treat day: Allerthorpe Lake

Fri 19th Last day of term

End of year celebration

assembly (9.30am-11am)

Yr 6 vs Parents rounders (11-12)

Yr 6 parents stay for lunch (12-1)

Pop-up Library Dates;

27th June & 11th July (Collection)

Please clear ParentPay debt

Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Dr Neil Audsley**

Child safety week: Top safety tips for families

Swim safe this Summer

Whilst it may not seem warm enough to go for a swim yet, it's never too soon to be thinking about water safety.

It's scary to think about but drowning doesn't happen like it does in the movies. A drowning child doesn't splash about or cry for help. They slip quietly under the water, often unnoticed.

But, once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.

Be burns aware

BBQ season will soon be upon us and we can't wait to enjoy eating outside again. Just remember a BBQ and the ground underneath it can stay hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used.

So, stay alert and keep children well away from the cooking area until it's completely cooled.

Is your garden child-friendly?

Are you lucky enough to have a garden? Or can your child play in the garden of family or friends? Outdoor play is a great way to burn off energy but not every garden is child friendly.

So, make sure chemicals like weed killer and fertiliser are kept away from curious youngsters and garden tools are locked away in a shed.



Children choking on food

Four top tips to stop young children choking:

1. Stay with babies and young children while they eat.
2. Learn how best to cut up their food:
 - grapes, strawberries, small tomatoes – cut lengthways and into quarters
 - sausages, cheese, large hard fruit – cut into thin strips.
3. Avoid some foods until they're older – hard sweets, whole nuts, popcorn and marshmallows.
4. Learn basic first aid so you know what to do in an emergency.



Get involved: Child Safety Week 2024 runs from Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th June.

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide.

We help families build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety.

We want all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.

Don't miss out. Grab your free parents pack here: <https://capt.org.uk/resources/parents-pack/>

FOLS Summer Disco | Thursday 4th July | 5.15-6.30pm

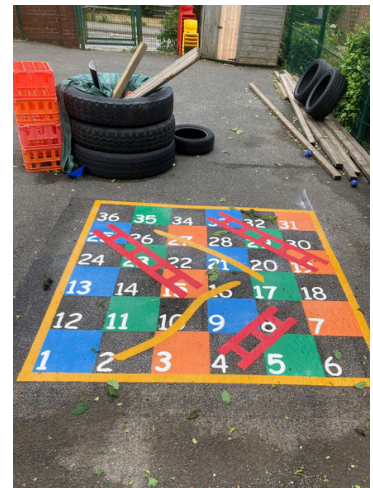
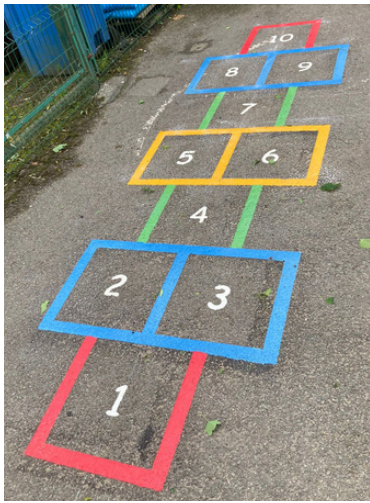
We are very excited to announce that FoLS will be holding a Summer Disco on Thursday 4th July (5.15pm-6.30pm). The price is £5 per child- which will include a drink and a snack. Payment will be via ParentPay. There will be party games with prizes to be won. Children in all classes (including nursery) are welcome.

Please can we ask for any parents/carers who would like to help, to contact the office.

If we do not get sufficient volunteers, then such events won't be able to go ahead.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

New playground markings



Thank you to Mr Mortimer who sourced and organised these new playground games on our play yard. We are hoping these mathematical games will encourage productive and purposeful play. Our playground leaders will enjoy teaching the children the rules, especially darts!

Gardening club

Gardening club has got off to a great start this week. This bunch of green fingered lovelies made a start on tending to the sensory garden as well as planting sunflowers. We are in need of gardening gloves so if you have any spare or old ones you are happy to donate, we would happily take them off your "hands". In addition, if anyone has any unused gardening equipment or compost they no longer require, we would be very grateful for it. Thank you in advance.



Please support our **Summer ice lolly sale!**

Every Friday: Large Ice Pops: 50p each

Raising funds for Friends of Leavening School



Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%



ADULT LEARNING NORTH YORKSHIRE ARE OFFERING A FREE 'SCHOOL READINESS' COURSE FOR CHILDREN AGED THREE YEARS AND ABOVE, AND THEIR PARENTS

This 5-week program gives young children a head start for school with fun activities that develop communication, friendship-building, routines, and more! Plus, it's a supportive environment for parents to get tips on setting family rules, encouraging positive behaviour, and making the transition to school a breeze. Each child receives a certificate and a puppet upon completion.

This course is perfect for children who may need a little support before they start school.

Scarborough Library: Fridays, 14th June to 12th July, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Please note you will need to enrol online. If you have any difficulties enrolling, please contact the Adult Learning North Yorkshire team at: Tel: 01609 536 066 or Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk.

Young Minds

We know that being a parent or carer isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children or young people grow up, it can also be really hard work. Things might feel especially difficult if your child or young person is struggling with their mental health at the moment. Or if their mood and behaviour seem different, and you're not sure why or what you can do to help. But you are not alone.

We have lots of practical advice to help you support them – from encouraging them to open up, to navigating mental health services and finding them the right help. No matter what you're going through, things can get better.



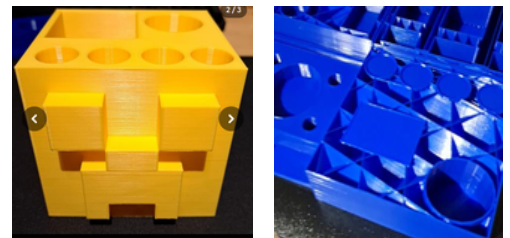
Young Minds website:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Recent highlights from Oak Trees class

Before half term, Oak Trees class embarked on a DT, Computing and maths project to research, design, edit and make their own 3D printed pencil pot. Over the break, the pencil pots have been printing and the children should receive them later next week!

Here are some pictures of the design and printing process.



Miss Mitchelmore and Miss Templeman have been busy digging and preparing the school allotment, ready to plant pumpkins to grow over the summer! We are very lucky as a school to have the opportunity to use and grow things on the new local allotment.

Thanks to Karen and some volunteers over half term the allotment is now ready to get planting. This will be looked after by the Young Leadership team, year 6 and the gardening club.



When visiting the allotment this week to see the progress, a strange thing happened. Oak Trees class discovered a strange looking suitcase placed in the ground. After checking it was safe and bringing it back to school, the children looked inside to find there were lots of historic artifacts. Using their prior knowledge and inference skills, the children worked out that this must belong to an Egyptologist (a historian who specialises in Ancient Egypt). We conducted lots of research and managed to find out many interesting facts about ancient Egypt. Well done Oaks!



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Navigating the complexities of childhood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important to remember, however, that each child is different, and will require an individual approach to relationship support.

1 GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Encouraging children and young people to join extracurricular activities can foster healthy friendships by providing shared interests and common ground. Engaging in these pastimes offers a platform for interaction, sometimes alleviating the social pressure of knowing what to say, and helps children develop meaningful connections.

2 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The children and young people in our lives see how we behave, the connections that we've made and the interactions between us and others. When we model healthy friendships, we set an example and help youngsters to understand what healthy friendships looks like and how to navigate them.

3 HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES

Healthy friendships aren't just about dynamics with other people. They're about our relationship with ourselves. For overall wellbeing, it's important for a child to have the space to build their self-esteem and a positive self-image, as these factors can have a notable influence on the friendships they form throughout life.

4 MONITOR SCREEN TIME

Too much screen time can affect some children's wellbeing in general, but it can specifically impact friendships if it results in fewer positive social interactions. In some cases, reducing screen time and encouraging children and young people to find ways to interact face-to-face can have positive results. It's also important to remember that young people can make positive friendships online, but they will require support to do this safely.

5 TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING

Inevitably, friendships can run into problems. However, this is also an opportunity to support children and young people to work through any difficulties that may arise. It can be tempting to intervene and try to fix these issues for those involved, but helping them consider ways of resolving conflict or managing difficult situations for themselves can help them create stronger friendships.

6 EMPOWER THE CHILD

When we give children and young people the confidence to choose their friends, navigate interpersonal boundaries and consider how they want to interact with the different people around them, we empower them to take control of the friendships they have. When young people feel in control of these things, they're more likely to make positive choices and remain aware of the signs of a negative relationship.

7 TEACH EMPATHY

'Healthy friendships' doesn't always mean 'perfect'. Sometimes, disagreements can happen. When we teach children and young people to have empathy, we help them to see both sides of a relationship; to be mindful of the challenges a friend might be facing or whatever else might be going on. This can help children and young people to build stronger friendships.

8 BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS

Talking to young people about their friendships, who they spend time with and who they interact with can open the door to questions if they have concerns. Initially, these queries may be straightforward, but if we are receptive to discussion from the outset, young people are more likely to come to us for help when they are older as well.

9 UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES

One of the keys to a healthy friendship is honouring boundaries. This can include anything from respecting personal space and belongings to acceptable language and behaviour. Understanding the importance of setting these limits and upholding those set by others can help children stay safe. If young people figure out their boundaries and feel comfortable enforcing them, they're more likely to call someone out if they go too far.

10 SPOT THE SIGNS

We can't always supervise young people: sometimes, we need to step back and give them some space. However, it's important to consider any indicators that they may be struggling in their friendships. Are they becoming increasingly irritable? Does their behaviour alter when they've been with their friends? Are they becoming withdrawn or reluctant to take part in certain activities? These could all be signs that they're finding things difficult, and we should remain alert to such changes.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an experienced educator who has worked in primary and secondary schools for 20 years. She is a facilitator, consultant and coach working with young people and the adults who work with them, with a focus on developing understanding and skills around mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE



Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING



Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content; playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY



Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY



Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

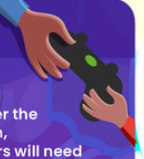
Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY



Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND



By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS



As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.



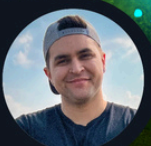
PLACE BOUNDARIES



Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar

A webinar to provide parents/carers with information, resources, practical ideas, and strategies to support their child with emotionally based school avoidance

Date and Time
Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 5:30pm

MS Teams Link

[Click here to join the Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar](#)

Further Information

Please email tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net if you have any queries or require further information.

Safeguarding Week 2024

17-21 June



**North Yorkshire, City of York, East Riding and Hull
Safeguarding Week 17th - 21st June 2024**

To view the full programme of events and book onto sessions, scan the QR code below



SCAN ME

Safeguarding is everybody's business

Malton Library

Mon 9.30-5 Tues 9.30-7 Weds 9.30-5 Thurs CLOSED Fri 9.30-5 Sat 9.30-12.30

What's on in June

SPECIAL EVENTS - ALL FREE!

• Pride Month

Tuesday 4th June at 10.30am, **Pride Storytime:**

We run a friendly story time each week and welcome many families in the area to join together with their under 5s. This week will be a celebratory story time and we encourage you to invite along a family who has never been before too!

• Hi-Vis Fortnight, 1-14 June

Tuesday 11th June, 3-4.30pm, **Digital Accessibility Drop-in:**

Come and explore the resources we have for those with visual impairment, including features on our e-book platform Borrow Box as well as accessibility tools on our public computers.

• Big Green Week, 8-16 June

Saturday 15th, 10am-11am, **Riley and the musical river followed by Newspaper Seed Pots activity:**

Join us for a story time and craft activity with the The North York Moors National Park - Ryevitalise Project. This activity is aimed at Families with pre-schoolers, older children welcome.

REGULAR SESSIONS

- **Children's Stay and Play Session**, Mondays 10.30-11.30am
- **Children's Storytime and Crafts**, Tuesdays 10.30am
- **Pins & Needles Craft Club**, Tuesdays 5-7pm
- **Malton Tuesday Readers Group**, First Tuesday of the month 7pm**
- **Advocacy Drop In**, First Tuesday of the month 10am-12 noon
- **IT Help Appointments**, Wednesdays 1-3pm, Fridays 12pm-2pm*
- **Lego Club**, Wednesdays 1-3pm and Saturdays 10am-12 noon
- **Board Games Club**, Fridays 2-4pm



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Citizens Advice Outreach Information Ryedale Area

June 2024

Our outreach service will be at the following venues:

Advice Van

6th Pickering Library 10.00 - 12.00
12th Kirkbymoorside Methodist Church Community One Stop 11.00 - 13.00
28th Helmsley Market

Outreach Sessions

Every Thursday Yorkshire Building Society Pickering 13.00 - 16.00

Pomoc (Migrant Support)

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Community outreach across Malton & Norton contact 01748 902902
10th & 24th Ryedale House, Malton 10.00 - 12.00

Citizens Advice Maton office

Wednesday & Thursday 10.00 - 12.30

An adviser will be available to provide basic information and signpost you to relevant advice and support.

Scan the QR code or visit our website at www.cany.org.uk



Scan for more
local info

Leavening Church

Warriors



Monday

10th June



3.15 to 4.30pm

Leavening School

**Art, activities, bible
stories, games**

Please let Nancy Spencer know if your child (age 5-11) would like to come (07949420815 or nancyspencer07@gmail.com)

Warriors is run by the Leavening Churches. For more details of our services and other events see the noticeboard outside Leavening Church or www.leaveningmethodists.org.uk



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Adult Carer Service
For Unpaid Carers aged 18+

Young Adult Carers
For Unpaid Carers aged 16-30

Young Carer Service



Parent Carer Forum

Info Talks – Ryedale

Join Carers Plus Yorkshire and James Koppert for our Ryedale Parent Carer Forum!

James has a diagnosis of ADHD, is a parent of a child with neurodiverse conditions and has worked with schools and parents to develop strategies to support children and young people to develop positively around ADHD and Autism.

ADHD Talk with James

This is a general talk about the understanding and challenges of parenting ADHD.

04/07, 10am to 1pm
Talbot Hotel Malton

This date was previously 13/06

Autism Talk with James

This is a general talk about the understanding and challenges of parenting Autism.

27/06, 10am to 1pm
Talbot Hotel Malton

To book your place contact:

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