

Newsletter



The end of another busy term – time really does fly!

Thank you to Y3 for organising our **Red Nose Day** - the funniest jokes as judge by them include:

- What did the policeman say to his chest? **You're under a vest!** (whole school winner)
- How do you get pikachu on a bus? **You pokemon!**
- What is a cat's favourite food? **Mice cream!**
- Why did the football match take place on a triangular pitch? **Someone took a corner!**
- "Knock, knock"
"Who's there?"
"Dr"
"Dr Who?"



Thank you for your generosity in raising £319 for the charity.

The main **school library** will be re-opened to the children after Spring Break – I want to Thank – Edward, Noah, Harriet, Finn, Ariv & Danny for their hard work in bringing the library, which was looking very sad after being unused during the pandemic, back to life! We will be opening the library over lunchtimes for KS2 pupils – on rota – and look forward to a great summer of reading. FoYPS are helping us plan a Grand opening which will happen a little later – look out for the announcement!

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to the many families who have thought about us when they are having a 'spring clean' – the books and games we have received, along with craft resources etc. have been fantastic – thank you for your thoughtfulness. Congratulations to the children we have been celebrating this half term for

Shining in Music:

Y1 – Shazeen & Ellora

Y2 – Woody & Asher

Y3 – Jackson & Robyn

Y4 – Emily & Poppy

Y5 – Teddy & Enya

Y6 – Harry & Ralph

Thank you for your support around Attendance – we still have a group of 100% attenders, who we continue to celebrate, but also a significant cohort who are improving their attendance – it really does make a difference.

Thank you to Y1 for organising the successful **Foodbank Friday** (special addition!) and for highlighting the importance of keeping clean and healthy with the pupils across school.

Thank you for your amazing generosity.



We bid farewell today to Miss Dixon.

In the short time she has been with us, she has impacted on many of our children across school, who I know will miss her.

We wish her well in her new role and hope she has a great time - Good Luck!



Congratulations to the Y5 team who entered a **gymnastics competition** recently. This is not something we have done as routinely as other sports events and we are delighted with the way the team represented the school and themselves. A great effort and some fabulous medals too?

We are aware that lots of children attend groups and classes outside of school, and are always interested to hear of their successes. Whether it is bringing a medal or certificate in or telling us what they are doing we really would love to hear...

Other **sporting events** this month include:

- Reception to a multisport festival.
- Y1 went dancing.
- A netball competition for Y5 & Y6.
- Y4 to TriGolf.

Well done to everyone who did their best (and often pushing themselves out of their comfort zone) and represented the school so well.

Message from Mr Jefferies (English Leader)
Year 5 and 6 children taking part in this year's **Stockton Children's Book of the Year competition** enjoyed a fantastic afternoon meeting the celebrated author of 'When the Sky Falls', Phil Earle.

In the evening, Year 6 pupils Phebe and George also collected their awards for Outstanding Effort and Best Book Review at the awards ceremony in Stockton Central Library. It was a lovely surprise to meet all five authors and to be presented with their certificates by the mayor of Stockton. Well done both!



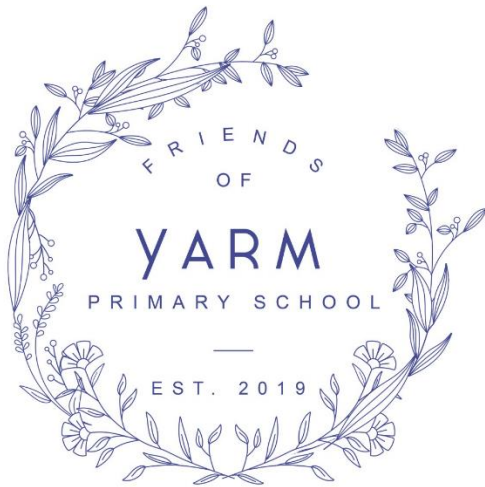
We had a day of enquiry into **Writing** with colleagues from the Trust – which was a great opportunity to look at some fabulous work across school, from the early mark making in Nursery to some complex *long writes* in upper school. The children were able to speak with confidence about how lessons are sequenced and how they work to meet their targets. Since the Pandemic, we, as is the typical picture across England, have seen the biggest impact on Writing in school. Whilst this continues to be an important areas of development in school, what a lot of great progress is being made – well done everyone!

We use a wide range of approaches to addressing and promoting **positive wellbeing** – Evidence shows that time spent in nature is good for our health and wellbeing and this resource, although intended for use in school - could be a great addition to any holiday plans -

<https://cdn.naturalresources.wales/media/691058/activities-and-games-health-and-well-being.pdf> - enjoy barefoot walking, mud painting, grounding, tree hugging & wilderness workouts! ***Remember in school we have a counselling service available for all children across school. Make an appointment in confidence with Mrs Wood to

discuss this if you feel this is something your child may need to access. If you yourself need support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Message from Mr Painter – (Science Leader) - **British Science Week** - A huge scientific buzz was in the air this half term as the children immersed themselves into science. From the 13th-17th March, the children learnt about the life and discoveries of key scientists. They also took part in a whole afternoon of science investigations from ('Which material protects Humpty Dumpty?' to 'Do different types of chocolate have different melting points?') The children have also been visited by real scientists in their classrooms to learn about the jobs that they do and how science helped them to achieve it! We were visited by cell a biologist, RAF engineer, marine biologist, space scientist and an ecologist - just to name a few!



Supporting Our School

STEM Project 2023

Each class within school took part in an exciting STEM project supported by FOYPS. This gave the children fantastic opportunities to explore STEM links, follow a design process and make high-quality products. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending our Open Door Friday in support!

AND THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our Easter Bake sale and to the dedicated team in **FoYPS** for their hard work and creativity. ALL our children benefit from their efforts and as a school we are very grateful. We hope you enjoyed your Easter treat if you were able to come along. Funds raised go towards the main school library.

You will receive the **knowledge organisers** with news about the new themes for next term, today. If you do not get a copy please let us know.

School closes on Friday 31st March at 3.30pm

And reopens again on Monday 17th April at 8.55am

We hope you have a great Spring Break, and that we will see you back safe and well for what promises to be a jam-packed Summer Term.

Mrs Wood