



9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

York: At the start of the week, 52 of our year 5 pupils and 7 staff travelled to York for a residential. In a jam-packed 3 days, they visited several attractions, all with a link to the city. The first day saw everyone being a little scared as they went around York Dungeons; the second day had a history focus, with visits to Barley Hall, Jorvik Dig, Jorvik Viking Centre and the Castle Museum. The final day looked at the history of Rowntree with a visit to The Chocolate Story. During the 3 days, they all became archaeologists, chocolatiers, historians, and even ghost busters! I was lucky enough to join the group on Tuesday, and they were a credit to the school – I was so proud of all of them. I must thank all the staff who volunteered to spend time away from their family to make the trip a success for the children. Without the support of the staff, opportunities like this would not be possible. There are many photos on the school Facebook page from the residential, so please have a look.

Year 2: In Year 2's Spanish assembly for parents this afternoon, excitement filled the air as the children showcased their newfound language skills. With great enthusiasm, they confidently greeted the audience with 'Hola', counted in Spanish, shared how to say colours and even performed a simple Spanish Flamenco dance at the end. It was a great assembly and a real celebration of the children's Spanish language development. Well done, everyone!

Chinese New Year: As part of our enriched curriculum, various activities have taken place around school this week to celebrate The Year of the Dragon. These have included writing stories, food tasting, dragon puppets and facts about the celebration. On Thursday, our kitchen team produced a lovely Chinese menu for the pupils at lunch, which everyone enjoyed.

Internet Safety Week: Within computing, pupils have been thinking about staying safe when online. For many of the pupils this has involved looking at how technology has changed over time, from the start of the internet to where it is now. Pupils were amazed at how technology has changed so quickly – many couldn't believe that when teachers were their age, the internet wasn't even invented! Out Treehouse pupils also enjoyed the chance to try out some retro arcade games, including Pacman and Frogger.

Parents' Evening: Just a reminder that we are holding parent evenings on 12/02/24 and 13/02/24 - if you requested an appointment with your child's class teacher, you should all have received your time. During the evening, there will be an opportunity to look through a selection of your child's books/work before discussing their progress. Please use the main school entrance, where you can then make your way to your child's class. As usual, we will be providing facilities in the main hall for staff members to watch your child while you attend your appointment. If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the main office.

Due to parent's evenings taking place, there will be no teacher-led after school clubs running next week.

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 90.04% - this is lower than the local authority attendance for primary schools this week, which was 93.5%. The class with the best attendance is 2MA with 96.90%!

House Points: The winning house this week, with the most points, was Swan. Congratulations!

PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. At this time of year, PE is generally in the hall however depending on the weather we may still have opportunities to go on the yard or field so please ensure your child has a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 12 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	RAM	
Thursday	Year 3	5DF / Nursery
Friday		5RN Swimming Year 4

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

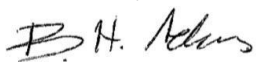
Week Commencing 12 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 4
Wednesday		2FM
Thursday	Nursery	RAM
Friday	1ES	

Football: On Thursday evening, the girls' football team took part in their second week of Futsal league fixtures. Due to the results in the first week, the team needed to try and get as many points as they could to try and progress to the final next week. The first game of the night was against Wessington. The girls started off brilliantly, controlling a lot of the ball before Amelia T put them 1-0 with a long range shot from the halfway line. The girls defended well throughout, with Darcy G making a number of brilliant saves to keep the lead as well as Ella Mae R constantly battling for the ball. Wessington were able to equalise with a well-placed finish into the bottom corner. With the girls chasing the win, they created chance after chance. In the final minutes of the game, the opposition were able to counter attack and slot home the winner. The game ending 2-1 to Wessington.

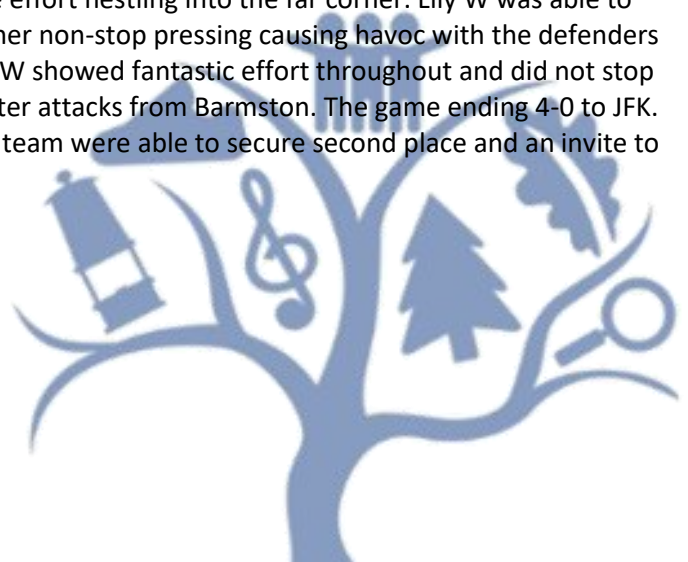
The team went into the second game of the night against Barmston knowing they had to win and score lots of goals in order to progress to the next stage. They were fantastic in this game and showcased a dominating performance, the ball being in the Barmston half for the entirety of the contest. Amelia T was able to open up the scoring before quickly pouncing on a mistake from a defender to make it 2-0 in a matter of minutes. From a kick in on the side-line, Amelia T was able to complete her hat trick with a long range effort nestling into the far corner. Lily W was able to add herself on to the scoresheet, which she earned through her non-stop pressing causing havoc with the defenders leading to a mistake which she was able to capitalise on. Ella W showed fantastic effort throughout and did not stop running for a second, constantly stopping any potential counter attacks from Barmston. The game ending 4-0 to JFK. As the night ended and results went in their favour, the girls' team were able to secure second place and an invite to the finals.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School



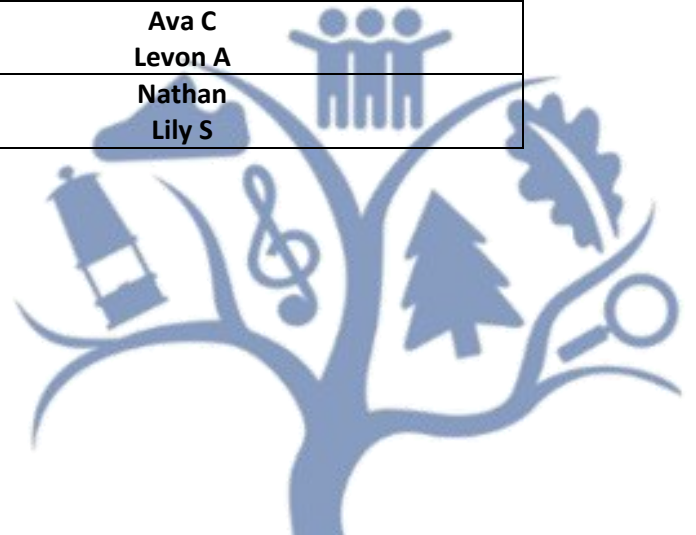


John F. Kennedy
Primary School



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Hallie W Hugo S-B
Reception	RSC/BG	Darcie-Mai G Olivia C
	RAM	Finley R Elijah J
One	1AP	Rory S Imogen H
	1ES	Isla L Harry M
Two	2FM	Joseph C Nancy H
	2IT	Charlotte T Oliver C
Three	3MS	Thomas H Isla D
	3JW	Willow B Elliot D
Four	4AF	Heidi D Elliot D
	4BK	Ernest H Cora P
Five	5RN	The Whole Year Group - York
	5DF	The Whole Year Group - York
Six	6PP	Theo B Henry C
	6LM	Ava C Levon A
The Treehouse	TSK	Nathan
	TNP	Lily S



YEAR 5

YORK RESIDENTIAL

I had a fantastic time in York with year 5, who deserve a restful weekend after putting up with my jokes for 3 days! They were fantastic representatives of our school, earning compliments from staff at all of the places we visited. My favourite part of the residential was the York Dungeons - even if I did get told I had the plague by the doctor and needed to have my insides ripped out! - Mr Smith

In York it was absolutely brilliant! My top favourite was the dungeon because it was so funny seeing everyone's reactions. The scariest part was the doctor because he pretended to hit Mrs Watson in the head! I loved the quiz night with our friends, and also winning prizes! - Thea C

In York we went to the York Dungeon and the best part was the witch. In the Chocolate Story we made some delicious chocolates - Ayden T

In York we had lots of fun! One of my favourites was the last day - we went to York Chocolate Story, and we even made our own chocolate lollies. We also looked at the different time periods of chocolate and I didn't like some! - Lauren C

I was able to get out the office for a few days to join year 5 on their York residential, and what a very enjoyable few days it was! I had lots of laughs (and screams thanks to the York Dungeon) with the children whilst visiting many places I've never been to before. The children really engaged and got involved in each activity, taking such interest. They were a fantastic representation of JFK. - Mrs Watson

The dungeon was very realistic. We were picked on by the workers there - it was funny to see our friends being tortured (not actually) in front of everyone. Also it seemed like they could teleport around in the dark. It was creepy! - Adam W

When we went to the dungeon I was hugging onto everyone because I was so so scared.....I loved it!! - Muhammad D

We made chocolate lollies in the York Chocolate Story and learned about some of the famous families such as the Rowntree's and the Terry's - Sam S

Action packed, constantly on the go and full of fun, year 5 have had an amazing time in York! The children were brilliant, and I have never seen such organised rooms on a residential! From the York Dungeons, to Barley Hall, Jorvik and even the sweet shop in the Shambles, people commented on the sensible behaviour and excellent manners of the children. I was extremely proud. - Mrs Fort

In York, we slept at the YHA - we had a quiz night and a movie night, but I would say the quiz night was more fun because my team won! We watched Jumanji on the movie night - Henry A

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What a wonderful opportunity it is for the children to go to York. Children are immersed in new information and experiences. They also have so much opportunity for social interactions with their peers and adults. Our children were a credit to our school. With several adults complimenting them on their behaviour and manners. However, not only do the children learn something new us adults do too. I learnt where the term 'upper crust' came from 😊. - Mrs Appleby

I loved the dungeons even though it was super scary! York was so much fun. My favourite part was York Chocolate Story - we made chocolate lollies. At the dungeon we went into a room with a witch, she was so creepy - that was actually the most creepy part! In my group, Layla was trapped in a cage. - Mia R