

Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

What a busy weekend we have had, with movie night on Friday and then a concert at the Barbican on Saturday. 43 children came to movie night and lots of parents. Wow!! Thankyou to Fleur Targett and her team of helpers for organising the evening. The children and teddies were impeccably behaved as ever and we all had great fun watching Lego Batman.

Then, on Saturday, a small group of children attended a concert by York Guildhall Orchestra at the Barbican. They too were beautifully behaved and were a pleasure to sit with. One member of the audience (sitting in the row in front) said, "Wonderful behaviour."

### What's on this week:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 	<b>Walk to School Week</b> KS1 Gym Club
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Richard Kirkman leading Collective Worship
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	English Workshop with 'Explore Learning' in Y3/4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 	KS2 Archery/fencing Club KS1 Football Club Friends of Naburn Mums' Social in the Blacksmith's Arms. 8pm start with a glass of fizz, followed by quiz from 8.30pm

### Celebrations

This week, the certificates went to:

- Freddie in Reception, for being keen and ready to learn
- Alfie in Y1 for his amazing work all week
- Bethany in Y2 for being very helpful with the new Reception children and helping them to fasten up their coats now the chillier weather is here
- Maximus in Y2 for reading lots and lots
- Felix in Y4 for consistent filling in of his reading diary
- George in Y5 for using amazing similes in his writing. He read his work out and wowed us all!
- Christopher in Y6 for having an excellent attitude to learning



The lunchtime awards went to Thomas and George for digging up our school potatoes ready to give to others at Harvest, and Betsy for always being helpful. Jess C also showed us the medal she had been awarded for running and swimming a total of 10 miles. Well done, Jess!

### **Friends of Naburn**

You are all welcome to The Ugly Bug Ball on 31<sup>st</sup> October at the Blacksmith's Arms. No tickets are needed and the disco and food are included in the evening. Looking forward to some amazing costumes, houses and pumpkins as ever! See posters and flyers for details.

### **Reading At home**

The teachers have noticed that quite a few children are not reading at home very often. We have a school focus on writing this year and I am a firm believer that reading lots leads to being a good writer, as it fires up your imagination and helps you to journey with a range of characters to a world full of settings, which you can then use in your own stories.

Please encourage your child to read at home and to fill in their reading diary. Thank you to those of you who are already doing this.

Watch out next week for news of a reading competition taking place in Half Term.



### **Correspondence**

After the half term holiday, children in the Reception class will no longer automatically receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Thank you to those of you who are registered with Parentpay and receive the newsletter via email. If you still need to register, please do so. Paper copies will still be issued to those children who do not have a valid email set up.

### **Parents' Evenings**

In our parent questionnaire earlier this year, some parents expressed a wish to have parents' evenings earlier in the academic year. We have listened to this and the first parents' evening will be next week (don't forget to return your slips!). The next ones will be before Easter, with a special meeting about SATS before then. Don't forget, you are always welcome to pop in and see us at any time, too.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison

