



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

19th November

Dear Parents

I am looking forward to meeting the residents of Millbridge Farm next Thursday at 10am. I really would encourage you all to attend. I will be covering a number of subjects which will include how you can best support your child's learning at home and the importance of regular and continuous attendance. There will also an opportunity for you to ask me questions.

We had planned for a Reading Workshop to take place on 9th December. The school is in the process of reviewing its reading books and schemes, so I have decided to postpone this. Instead, I will lead a session for parents on tests, assessment and parent support at home. More details to follow.

Not Nuts!

A quick reminder – please don't send your child/ren in with food that contains nuts, has nut traces, or even says 'might contain nuts'. I cannot over emphasise the importance of this enough as we have children with the most severe allergies to these food items. Thank you

The Dance Festival

On Sunday, Miss Brett and a group of budding young dancers took part in the Yorkshire School Dance Festival at the University of York.

After a (very) early start, the children had a wonderful time, meeting with other schools and dance colleges, and enthusiastically took part in a dance workshop led by the Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

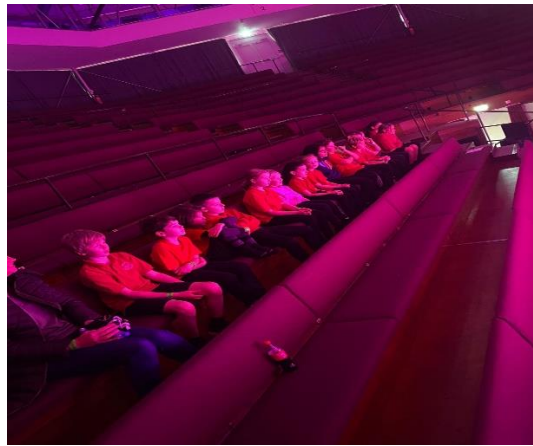
Although they were a little nervous, the children absolutely smashed their performance, and had a fantastic time whilst doing so! It was so lovely to see the massive smiles on their faces afterwards. We are looking forward to returning in a couple of years' time.

Well done to all the children who took part. Thank you to Miss Brett for managing this marvellous opportunity for our children from the choreography, to the rehearsals, to the actual performance on the day and most of all, for enabling the children to have this magnificent opportunity. Thank you also to Mrs Atkinson for helping to look after and supervise the children on the day. I am a very grateful and proud Headteacher.

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Dance team waiting for their rehearsal

Worship Team

The School Worship Team led their first ever assembly this week. It was based on the story of Jonah and the Whale and incorporated the Anti-Bullying theme of 'One Kind Word'. Well done to the Worship Team! I know the children and staff appreciated the time and effort they had put into their work and also the skill with which they delivered their message.



Children in Need Talent Show

I gave some details last week about all the fun we had at our Children in Need Talent Show. Below are some photographs of the event. You can see in the children's expressions that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you for all your kind donations and congratulations to all the children who performed. Remember, it is actually Children in Need day today! Sorry again for getting the wrong date.



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Rugby Match

We had a great game of rugby against AYJS (Bishopthorpe) on Monday. It was so good to see the level of improvement from our first game against Escrick. This was most obvious in the straight runs players made and also the support running that took place. Many thanks to AYJS for hosting the game and well done to the children from both sides that represented their schools. The score was close and I confess that I lost count!

We have a football match against Knavesmire Primary School on Monday. Go Team Naburn!

Y4 MTC

Year 4 parents will have received a leaflet giving details about the Maths Tables Check that their child/ren will be participating in. In short, the purpose of the check is to determine whether the Year 4 children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

I cannot stress enough, that tables knowledge is essential for future success in maths. Please do encourage your child, no matter which year group they are in to practice their times tables.

TTRockstars is a great resource for this purpose along with '**Maths Splat**'.

The actual test, is scheduled to take place in June. More details will follow in the new year.

Advent Window Trail

[Calling all Naburn residents!](#)

Last year, the Advent windows were soooooo amazing, we thought it would be great to repeat the trail in Naburn. We have decided to run the Advent windows from 12th to the 24th December so that we have plenty of time to enjoy them. With the trail, we will be raising money for Naburn Primary school, and the Blacksmith's Arms will be helping the festivities along by providing hot chocolates for the children on the Fridays and Saturdays.

However - we need **YOUR** help! Would you be able to prepare a window and contribute to the Christmassy trail? Please get in touch with Susie Raimes susier1971@hotmail.co.uk or call 07813379521

Community Afternoon and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December

You will remember that I wrote to tell you about our Community Afternoon last week. Plans have moved on. This will be held in the school hall and we will display posters around the village. We will also be posting invitations through post boxes over the course of the next couple of weeks. Thank you to members of the Friends Committee for agreeing to do this.

If you think you might be able to help serve refreshments on that afternoon, provide a raffle prize for a draw, such as a bottle of wine or chocolates, please get in touch with me at school. Thank you

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Our Christmas Jumper Day will also take place on this date. We are asking you to send your child in on this day with a small voluntary donation as well as a Christmas themed top. The money raised will go towards supporting children with basics like food, shelter or education.

Message from Friends of Naburn School

Save the date! We have booked St Crux hall on Saturday 12th March 2022. This is a great fundraiser for school, we run the cafe and bric a brac stalls. Lots of parent help is needed (more details to follow) but it is also lots of fun for adults and children alike so please make a note of the date.

Stillingfleet Christmas Trail and Craft Fair is on Sunday 12th December. The Friends of Naburn School are running a chocolate tombola stall at the event so we are asking for donations for this from all children in school. Please could they bring a chocolate bar or sweets (unopened and in date!) to school on Thursday 2nd December and in exchange for this they can come to school in non-uniform on that day.

Movie Night

I am sorry that I cannot attend Movie Night this evening. For those who are coming along, start time is 5.45pm prompt and the children will watch the animated version of 'The Grinch'. Getting in the Christmas spirit early is a great thing after twenty uncertain and trying months. Enjoy! Thank you to the Friends Committee for all their hard work. I am most grateful.

Parent/Headteacher Meetings

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at my headteacher/parent meetings. These will continue to take place on Mondays, beginning at 4.30pm. If you would like to meet me individually, please see the dates below and phone the school office to book an appointment. The next one is this coming Monday.

Meeting Date	Time
Monday 22 nd November	4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 6 th December	4.30pm to 6pm

Stars of the Week

Here are this week's Stars' of the Week. They have all made a positive difference to our school community, whether that be in their work or in their relationships and spread happiness and care. Congratulations!



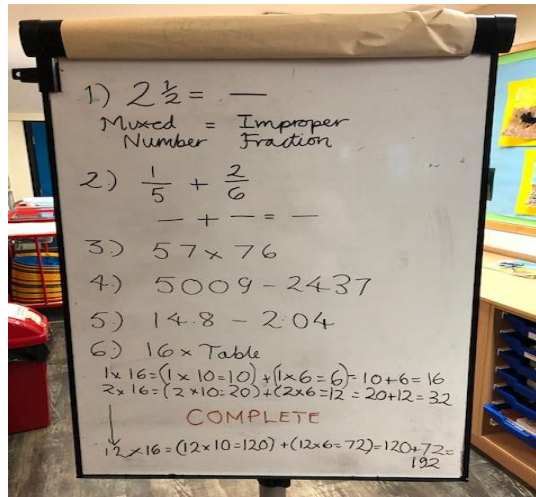
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'Ave a Go!'

Right, I am now going to issue certificates for any children who complete 'Ave a go' and get all the answers correct. It might require parent/sibling/adult support which I am going to allow and also encourage.



Photographs

School photographs (class, individual and sibling) will take place at the Village Hall on Monday afternoon. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate family photographs of siblings who are not in school.

Anti-bullying Theme Week

Children and staff had a good week enjoying a variety of activities during Anti-Bullying Theme Week. We started with an odd socks day, which was designed to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and they certainly did that – and so colourfully! Thank you again for all your generous contributions. We managed to raise **£23.29** that will go directly to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Parent, Carers and Grandparent Dinners

I really hope that the KS1 parents who came into school on Thursday enjoyed the experience of having a school lunch with their children. It was great to see you and there will be more opportunities for you to do this in the Spring and Summer Term.

Next Thursday KS2 parents and grandparents have been invited to join us for dinner. I know that they will be in for a culinary treat!



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TT Rockstars

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning last week's battle against Year 4.

This week's battle features Year 2 and Year 3. Year 2 are currently in the lead! Please keep encouraging your child to practise at home as much as possible. The battle finishes at 9am on Monday 22nd November so there is still lots of time to have a go and continue to score coins for your year group.

Last week's TT Rockstar was Luke from Year 5. Well done Luke!

Date	Year Groups Battling
15.11.21- 22.11.21	Year 3 and Year 2
22.11.21- 29.11.21	Year 6 and Year 4
29.11.21- 6.12.21	Year 1 and Year 2
6.12.21-13.12.21	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

Picture News

Story: Travel company, Expedia, has announced a ban on sales of holidays involving captive marine animals following calls led by public figures such as Joanna Lumley.

Question: Should we be allowed to swim with dolphins?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss

I hope that you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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