

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

Millbridge Farm Meeting

It was wonderful to meet so many of our parent residents of Millbridge Farm on Wednesday and I do hope that you found the content of the meeting useful.

I don't believe many of you have taken a look round school since September, due mainly to the Covid restrictions. I would be more than delighted to give any parent or carer a tour and am happy to do this at very short notice if I am available.

Mrs Wood

I am sad to report that Mrs Wood will be leaving us at Easter to take a job working for Natural England as a team leader on nature recovery projects. This is a dream job for her and I know that you will be keen to join me in congratulating her and sending her our best wishes.

Mrs Wood has been an integral part of our school community for ten years and is an outstanding and loyal teacher. I am keen to begin to prepare a celebration event to thank her for all she has given to Naburn Primary nearer to Easter. More details about these plans will be sent through as the Spring Term progresses.

Mrs Gowlett

It is also with sadness and gratitude that I report that Mrs Gowlett will be leaving us as our School Business Manager at February half term. She has been with us since 2018 and has been a constant source of great knowledge, experience, expertise and reassurance throughout my time at Naburn. Arran Brown will be taking over from her in March and they are currently working through a handover period. Thank you Susie.

Parent Governor Elections

Today was the closing day for applications for the position of Parent Governor. At the time of writing, I do know that we have at least one interested party, but I will give you more information and details next week.

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Y4 Statutory Maths Tables Check Meeting for Parents

I have arranged a meeting for the parents and carers of children in Year 4 to help them understand what this Times Tables assessment will involve and how they might best support their child at home leading up to the test date in June. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 16th February**, starting at 4.45pm.

I do hope that all Year 4 parents are able to join me.

York Rotary Club Gift

It was great to have a delivery made by York Rotary Club of 20 dictionaries for our KS2 classroom. It is so good to hear that they have raised £150 to buy books for children that may not own any books at home.

Finally, the group are also looking to set up a voucher scheme for children who can't afford school shoes.

Friends of Naburn Primary School

There's lots going on this term to raise money for our lovely school so please do try to support us.

On Saturday 12th February we have our Quiz Night which will be a very fun and sociable night. It's at the village hall and in addition to an interactive quiz there will be a Ploughman's-style supper and a bar, and all for the sum of only £5 per ticket! We have also been kindly donated a couple of bottles of gin and/or other spirits so bring along plenty of pound coins and try your luck at winning one of these in our coin rolling competition! Please pop into the school office for your tickets or contact Claire Horne on 07717 666525. Spread the word and tell family and friends too - EVERYONE is welcome!

On Saturday 12th March it is our big fundraising event at St Crux Church at the bottom of the Shambles in York. Letters have been sent home this week with all details so do read through them and return your slips by the end of next week. It is a huge event to organise and we strongly rely on help in some way from EVERY family in school so please do your bit - whether it's baking cakes, helping out on the day or donating food items in advance. We will be chasing those families who don't return a slip so you have been warned!! In addition we need high quality bric a brac and toys to sell so please take the opportunity to have a clear out. Huge thanks in advance for your support with this event.

As ever, if anyone is keen to get involved with the Friends of Naburn School please get in touch with Becci or Charlotte, or speak to Joanne or Rachel in the school office. It's a great way to get to know more parents and you may have some brilliant ideas for future fundraising events or socials that we haven't ever considered! All ideas very welcome!

Attendance Streaks – new initiative! (Reminder)

The **attendance streak** is the number of consecutive days a child attends school. If a child is absent for any reason then the attendance streak is broken and will start again. The attendance streak will be recorded by the pupil in class every day. Once a pupil goes past an attendance streak threshold they can then 'cash in' the number of reward points. For instance, if they attended 20 days in a row then they would receive 50 rewards points for passing the 20 day mark. The other reward thresholds are:

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- 10 days - 25 rewards points.
- 20 days - 50 reward points.
- 40 days - 75 reward points.
- 80 days - 100 rewards points.
- 160 days - 125 reward points.
- Full school year - 500 reward points.

Attendance streaks thresholds will be recorded and reported every half term by classteachers.

Ideas for reward thresholds would be gratefully received. I hope to begin this initiative in a couple of weeks' time.

Headteacher/Parent Meetings

A list of the remaining meetings for the Spring Term can be found in the table below. Please get in touch with the School Office if you wish to make an appointment.

Meeting Date	Time
9 th February	4.30pm to 6pm
2 nd March	4.30pm to 6pm
23 rd March	4.30pm to 6pm
6 th April	4.30pm to 6pm

Filming the weekly newsletter

I point you in the direction of my 'newsreader style' filmed version of the newsletter. This is for people who prefer '**handsome**' pictures to words on a page and can be found on the website or on this link that will take you directly to it. <https://youtu.be/VeCslppBUel>

Football Match

We are looking forward to our football match against AYJS on Monday. We have decided to book a team coach to transport us to Bishopthorpe and there will also be seats for parents to take if they wish. Please contact the school office if you would like to take us up on this offer. The coach will set off from school at 2.50am.

We are taking eighteen children with us which in junior football adds up to two teams. This means that one team will play in PE kits and the other will play in the school kit. With this in mind, please can all players make sure they bring their PE kits to school, football boots and shin pads.

For parents and carers of children who cannot get to the match, we should arrive back in Naburn for 4.45pm.

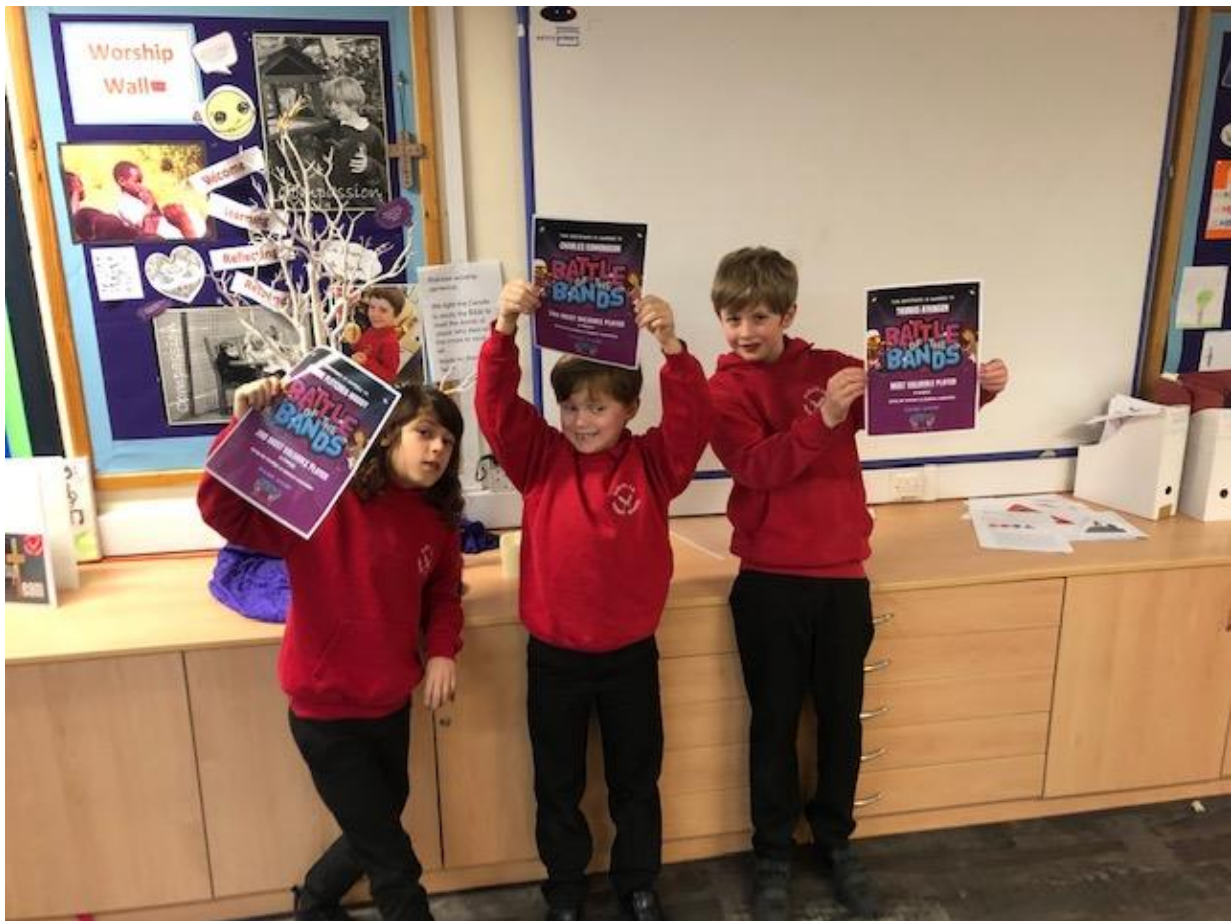
TT Rockstars

Last week's battle between the staff and the children resulted in a victory for the pupils. Congratulations children! Our most prolific performers can be seen overleaf and well done to Mrs Atkinson who was our MVP for the staff team.

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Here is the timetable for battles over the next half term:

Date	Year Groups
24/01/22- 31/01/22	Year 5 vs Year 6
31/01/22 – 7/02/22	Year 3 vs Year 4
7/02/22- 14/02/22	Year 2 vs Year 3
14/02/22- 18/02/22	Key Stage 2

Happy battling Naburn!

Parent and Grandparent Dinners

Our School Meal provider has confirmed dates for our Parents and Grandparents dinner. The dates for KS1 parents are Thursday 10th February and Thursday 7th April. For KS2 we have set aside Thursday 17th February and Thursday 31st March. Should you wish to book a place, please reply to the email sent out earlier this week.

A reminder that the cost of an adult meal is £2.46.

Picture News

Story: Queen Elizabeth II has announced a special competition ahead of her Platinum Jubilee in June and the 70th anniversary of her reign on the 6th of February – the Platinum Pudding Competition.

Question: What type of events do you think deserve a celebration?

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