

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**It's official! We have the best end of KS2 SATS results in York!**

Wow – Look how far we have come!

I think I must be the proudest and happiest Headteacher in the **WORLD!** We have received **THE BEST KS2** results possible. Firstly, and most importantly, I want to thank and congratulate the Year 6 children. Goodness me, do they deserve it. They have worked so hard since January, managing and coping with quite an unsettled year so maturely and brilliantly. I read their pupil questionnaires and it is clear that they demand a good deal and are so grateful to have received it. They quite simply understand and I am not too proud to say, that it drew a tear. I could not be more proud and I have never been so impressed with a group of children.

Secondly, congratulations and thank you to the Sycamore Class teaching team (this always includes the Teaching Assistants, along with the Office) and it was definitely a team effort. **TEAM NABURN – UNS!** The strategy was to sure up the Core Curriculum, make our Year 6 a priority and ensure that they were ready for Secondary School. It has definitely paid dividends! Thank you.

Particular thanks and praise to Mrs Noble. She came to us as a supply teacher halfway through January and made an immediate impression. Firm expectations were laid along with very high aspirations. The children bought into this and saw that they had the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Another concern that was picked up by Ofsted and the LA in the Autumn Term was Early Years. I am once again delighted to report the progress that we have made. Our four Reception children have totally smashed it over the course of the year. Total **TEAM NABURN – UNS!** It is a privilege to be in a class with these children and to witness their learning growth literally on a daily basis. They perform above the LA average and the National data in the overwhelming majority of early learning goals and have the strongest foundation possible to thrive and flourish at Naburn CE Primary School. What is also lovely to observe is how happy they are in school. Happy children equals happy learners and happy learners make great progress. The KS1 Team are creating a very special learning environment for Acorn Class and this is the recipe we are employing throughout the school. Thank you.

A couple of points that are valuable for all to note and this message needs to be loud and clear.

- Results and assessments highlight that we definitely have children who can read and write and do this superbly.

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- It shows that we are now teaching mixed ability classes very successfully.

As a school, we know that there is much more work to be done. But we are receiving superb support from various organisations, including the LA and the Diocese and putting it into the areas that need it most. I strongly believe that this is a part of our success that marks our school out and gives us extra potential.

So what will our priorities be next year? One of the top ones in the Autumn Term will be developing and improving our Phonics offer. We have been fortunate to have been taken on as a sponsored school by the English Hub who offer expert support to schools in the teaching of this area. As part of the sponsorship deal, we will receive staff training and support from them free of charge. We will also receive the funds from them to purchase a phonics scheme that they have approved and is being used by most Primary Schools in England. This is a really exciting development and we are really excited about working with them and the potential success and improvements that this will bring to Naburn.

Will we be as successful next year? I believe so, however our attainment scores I know now will not be as good. Having said that I know that the progress of the children moving into Y6 will be EXCELLENT, because they will receive excellent teaching and they have developed excellent learning behaviour. They want to learn and they want to improve. I also believe that there will be definite improvements in Phonics, which in course will lead to improvements in reading and writing throughout the school. Feel free to make a note of these predictions.

My final message is to those families that have left us to go to other schools, particularly those that left at Easter. I do wish that you had just given us one more term. I hope that the information gives you confidence that we are getting stronger and in a much better place and one in which you might consider your child's return. I would be more than happy to speak to you about this possibility at any-time. I also understand that this could be one challenge too many if your child is perfectly settled in their new setting.



**Well done Year 6!**

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Below is a summary for your information of our end of KS2 SATs results.

### **Abbreviation Key**

- WTS = Working towards the national standard
- ExS = Working at the expected national standard
- GDS = Working above the national standard and at a standard of greater depth

### **Writing (Externally Validated by CYC)**

- Writing WTS – 0%
- Writing ExS – 100%
- Writing GDS – 50%

### **Reading**

- Reading WTS – 0%
- Reading ExS – 100%
- Reading GDS – 83%

### **SPAG (Spelling, grammar and punctuation)**

- SPAG WTS – 0%
- SPAG ExS – 100%
- SPAG GDS – 50%

### **Maths**

- Maths WTS – 0%
- Maths ExS – 100%
- Maths GDS – 17%

If you prefer pictures to words please use the link provided <https://youtu.be/SrAQOL5o7Pw>

### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly at the Village Hall**

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July starting at 2pm. We are looking forward to welcoming all parents of those children, plus any other parents and Governors who would like to come along and help celebrate this very special group's time at our school and send them with our best wishes to the Secondary Schools that they have chosen for September.

### **Bee Assembly**

We had the most fascinating assembly on Monday on the subject of bee keeping. Thank you to our two beekeeping experts, Dr Clarke and Thomas, who led it. I believe, we might soon have a very successful new industry in the village. Watch this space!

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### Pedestrian Training



Thank you to the CYC Travel Team for providing this crucial training for our Year 3 and Year 4 children.

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## Reading with our Reading buddies in the sun



### Behaviour Policy (Patient Rules with Patience Rules)

We are in the process of updating our positive behaviour policy. In the Autumn Term, both classrooms will display a behaviour chart. More specific details will hopefully follow before we break up.

In the meantime we have introduced a couple of phrases with the children to encourage great manners. The overall focus is on being patient and revolves around the phrase, 'Patience Rules with Patient Rules.' For example we are using a 'NO BLURTING OUT' policy that encourages the children to use a patient approach to joining and contributing to conversations and discussions in class – it builds on the 'Patient Rules'. Please do feel free to use these ideas at home with your children.

### Proud writers in Year 2 and Year 4

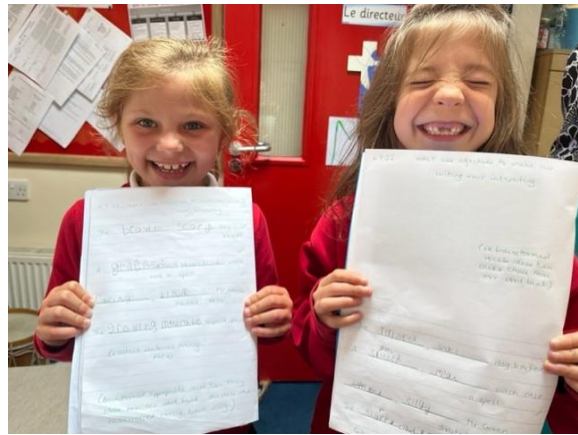
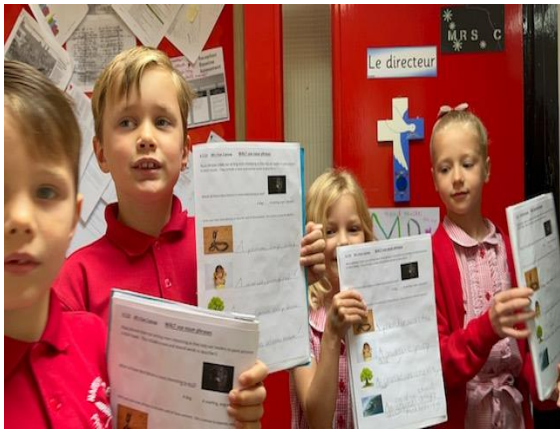
No lost learning time for these Year 2 and Year 4 writers as they prepare to make the leap into Year 3 and Key Stage 2. They have been part of our drive to get the children to be totally ready for their transition into the next key stage and/or year. I really enjoyed listening to their writing and explanations about what they have been doing and how they are applying their learning. Great work, Year 2 and Year 4

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**Year 2**



**Year 4**

**Football match v Fishergate**

We will be playing our final football match of the season against Fishergate at Millbridge Farm, next Wednesday after school. All are welcome to come down and support. 3.45pm kick off. Good luck **TEAM NABURN – UNS!**

**Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week and their rewards based around our Core Christian Values of Hope, Community, Perseverance and Compassion. Thank you for all you add to our school.

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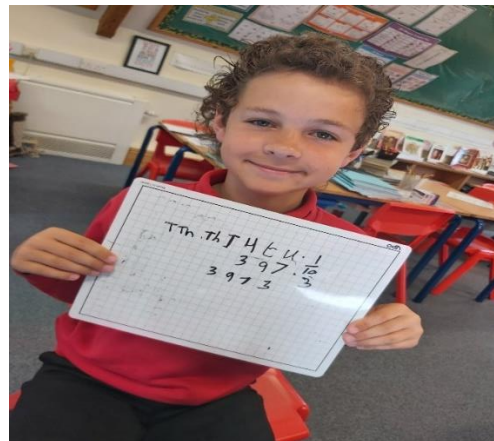
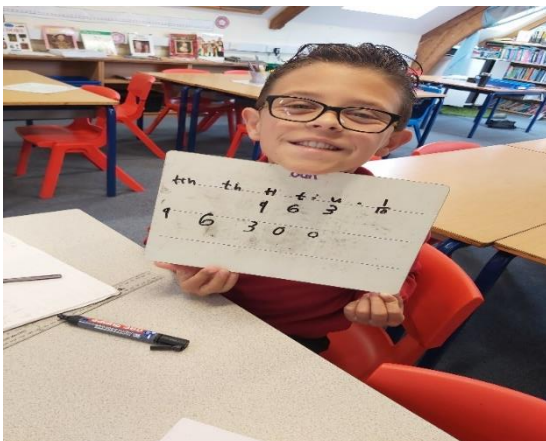
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### Proud Mathematicians in Year 5

Lights are definitely going on in Year 5 in Maths and it is so good to see the pride, enjoyment and confidence that this brings. Conquering place value and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Great work boys!



### Superteams – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Superteams** will be our next House Sporting Competition, set to take place on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. The event will comprise of fourteen sporting challenges that our four House Teams will get involved in over the course of the day. These include sporting team trials based on golf, cricket, and football amongst other things that the children need to complete in their Houses. We also hope to be able to use a **TRACTOR** at some point over the course of the day! What can we do with a tractor to make it a challenge?

We will require a few resources for the event to take place, such as, some leftover white emulsion and a paint brush to mark the lines, a set of portable goals, some skittles to knock down, some bamboo

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canes for the children to hurdle, extra bean bags, a couple of paddling pools, a junior golf putter and golf ball, as many plastic old style dustbins as we can lay our hands on (ideally five), and a good number of extra footballs and rugby balls. Please get in touch with me if you can offer any of these items. Thank you

The event kicks off at 11am and will rely on a good deal of parental support. Please come and see me if you know you can help.

### **Friends of Naburn School message - Wednesday 20th July - non uniform day and bring a bar of chocolate**

On Wednesday 20th July we are asking all children in school to bring in a bar of chocolate or packet of sweets to be used on the tombola at the End of Term Party in the Playground. In return for this children can come to school in non-uniform on that day. Please ensure that all chocolate and sweet donations brought to school are in date and are unopened! Huge thanks.

If anyone has not yet returned their form for the party please do so ASAP. Slips will be going home next week advising what job you have been allocated.

### **Online safety (Safeguarding)**

We have added a post about STEAM to the website - a (very) popular computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront in the 'e-safety quick reads'. Link below!

<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-steam>

### **School Dinner Reminder**

I wonder if I could ask once again for your cooperation and understanding. You will already know that we have a brilliant school meal service. Julie, our cook is superb and the food she prepares and cooks at Bishopthorpe Infant School is wonderful. However, the kitchen is operating at a significant financial loss due to the fluctuating school number issue. If your child does have a pack up for dinner, please do consider the school meal option. This is particularly important if your child is in KS1. We need to improve dinner numbers, or the school will have a ginormous bill to pay, that we can ill afford. Thank you.

If dinner numbers do not improve, we might be forced to make school dinner compulsory (within reason) for all children. I do hope that you understand and can sympathise with the position the school finds itself.

### **Reports and Parent Consultations on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - reminder and update**

Parent consultations for all children will take place next week on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. You should have received your appointment slips by now, any queries, please contact the office.

This is an important opportunity to discuss with the teachers how your child is progressing, how you can support their learning at home, any questions you might have about their school report and any other pertinent matters before they make their end of school year transition.

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## Ofsted Monitoring Visit update

I am hopeful that you will receive the Ofsted monitoring visit report next week.

## The Three Peaks Adventure!

Thank you again to Kate and Alex and their team for raising funds for the school by completing the National Three Peaks Challenge. To date they have raised a staggering £1,295!!! Their original target was 400 quid!

Thank you to all who have already donated and a reminder that there is still more time to add to this brilliant total if you would like to:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/national-3-peaks-for-naburn-school?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/national-3-peaks-for-naburn-school?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)

## 'TEAM NABURN – UNS!'

## Sprucing up the playground area

Unfortunately we need to postpone the proposed playground clean-up day on Sunday 10th July as we have few volunteers available. We'll be holding a clean-up day during the summer holidays instead and will be asking for volunteers once we have a firm date. Thanks!

## Names on Uniform please

It is wonderful to have warmer and longer days, but the downside of this is that school jumpers are often discarded by the children and left on the playground or in the school. With this in mind, please would you ensure all school uniform is named. It will really help all families and the school in the long run.

## Primary Picture News

**Story:** An island of wet wipes has 'changed the course of the Thames' river in London. The large island has prompted campaigners to fight for them to be banned.

**Question:** Should wet wipes be banned?

**Virtual Assembly:** Found here: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

**\*Special\* Story:** Boris Johnson has announced he is resigning as leader of the Conservative Party after a difficult time in office.

**Question:** Are there times when giving up is the right thing to do?

## Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 4.7.22 = 95.05% - Unauthorised absence = 1.37%
- Last week's School attendance = 94.03% - Unauthorised absence = 2.24%
- Whole School Attendance Sept to May = 88.76% - Unauthorised absence = 3.55%
- Whole School Attendance Term to date = 91.71% - Unauthorised absence = 4.45%

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### **TTRockstars Battle Dates**

Here is the battle schedule for the remainder of the academic year:

Date	Year Groups Battling
4.7.2022	Year 1 and Year 2
11.7.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

Please encourage the children to practise regularly at home and let a member of staff know if you are not sure of usernames and passwords.

I hope that you all have a super weekend. Weather appears to be set to remain gorgeous. ENJOY!

Best wishes



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Headteacher

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