



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



7.10.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school for the children and teachers. We are now beginning to look in detail at the way we teach Phonics as we implement a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle. It has proved to be the scheme that is getting the best results around the country and we are delighted to have been given the opportunity to use it ourselves. It is a very expensive package, but we have been fortunate enough to have received all the funds to resource it and train our teachers and Teaching Assistants. We have also managed to get support throughout the year in implementing the scheme from English Hub. English Hubs around the country were selected for their expertise in teaching reading and to support schools in their surrounding area. These Hubs promote a love of reading and help schools provide excellent teaching in phonics and early language.

All in all, we are a very lucky school. However, it does involve a good deal of extra work and training as we set it up throughout the school.

Implementing this new initiative means that we must have even greater attendance and punctuality from all children, otherwise they will quickly slip behind. We are running a very tight learning schedule, particularly in KS1, so **please make sure that your child is ready to enter the school building as soon the gate opens at 8.45am.** Thank you

Please use this link if you prefer pictures to words. https://youtu.be/cFmBc_VEZ9M

Acorn Class Parents Meeting and School Dinner

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the EYFS and KS1 Meeting on Thursday after school. We do hope that you found it interesting and informative. Thank you to Mrs Burton and Mrs Rotchell for leading and hosting.

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Thank you to all the Acorn Class parents who made the most of the opportunity to come into school and have a school lunch with their children. I know you will have enjoyed the delicious menu that Julie, our cook created. I am particularly fond of the sweet and sour chicken. Yum!



Walk to School Week – next week!

We will all really benefit from active journeys to school next week. Please make every effort to leave your car at home and walk if you can. Scooting, cycling and even using the school bus counts as an active journey. Let's have a push on keeping traffic off the road outside school and become healthier in the process.

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PTA News!

The Friends of Naburn are very pleased to be bringing back the much-loved movie nights and what better way to start this than with a spooky twist to get everyone ready for Halloween. The first movie night will be on Thursday 20 October, starting at 6pm, in the school hall. There is a small cost of £3 per child/ £5 for 2 siblings, for which there'll be popcorn and juice. The film has been democratically chosen by the children and we will be showing the animated version of The Adams Family. This is a PG rated film so please make sure you are happy for your child/children to watch this. Children can come dressed in PJs with teddies, blankets, cushions...the snugglier the better. KS1 must be accompanied by an adult. Any KS2 children will need to be collected from school at 7.30pm.

Even more exciting news, we will be holding a Halloween Party. This will be at The Village Hall between 5.30 - 6.30, on 31 October. Children (and grownups) are encouraged to come dressed in their most terrifying outfits. There will be party games, prizes, hot dogs and of course the odd sweet treat. Again, KS1 children need to come accompanied by an adult and KS2 parents are more than welcome to stay and join in the fun. The village are very kindly organising a pumpkin trail around the village, which the children will be able to enjoy after the party, along with any trick or treating families.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at these **'terrific'** events.

The PTA have also been allocated a date to run the café at St Crux. This is Saturday 11th March 2023. Please add this to your diary as we will need plenty of the usual type of support to make it a rip roaring success. Help will include baking, looking through your cupboards and drawers for items that you no longer require suitable for a bric a brac stall, helping supervise stalls and the café and finally being around to set out in the morning and tidy up in the afternoon. Thank you

Open the Book

Everyone enjoyed another super Worship Time provided by the Open the Book Team. This time the story was about the brothers, Jacob and Esau. The children couldn't quite believe what a naughty young man Jacob was and as a consequence cannot wait for part two of the story!



House Captains – message from Mrs Noble

Our children experienced the **British Value of democracy** in action last week as we held our first ever House Captain elections. Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to apply for the roles of leading Hope, Community, Compassion and Perseverance and we were delighted by their enthusiastic response. Many children expressed interest and, in their own time at home, prepared speeches

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explaining why they wished to take on such a position and the qualities that they felt they could bring to it. We then had a whole school election, during which children were taught the Ancient Greek origins of the word 'democracy' (demos = people, kratos = rule) and of terms such as 'candidates', 'hustings' and 'ballot box'. Candidates then delivered their speeches, following which every child completed a voting slip and placed it into our silver ballot box! Mrs Noble acted as Returning Officer, checking and verifying the votes, before announcing the results:

Hope - Waine Lee and Thomas Atkinson (as they obtained equal votes)

Perseverance - Jack Bogg and Jonny Horne (ditto)

Compassion - James Lee

Community - Alfie Richardson

Each House Captain was presented with an enamel badge in their House colour, to be worn each day as part of their uniform, so that visitors and younger children can instantly identify them. We are so proud of the way in which all of the children (candidates and voters) approached the election and are sure that our six Captains will do a wonderful job of representing their Houses and Naburn School.



Open Day – 2.11.22

Please see the link below which gives details of our Open Day on Wednesday 2nd November. Feel free to share it on social media – our doors are wide open and we can't wait to show everyone our fabulous school. <https://www.naburnschool.com/general/are-you-looking-for-a-school-place-for-your-child-open-day-for-prospective-families>

School Update Meeting –Wednesday 19th October – 6.30pm

We are due another school update meeting for this half term. Please note the date and start time (above) of the meeting and make every effort to attend. Thank you

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Census Day – Thursday 6th October

Thank you for your cooperation, care and thoughtfulness on census day, in ensuring your children ordered a school dinner after my plea in last week's newsletter.

Blades v Birmingham City

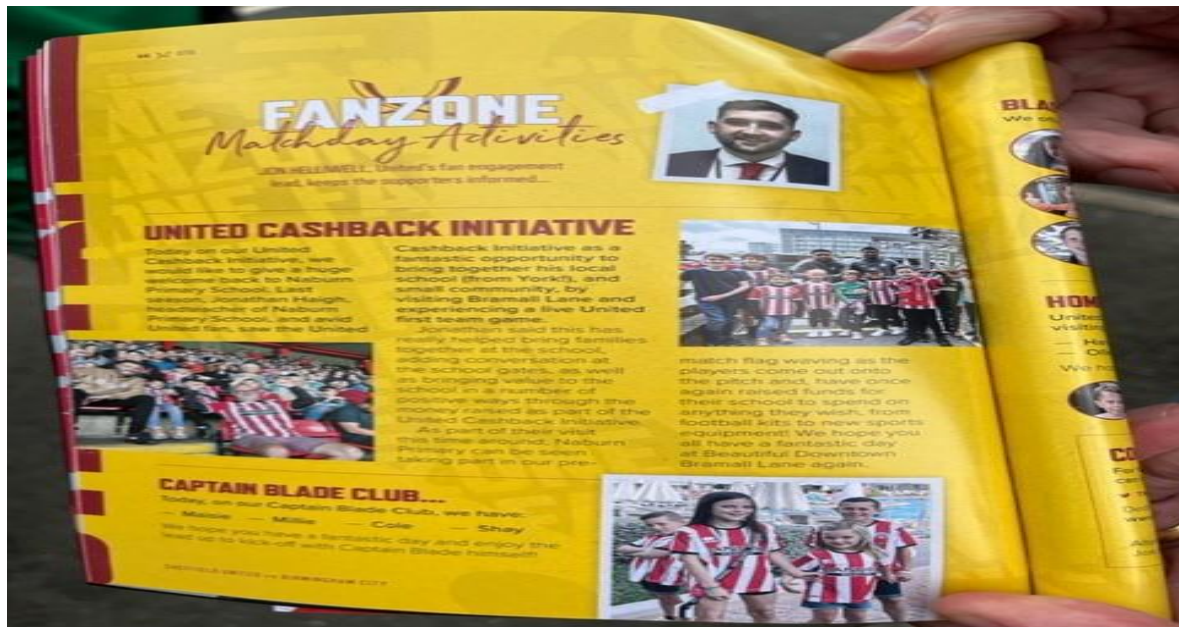
What a day we had at Bramall Lane last Saturday, watching the match between Sheffield Utd and Birmingham City. We had the added treat of being the flag wavers welcoming the two teams and officials onto the pitch at the start of the game! A 1-1 draw, was not an ideal result for the Sheffield Utd fans amongst our party, but the whole match day experience made up for that. Thank you again for the wonderful care and hospitality shown by Sheffield Utd Football Club to our school. **UTB and UNS!**



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Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival on Friday 21st October. This is a joint service with the church again which starts at 2pm. The retiring collection will be split between church funds and Martin House Hospice.

Our harvest gifts will go to the homeless charities in York as usual. Items suitable for breakfasts such as cereals, porridge, fruit juice, tea, coffee and fruit will go to **Carecent** who serve breakfast to the homeless. Other items such as tins or vegetables will go to **Arclight**, a shelter for the homeless, along with donations of warm clothes. Please bring your items into school on **Thursday morning (20th October)** so that we can take them along to church when we rehearse. Items can be placed in a box or loose in a bag. I know that these organisations will be very grateful.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the service. Reverend Maxine Waller will lead Worship with school contributions that link the harvest theme to the work we will be doing in school over the next couple of weeks.

Playground Clean Up – Saturday 8th October

We are really keen to get as much help as possible tomorrow to clean and tidy the outside of the school (**start time 9am**). Part of this project will include the construction of a new storage shed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have already volunteered and explain that unfortunately I cannot be there with you for which I am very apologetic. I look forward to hearing all about it and receiving pictures as the morning progresses and the work gets underway for me to Tweet.

Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Autumn Term 2022

Parent/Headteacher meetings are opportunities for you to make an appointment to talk about any school related matters that you might want more information about, or any topics which you would like to bring to my attention.

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The individual meetings will take place on a Monday and begin at 4.30pm and finish at 6pm. I will set them out in fifteen minute sessions.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call the school office. I will make a note of these and get back to you with a time for you to come into school.

Please note the dates for these meetings below, the next one being next week.

Meeting Date	Time
10 th October	4.30pm to 6pm
31 st October	4.30pm to 6pm
21 st November	4.30pm to 6pm
5 th December	4.30pm to 6pm

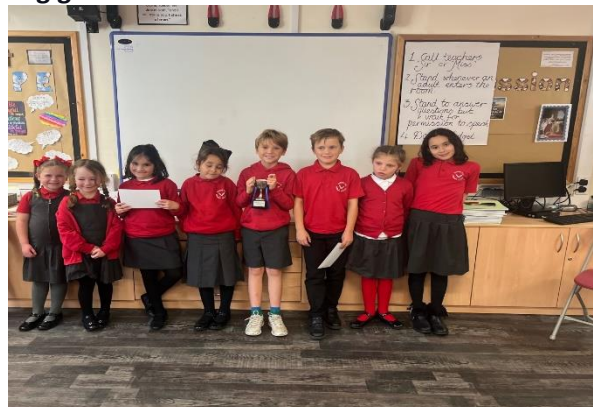
Primary Picture News

Story: Serena Williams, and Roger Federer, who have dominated tennis tournaments all over the world and won 43 Grand Slam titles between them, both announced their retirements recently.

Question: Should we all aim to be the best?

Virtual Picture News: Found here: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

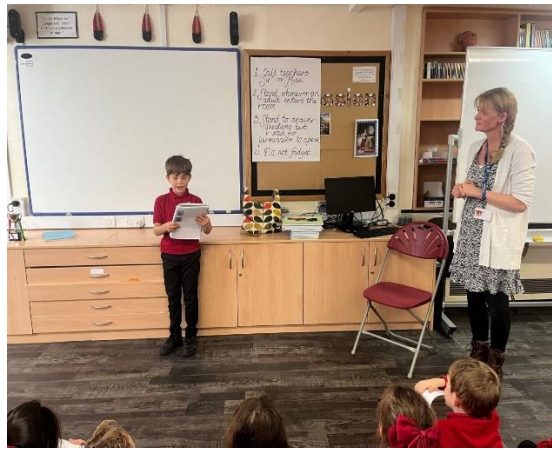
Stars of the Week, House Cup Winners and celebrating great work



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Attendance figures

Attendance data for this week is below:

- This week's School Attendance W/C 26.09.22 = 84.44% - Unauthorised absence = 2.31%
- Last week's School attendance = 84.29% - Unauthorised absence = 2.29%
- Whole School Attendance Sept to date = 89.64% - Unauthorised absence = 1.51%

WE NEED EVERY CHILD IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND IF THEY ARE NOT IN OUR SCHOOL THEY SHOULD BE ATTENDING ANOTHER.

TTRockstars Battle Dates

Here is our timetable for the 1st half of the Autumn Term:

Date	Year Groups Battling
3.10.2022	Year 3 and Year 2
10.10.2022	Year 6 and Year 4
17.10.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 2 -6)

Happy Battling Naburn!

I hope you have a fabulous weekend. **UNS!**

Best wishes

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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