

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



13.1.23

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week, full of learning, special guests and exciting, unpredictable events!

If you prefer pictures and sound to writing, please use the link to hear the content of this newsletter.

<https://youtu.be/dNzQsIPzFnY>

Ugandan Refugee Assembly

On Tuesday we were honoured to welcome Shamim Eimaan, a Ugandan Asian who arrived in England as a refugee in 1972. She presented a wonderful assembly about her experience, and that of her family and other Ugandan Asian families, when they were forced to leave their homes on 90 days' notice during the regime of Idi Amin. She told us how her community were allowed to pack only one suitcase of belongings – some of which were stolen by soldiers at checkpoints – and leave for an unknown, cold country. She told us of the warm welcome that they received from some people – and the prejudice that they initially faced from others.

Shamim and her daughter then led a 'suitcase workshop' with Sycamore Class which helped them to have empathy with the plight of children who could only take a very few precious items with them when they left their home. The children also completed a world refugee quiz (which made clear that similar issues are still happening worldwide today) and spent time looking at the fabulous, detailed exhibit stands that Shamim brought with her, including many first-hand accounts of refugees.

Below is how Shamim explained the work they covered with our children.

We come into school to talk about our 'lived experiences' of being Ugandan refugees from 1972 when we arrived into the UK and what that was like. How scary it was hearing and seeing soldiers with guns and the many check points where we were stopped at to be searched and how soldiers took things off

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you. How we settled into a new way of life, in the cold that we had never experienced before and the kindness we received despite some negative incidents. Overall, York was very welcoming, and we are really grateful for that because we have built our lives back up again and are all happy, healthy and successful with our children being born here and going to schools in York.

We were so VERY proud of all the children as they listened and learnt. You could have heard a pin drop for almost an hour as they were so completely engaged with what Shamim was telling, and showing, them.

The questions that the children then asked were excellent - really thoughtful - especially from KS1. It was so touching to see how thoroughly bemused they were by Idi Amin's actions - and those of Leicester Council who placed adverts in the Ugandan Argus telling the Asian population, before they left, that they were NOT welcome in Leicester. One of the children in Year 2 drew a comparison with the way Rosa Parks and black people generally were treated historically and this led to some super discussion. What an incredible morning!



Relationship Education

You will be receiving information next week about the Relationship Education sessions that we will be teaching to the children on Friday February 3rd. Please keep your eyes peeled.

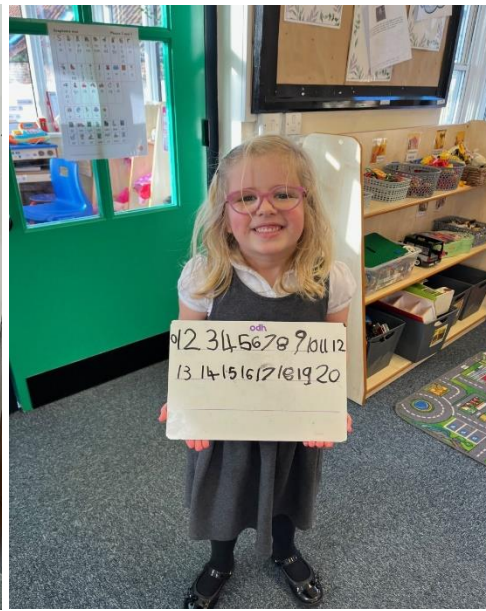
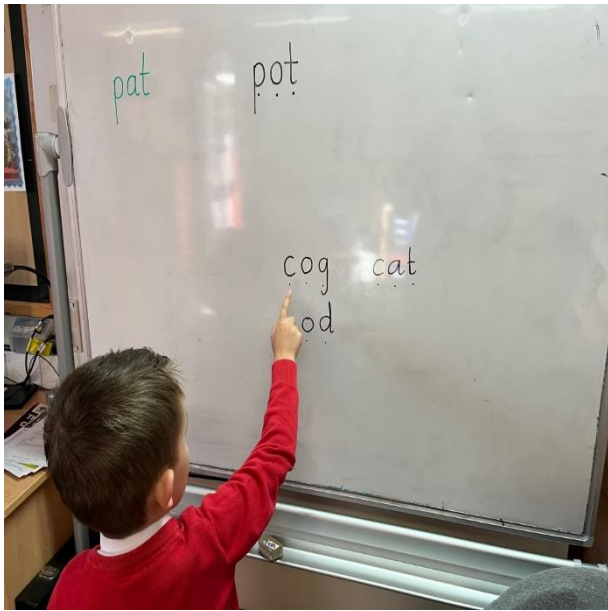
Lovely Learning

Look at these wonderful pictures overleaf of two of our super Reception children thoroughly enjoying their learning. They were so keen and excited to show off their learning to me in their phonics and numbers! Just look at their excited faces and desire to point things out to me! Such a privilege!

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Easter Egg Competition

I forgot to add The Easter Competition to the list of Spring Term dates! This will take place on the morning of Monday 27th March. All children are invited to enter one of three categories per class. The categories are as follows:

- ❑ Making an Easter Garden
- ❑ Making an Easter Gift
- ❑ Creating a topical scene using **real** eggs as characters! E.g. "The Univers 'eggy' Boat Race" could be a model of eggs in boats representing Oxford and Cambridge as they paddle down the Thames.

It would be great to have a local celebrity judge, so please get back to me if you know any suitable candidates in our community who might be interested. They will have the tricky job of judging who the chocolate prizes will be awarded to! YUMMY!

More details will follow nearer the date.

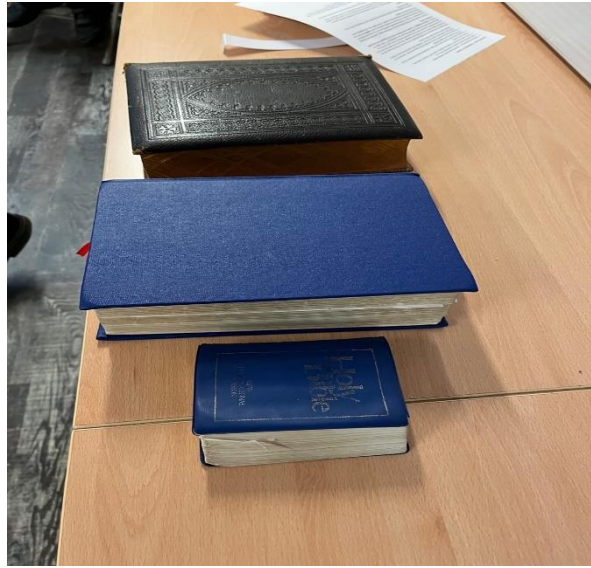
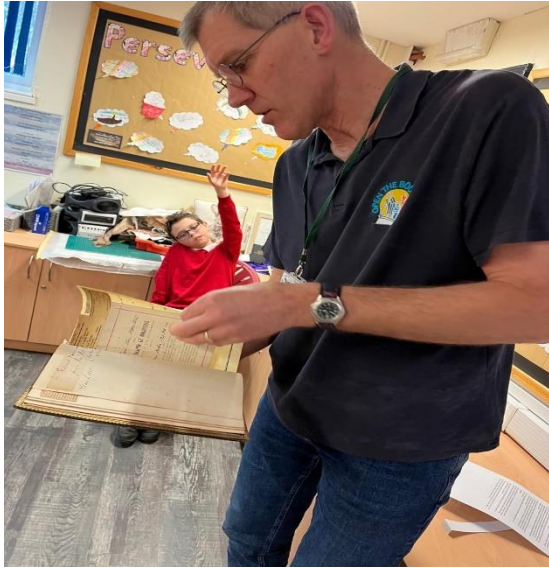
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Thank you to the Open the Book Team who came in on Wednesday to present a really fascinating Worship Time on the Bible, a Living Book!

MTC Meeting for Parents

All the Year 4 children will be taking the statutory Maths Tables Check this year in June.

I have arranged a meeting for parents and carers of children in this year group to help them understand what this will involve and how they might best support their child at home leading up to this time. This will take place on **Wednesday 22nd February**, starting at 3.30pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you Vicky

Thank you to Vicky Durant who has donated a lovely luxury hamper from Selfridges to the school to either auction or raffle. I know that the PTA will be discussing the potential fund raising options for this exciting item at their next meeting.

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Lunchtime Supervisors

We are keen to hear from anyone who might be able to give an hour of their time as a lunchtime supervisor. This would be a paid post to start immediately. Please get in touch with the Office if you are interested. Thank you

Attendance initiatives

We will continue our new attendance initiative this term. A reminder that this involves all the children who have achieved 100% attendance being included in a prize draw to win a weekly £10 gift voucher. The first of these draws for the Spring Term was yesterday. Our winner was Shane in Year 2
Congratulation Shane!

We also propose to run an award each half term for the child who has the most improved attendance. This will be a comparison figure with the previous half term.

Young Voices

Four weeks and counting until KS2 make their way to the Utility Arena in Sheffield to take part in the massive, exciting Young Voices concert! We have been practising our songs every Friday lunchtime and we are sounding amazing! This is fantastic opportunity for our children to be part of something phenomenal nationwide and a great life experience!

Young Voices is a once in a lifetime opportunity to share the stage with children from hundreds of other schools, all singing as one giant choir, along with professional singers and a live band.

Power Cut!

We had quite an exciting Tuesday with no electricity and no heating for a good portion of the day. Thank you to all the staff for doing such a brilliant job to ensure that school remained open and thank you to the children who enjoyed the slightly different essential resources! See Elsie below, praying for the light and the heating to return at After School Club!



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Year 6 SATs and Assessment Meeting for Parents

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a Test and Assessment Meeting on Monday 23rd January at 3.30pm. The meeting is aimed to give parents a good understanding of how their children will be assessed and tested in their final year at Naburn. It will also help give ideas about how you can best support your child's learning at home.

I have deliberately arranged for it to start immediately after School so we have a captive audience of parents picking their children up! Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Friends of Naburn CE Primary School Committee Meeting – 12.1.23

Thank you to all those that attended the Friends Meeting yesterday evening. There will be more information next week about the events that they are proposing to organise this term and beyond.

Championship Football Match – Sheffield Utd v Swansea City – 11.2.23 (3pm kick off)

I have looked into purchasing tickets for the Sheffield Utd v Swansea City fixture at Bramall Lane, Sheffield on **Saturday 11th February**. I sent a letter last week with more details about this event.

At the moment I only need an idea of numbers of people who are interested in attending. Tickets for the game will be **£18 for adults and £8 for juniors**. Sheffield Utd Football Club again stress that it should only be school pupils and close family members who are eligible to attend. I would add that any child wishing to go, must be accompanied by a close family member.

The School Office will arrange transport to and from Sheffield by coach when I have a better idea of the level of interest. The cost of the coach will add another £10 onto every ticket that you purchase. We will set off from school at **11.30am** which gives time for trips to the Club Shop, food, and possibly a quick drink!! We should get back to Naburn for approximately **7pm**.

If you are firmly committed for your child to attend this event with one close family member, please complete the slip on the letter that came to you on Thursday and return it to the school office by **Monday 16th January**. Thank you

Ofsted Monitoring Report – Update Meeting for Parents – Thursday 19th January (6pm)

I am delighted to announce that our latest Ofsted monitoring visit report has been published and sent through to you by the Office on Wednesday.

Although we have not moved out of Special Measures, the report highlights the excellent progress the school has made since the previous monitoring visit and over the past year. This has been achieved because everyone in school and in our community is working together.

I have arranged a half termly parent update meeting for next Thursday at 6pm. Please do try and attend this meeting. I will be speaking about the report and the progress we have made since our last meeting that took place in October.

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I would like to thank you all for your common sense, patience and never ending encouragement.

Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Spring Term 2023

I will be holding meetings for parents. These 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.

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.

Headteacher/Parent Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Time
6 th February	4.30pm to 6pm
20 th February	4.30pm to 6pm
13 th March	4.30pm to 6pm
27 th March	4.30pm to 6pm

TTRockstars! Message from Miss Brett

The Year 5 were victorious in the battle between Years 5 and 6. Well done Year 5! Next week's battle is between Year 3 and 4

Don't forget, the players who contributed the most to the battles will get their names put into a Rockstar hat for a chance to win a wonderful prize at the end of the half term!

House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to Community for being our House attendance champs (93%). The overall House Cup winner was Compassion. Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and well done to our TT Rockstar certificate winners.

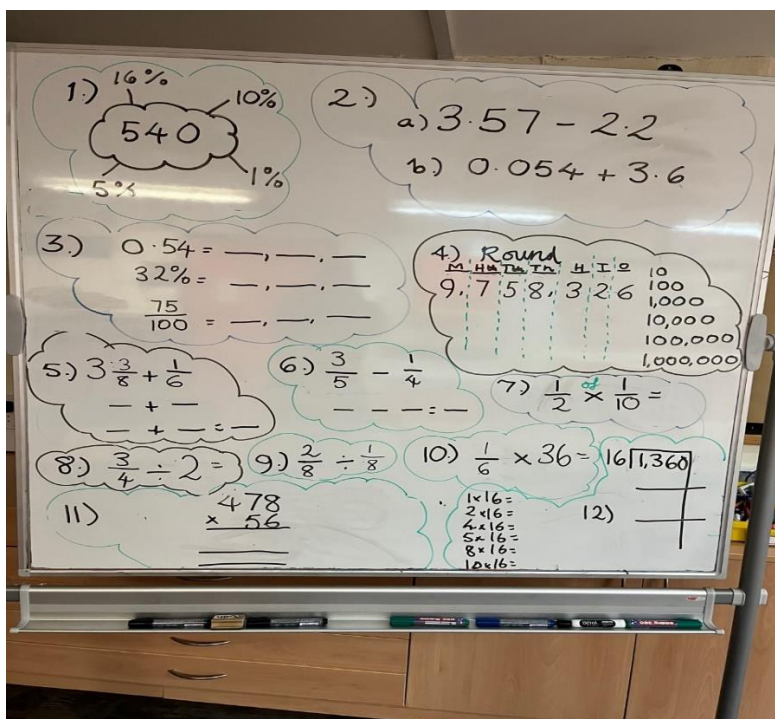


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Ave' a go!



Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 09/01/23 = 76.28 % - Unauthorised absence = 0%
- Last week's School attendance = 82.81% - Unauthorised absence = 3.62%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 86.88% - Unauthorised absence = 2.02%

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

Picture News

Story: The Repair Café in Wales, believes that because of the cost-of-living crisis, many of us are increasingly repairing, and upcycling items, instead of throwing them away.

Question: Do we throw things away too easily?

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

E Safety section for Parents

We have added a new e-safety post to the website about World of Warcraft. See the paragraph below.

"This immensely popular game was originally released in 2004, and was an instant critical and commercial success. By 2010 it had become the most popular MMORPG (massively multiplayer online role-playing game) ever, peaking at 12 million subscribers worldwide. Warcraft encourages players to communicate when tackling quests – but this, of course, also leaves the door open for less friendly interactions. Even if younger players opt to avoid online audio chat, the in-game text system can still

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leave them vulnerable to receiving abusive messages and spam. Indeed, other online human players pose far more of a risk to young Warcraft heroes than the game's legions of orcs, goblins and dragons."

Please use this link to find out more: <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-world-of-warcraft>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. **UNS!**

Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

Safeguarding

If you have significant concerns for the welfare of a child, in addition to being able to contact Mr Green, Mrs Burton or Mrs Noble during school hours, you may wish to make direct contact with the [York MASH \(Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub\)](#) on T: 01904 551900, option 3. They operate an out-of-hours service so concerns can be raised with them at any time.

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