

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

We started the week with a football fixture against Osbaldwick Primary School and will complete the week with a second fixture later this afternoon. It is so lovely to have the slightly lighter nights to enable this to happen and we are making the most of it.

I am delighted to report some wonderful information to you about the game that is far more important than the result. Despite losing by a scoreline that was well into double figures, the children's behaviour was exemplary. They showed every single one of our Christian Values in bucket loads, starting with Community (Teamwork) and Compassion (Understanding), never giving up (Perseverance) and actually managing to score a goal (Hope). I am far more proud of them than they probably can ever know or imagine and I know that all the parents are as well. They are an amazing group of children. I can tell you that I get a lot of pride from witnessing how our children come together for Naburn CE Primary School. Congratulations Team Naburn - UNS!

We now look forward with equal excitement to the Year 3 and 4 game against the same school. Good luck Naburn CE Primary School!

If you prefer pictures and sound to writing, please use the link to hear the content of this newsletter.
https://youtu.be/yhR_ytyPIWA

Lambing visit to Atkinson's Farm

We had a lovely experience visiting the Atkinson's Farm yesterday. The afternoon was spent learning such a lot about the lambing process, appreciating the amazing hard work that happens on the farm, particularly at this time of year and also enjoying seeing the new born lambs! Thank you so much to Dicky Atkinson for taking time out of his day to lead the visit and allow the whole school to attend. The joys of a small school. We are incredibly lucky and very special.

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Sheffield Utd v Swansea City

Thank you to those families who are attending the school visit to beautiful downtown Bramall Lane for the Championship fixture between Sheffield Utd and Swansea City on Saturday February 11th. I can now confirm that the visit will be going ahead and I cannot wait! I hope that everyone coming is equally excited.

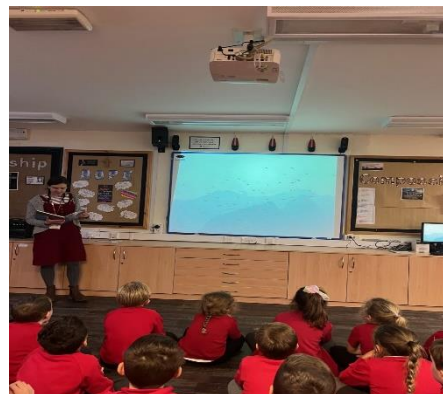
A reminder that tickets for the game are £18 for adults and £8 for juniors. Transport to and from Bramall Lane will add an extra £10.00 each onto the total cost.

For those lucky enough to be attending, please can you fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter that you received at the beginning of the week to confirm your interest and pay through Parent Pay for the correct amount? Thank you.

A reminder that the coach will be leaving school at 11.30am. This will give us plenty of time for the traditional visit to the Club Shop prior to kick off, plus pie with Hendo's sauce and a beer (if parents are keen). **UNS and UTB!**

OTB

The Open the Book Team started at the very beginning of the Bible with a Worship Time on The Creation. Thank you for presenting this fascinating story to us.



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Mr G away

I will only be in school on Thursday of next week. One of the exciting reasons for this is that I am going to be speaking at the GTRSB (Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showpeople and Boater) conference in Liverpool about our school experience, pledge and commitment. Please wish me luck – I'm quite nervous!

Unfortunately there will be no School Newsletter next week.

Thank you PTA from Upper Sycamore

Y5/6 are delighted with their new Book Corner cushions! It is definitely their favourite part of the classroom now and is used very, very often! Thankyou to Santa and the PTA for their generous gifts!



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Link with a Sri-Lankan School

We are in the very early stages of developing a school twinning project with a school in Sri Lanka. The school is called Athena. It is a small private school in Kandy with only twenty pupils at present. It takes both girls and boys from Reception up to Year 3, although it will keep adding classes as the children move up each year. It is intended that the school will cater for secondary pupils in the future. So the children will stay in this school for all their school lives.

Children in Sri Lanka can attend school for free but those government schools have very big classes. They also learn by just sitting and listening to the teachers quietly in rows of desks, rather like in Victorian times in England! Athena School offers the children a more exciting way of learning, allowing the children to think outside the box, ask questions, research subjects for themselves and have dedicated teachers interested in what the children want to learn and who look for new ideas to stimulate the children's learning. Each class has its own teacher but they combine the classes for some lessons as each class has such a small number of children.

One of the most important aspects of Athena school is the teaching of good English. Speaking English well, is important because it opens up opportunities for work when the children are adults. When the British left Sri Lanka in the 1970's, the Sri Lankan government decided to stop teaching English in schools. They then found that not having the ability to speak English cut their people off from the rest of the world. Only the privileged children of very wealthy families could access English lessons as they were sent to other countries to learn English! The government reversed the decision and now English is considered to be essential, so our children could play a very important part in helping the children of Athena improve their English. It will also be of mutual benefit for us to acquire a wider world view, as we share cultural and geographical experiences. This will hopefully be a very exciting experience for everyone concerned!

Parent/Grandparents Dinner Opportunity – 9th and 16th March

I have just added two new dates to the school diary. They are wonderful dining opportunities for you to spend time with us, enjoying a school dinner with your child or children. These will take place in March. The Acorn Class date is Thursday 9th March and Sycamore have theirs on 16th. Letters will be sent out next week, please return the slip if you would like to attend. Thank you to our cook, Julie for enabling this to happen.

No-one at my SATs Meeting

I did not manage to get anyone to come along to my Parents KS2 SATS Meeting for the second time of asking. I think I will have to offer refreshments to attract you for this one! 🤔 I will send the booklets that I was going to present to Year 6 parents home with your children and also send it through to you electronically. Please do have a look at it. It will give you a good deal of information about how and when the Year 6 will be tested and assessed in the summer term and how you can support your children best at home as we approach that time. Thank you

Thank you to the Edmondson family

A big thank you goes out from everyone at school to the Edmondson family who bought us a new portable speaker. This will help us in so many ways, particularly at Assembly time and school productions at the Village Hall and Church Services.

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PE – Message from Total Sports

PE with Mr.Stokell this term is Health Related Fitness. The topic covers a wide range of sporting essentials aimed to help pupils improve their fundamental movement skills, sport specific movements and ultimately work towards a healthy, active lifestyle. This week, we covered *speed*.

KS2 worked their way through a circuit of shuttle runs, a speed bounce, agility ladder run, a speed skip and a side step zig-zag; competing against one another to earn points for their team. With the “Multi – coloured Unicorns” coming out on top.

KS1 were also looking to focus on speed with shuttle races, agility ladder work, bean bag balancing and a speed bounce relay races. Great fun and some real speediness on show. Next week we’re looking into *balance*.

Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February

I can confirm that the first day scheduled for Teacher Industrial Action will not have an impact on the school. We will remain **fully open**. I want to thank the staff for their understanding and awareness of the situation and allowing me to give you this information in such a timely manner.

Below are the possible remaining Teacher Industrial Action Days. I will do my best to give you as much information as I can as we near these dates.

- **Tuesday 28 February 2023:** all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, North West, Yorkshire & The Humber.
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 16 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales

Relationship Education – 3rd February

You will have received a letter explaining that the children will have a session with Big Talk Education who will be leading work on Relationship Education on Friday 3rd February. Please do read the letter and respond to the requests made if you have not done so already. Many thanks.

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Everyone loves a raffle, especially when the prize is a luxurious hamper, packed full of delicious treats from Selfridges. This is just what we have on offer this term and could be yours if you purchase the winning raffle ticket. The hamper includes, hot chocolate, orange & cinnamon spiced tea, gingerbread cookies, a festive biscuit selection, cinnamon & chocolate almonds, chocolate orange & salted caramel spread, the biggest bar of milk chocolate, rose and lemon Turkish delight, chocolate orange panettone and a cherry and sherry pudding, plus a few other scrumptious surprises. This is packaged in a gorgeous, Selfridges wicker basket, with signature, yellow buckles, which could be re-used time and time again to picnic in style. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this amazing hamper (sold in Selfridges for £250) please pop into the school office to purchase some raffle tickets. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will take place at **3.15pm on Wednesday 8 February**, in the school playground.



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Just a reminder that letters have gone out, asking for support with the St Crux event. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school, but is only possible if our community comes together and everyone gets involved in some way. We'll be asking for donations of good quality, pre-loved items, as well as home-baked goods and groceries. It's a perfect opportunity to alleviate yourself of any unwanted Christmas presents. Please look out for the letter and help in anyway you can. Also, if you are able to help on the day (Saturday 11 March, 8am – 4pm) please let the school office know, even if this would be just for an hour or so.

Your support and time given to our events is hugely appreciated. It helps us to raise extra funds for the school, which contributes to our children having the best school experiences they can.

Uniform Lost Property

The amount of lost property or donated school uniform is close to mountainous and we need to shed some of it. This is a perfect opportunity for you to come in and claim any that you think your child might have lost, or just come in and take a few items that in other circumstances you would have to purchase from the uniform shop. We will hold this straight after school on the playground on **Monday 6th February**. We will use one of the classrooms if the weather is poor. Thank you

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.

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

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

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House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Hope** for being our House attendance champs. The overall House Cup winner was **Perseverance**. Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and our 100% attendance award winner, Georgia (Year 1)

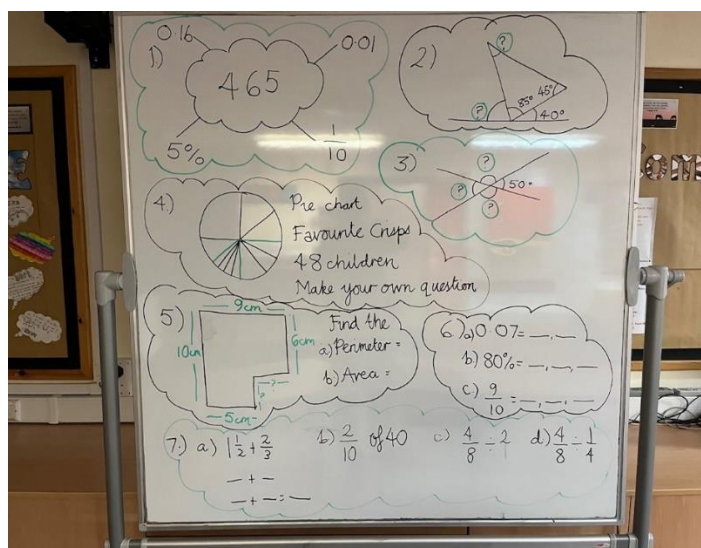


TTRockstars!

Date	Year groups involved	Winners!
06/01/23 – 12/01/23	Year 5 / Year 6	Year 5
20/01/23 – 26/01/23	Year 3 / Year 4	Year 3
27/01/23 – 02/02/23	Year 1 / Year 2	
03/02/23 – 09/02/23	Year 4 / Year 6	
10/02/23 – 16/02/23	WHOLE SCHOOL BATTLE	

Next week's battle is Y1 v Y2 – get battling – good luck!

Ave a Go!



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Message from After School Club

A brief reminder that After School Club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm on Monday to Thursday. If you would like to use the ASC, please make sure you book in advance and by 12 noon on the day at the very latest.

Please can you keep your eyes peeled for a green flowered pencil case which Lorraine from ASC has misplaced. Many thanks

Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 23/01/23 = 82.90 % - Unauthorised absence = 1.30%
- Last week's School attendance = 72.89% - Unauthorised absence = 5.21%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 85.74% - Unauthorised absence = 2.17%

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

Picture News

Story: Brazil's new President, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest.

Question: Does the natural world have rights?

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

E Safety section for Parents – Cyber Resilience

In 2001, an average of six people an hour had an online account compromised. Now, the average is 97 every hour. The irony is that many of these events are facilitated by devices designed to make our lives easier! Smart home appliances, wearable tech, streaming services ... almost any internet-enabled device is a potential entry point for a competent cyber-criminal. Check out the tips in the #WakeUpWednesday guide to see if your home is as cyber-secure as it could be.

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

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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