



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



3.3.23

Dear Parents,

It has been another interesting and exciting week at Naburn CE Primary School. We had a great day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day and we have also enjoyed putting a book together called the King's Gospels, which is a gift from York Primary School children to the King for his Coronation in May. More information about both these later in this newsletter. Also, the Ducks have started to hatch and I survived sleeping rough for a night! If you prefer film to words please use the link:

[https://youtu.be/QhSscc\\_Vr74](https://youtu.be/QhSscc_Vr74)

### Sleeping Out

I would like to start by thanking you all for sponsoring me and our team. It was a great experience for an extremely worthwhile cause. I chose to sleep out last Thursday night. Many are not in that privileged position to have that choice. <https://join.landaid.org/fundraisers/YorkieSleepers>



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## Ducks

We had a special delivery of eggs at the beginning of the week and they have started to hatch. So much excitement in school!



## World Book Day



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Thursday was an exciting day for more reasons. World Book Day! To start with, the children attended school as their favourite book characters.

We were so lucky to be able to ask Nyla and Phoenix's mum to come in as a children's author and read a poem that she wrote specially for the day! We also learnt that Nyla has had one of her short stories published and she read it to us. SENSATIONAL!

Then we had our Booknic event where we shared our favourite books with each other over lunch. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support us with this activity. The afternoon was spent buddy reading and enjoying each other's company. A magnificent day.

### **Yorkshire Vikings V Northamptonshire Steelbacks – 20.6.23**

We have been given the opportunity to take up a special offer sent through to schools from Yorkshire County Cricket Club. It is to watch the T20 Vitality Blast game between Yorkshire Vikings and Northants Steelbacks at Headingley Cricket Ground on Tuesday 20 June (start time is 6.30pm). Tickets to the game for the children are free and additional children's tickets can be purchased for £5 along with adult tickets.

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Hopefully we will be able to attract enough interest to make this into an actual visit. At the time of writing I could just do with another couple of people to sign up. Please refer to the letter I sent out early last week.

### **PE Update – Message from Mr Stokell**

Our Friday PE topic this term is Outdoor Adventure Activities... the first lesson went down a treat. Not only was it a warm and bright day for the first time in what seems like forever, but ALL the children showed excellent signs of teamwork and communication in our 'floor is lava' game. Classes were split into different groups of 3/4 children, each tasked with using their limited equipment (a hoop, a block, an agility ladder & 3 cones) to get from the starting point to the finish line... without touching the floor.

Once they'd completed the first challenge, two teams joined together; they then used the combined equipment to get the whole team to an even further away finish line. The lesson ended with a whole class challenge, with all the equipment combined. The class had 10 minutes to get every person and every piece of equipment from one side of the football pitch to the other. Each individual played their part and they completed the challenge with 2 seconds to spare! Great fun and a fantastic start to the topic.



### **The Kings Gospels**

We were delighted and privileged to be given the opportunity to be part of a gift to the new King. This involved us handwriting verses from John's Gospel, which will become part of a York Primary Schools present to King Charles III for his coronation. See the pictures below of our very proud children.



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### **Acting Opportunity – Message from Colin James Casting**

My name is Marta and I am writing you from Colin Jones Casting in London.

We are currently working on Rowan Athale's new movie 'Giant' and we are looking for two boys aged 7 to 12 years old with a Yorkshire accent to play the roles of young and pre-teen Naseem "Prince Naseem" Hamed.

Produced by AGC Studios and Tea Shop Productions, "Giant" tells the life story of Prince Naseem, the world champion boxer, and his trainer Brendan Ingle.

Overall filming period is 6 weeks from the 17th of April 2023 in Yorkshire.

We are looking for two boys aged 7 to 12 years old to play the roles of young and pre-teen Naseem "Prince Naseem" Hamed. 12-year-old Naseem needs significant boxing experience; 7-year-old Naseem needs some boxing experience.

Acting experience is not required but an interest in acting would be ideal.

Although they don't need to be based in Yorkshire, they will need a Yorkshire accent.

Here is the link to our website in case you would like to look at our previous projects <http://www.colinjonescasting.com>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

If you would like to be considered for this project, or know someone who might, please send an email with the subject "Casting Giant" to: [Giantfilmcasting@gmail.com](mailto:Giantfilmcasting@gmail.com)

### **Football Match v Lakeside Primary**

I will report on our football fixture against Lakeside next week. Let's hope that we can upset the 'favourites' in the same way that Sheffield Utd upset Spurs on Wednesday evening!

### **KS1 Meeting and Phonics Meeting**

There will be two meetings led by Mrs Burton on Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> March). The first one will cover the work we do in school on Phonics and will start straight after school. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this. The second is for Year 2 parents and will focus on KS1 assessments and tests and will begin at 4.30pm. Letters were also sent out last week with this information. Thank you

### **Book Bags!**

Please ensure that your children do not use their book bags for carrying their water bottles. We have had a number of accidents that have resulted in leaks that have ruined new school books! Thank you

### **Open Day! Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be holding a School Open Day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All parents and carers are welcome and anyone else you know who you think might be interested. Our doors are wide open for all and we look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the day.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. Also, thank you to the teachers for working so hard to give you such excellent, detailed information about your children's learning, along with their hard work on those evenings.

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Please note that we will reschedule Mrs Noble's meetings as soon as she is back in school. Thank you for your patience and understanding and also the good wishes you sent to her.

### **Attendance Officer – Meeting - Postponed**

Our attendance meeting, which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday was postponed. We have finished drafting this document and all being well, we will reschedule it to take place before Easter.

### **Donations please for Sierra Leone – clothes and toys**

Jess Land is an ex-pupil of Naburn CE Primary School. She has started doing annual charity work in Sierra Leone and is visiting again at Easter. She will also come and speak to the children about her work on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please read her message below.

Please could you help? At Easter I am going to Sierra Leone, for the second time, to volunteer at charity called Home Leone – see below. I am able to take two suitcases and would love to fill them with (clean) clothes and (light) toys for the children I will help. I will run an Easter Holiday Club in the primary school which is in the village that Home Leone supports (see photo below).

Things I can take (they don't have to be new, just clean and usable please)

<b>Footballs (deflated)</b>	<b>Toys (no batteries) e.g. dolls, small soft toys</b>	<b>Clothes e.g. T-shirts, shorts, sun hats / caps, cotton scarves</b>	<b>Rucksacks and large suitcases</b>
<b>Other balls e.g. tennis</b>	<b>Toys cars</b>	<b>Picture books</b>	<b>Re-usable nappies / sanitary products</b>
<b>Football boots, clothes, trainers and normal shoes</b>	<b>Colouring books, felt tips, pencils, crayons, sharpeners</b>	<b>Reading / distance glasses</b>	<b>Haribo / jelly sweets</b>

Sierra Leone, the eighth poorest country in the world, is on the West coast of Africa. It has a tough history from historical slavery, to modern catastrophes that go (mostly) unheard of, such as the bitter and brutal war in the 1990s. I will visit Destiny Village, about an hour from the capital Freetown. Home Leone is a fantastic charity that provides slum clearance, education and is creating a new community for people in need.



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All donations are really appreciated and will go to the children and families in Destiny Village, and a number of other children's homes and schools that we will visit.

### **Comic Relief – 17.3.23**

Comic Relief Day will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and once again we will have a very own Naburn CE Primary School Red Nose Day Football Tournament. You will have received a letter with more details. It would be ideal if every child was part of this exciting event, so please can I ask that you send the consent slip back to the School Office as soon as possible.

### **St Crux – Message from the PTA**

The Friends of Naburn are preparing for the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, our pre-loved sale and café at St Crux. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bake/buy items for this or donated money. These contributions are hugely appreciated and make the event a success.

Don't forget that we also need good quality, pre-loved items to sell. A perfect chance for that Spring clear out or to alleviate yourself of unwanted Christmas presents, guilt free, as it's for a good cause. Please have a good look around to see if there's anything that you could donate. We are unable to sell electrical items, CDs, videos. DVDs, books, knives/sharps or clothing but gratefully welcome other items. Toys must have the CE mark on them for us to be able to sell.

If you are able to donate any items please bring them to the school gates on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, between 8:45 - 9:00. Or, call the school to arrange an alternative drop off time.

For anyone who's bringing food or baked items in please bring these to the school gates on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 8.45 – 9:00.

The St Crux event itself is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – it would be fabulous to see as many of you there as possible. All funds raised will go back into school, to boost much needed funds and to help make sure the children have the best experiences they can whilst at School.

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## 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
13 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm

## TTRockstars!

Congratulations to the Year 3 who won their Rockstar Battle with Year 5! This coming week's battle is between Year 4 and 6.

## House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Compassion** for being House attendance champs. Overall House winners were **Perseverance** – Good work! Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and our 100% attendance award winner, Amelia.



## E-safety Section

<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-artificial-intelligence-ai-solutions>

It's no surprise that AI is becoming big. Tech companies have been using it for a while and the spillover into mainstream society was inevitable. But where do AI solutions get their information from? Can they be trusted? And should we be embracing them? This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the risks related to AI solutions and suggests ways to prevent young people from using the technology blindly, from encouraging critical thinking skills to having an awareness of inherent bias.

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## Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 27/02/23 = 88.76 % - Unauthorised absence = 2.21%
- Last week's School attendance = 83.89% - Unauthorised absence = 1.26%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 87.08% - Unauthorised absence = 2.18%

An improvement on attendance week, would be nice to see it over 90% next time.

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

### Picture News

**Story:** It has been suggested that hazel dormice numbers in the UK have dropped by nearly 80% in almost 30 years and some researchers say people should be more worried for them.

**Question:** Could you do more to protect your local area?

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

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

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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