



Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

It has been a slightly less busy week in school after all the exciting news last week. Nonetheless it has been equally enjoyable.

Please read on or use the following link if you prefer to listen to me. <https://youtu.be/VDwpQcaKEN0>

### Enjoying Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Wragg



### Quiz Night – 14.10.23

Just a reminder about the upcoming Quiz Night at the Village Hall! It is a week on Saturday, 14th October. Tickets are £10 each and can be bought from the school office. Bring your own drinks or there is a bar if you prefer to purchase.

This event is organised by the Village Hall Committee and supported by the fabulous Friends of Naburn PTA, with profits to be split between the Village Hall and school. So rustle up of a team of your

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smartest friends and get your tickets!!

We hope to see you there.



### Hannah Redman

We will be saying goodbye to Hannah next week. For those who don't know, Hannah has helped to run our brilliant After School Club with Lorraine. She started when school was desperately in need of an extra pair of skilful hands to keep ASC going and has continued to do an amazing job ever since. We intend to thank her for her service, back at school after the Harvest Festival. Please join us.

### National Teacher Day

To celebrate National Teacher Day on Thursday, Natalie (Nyla, Phoenix and Cairo's mum) wrote a very special poem for us and has given permission to share it (see below). I am sure that you will agree that it is just so lovely and all the teachers have been both warmed and cheered by her words. It really sums the school up along with our teaching personalities! Thank you Natalie.

#### ***A good school feels like family –***

*That's what sets this school apart;  
A small school  
With big ideas  
And an even bigger heart.*

*The teachers make it special-  
That much is really true,*

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*They make you laugh,  
They make you smile,  
They'll even cuddle you.*

*We love our Mrs Burton,  
She makes us really giddy.  
One day her maths stick lost control  
And went all super silly.  
What if it chased Lara or danced with little Billy...  
Next time it might get Violet or even tickle Tilly!*

*Our wonderful head of school is the amazing Mrs Durham;  
Phoenix says she's funny,  
Edith says she's fun,  
Charles says her teeth shine like pearls in the sun!*

*Upstairs is Mrs Noble,  
Such a kind and patient teacher,  
She makes you feel all warm inside  
If you should ever meet her.*

*If you're back from break a little late  
She'll let you off the hook...  
(She's getting to a good bit inside her favourite book!)*

*And whatever can we say for the fantastic Mr Green,  
Surely the best head teacher this world has ever seen!  
He thrives on high fives and meets us at the gate,  
He doesn't even tell us off if we're a little late!*

*So here's to all our teachers and our other helpers too,  
The TAs, office and dinner ladies who are always there for you.*

*Our children, our parents and of course the PTA-  
We all work hard together to make our school so great.  
They tried to shut us down but we turned it all around,  
By working hard together we've saved our future fate!  
Now put your hands together so we can celebrate;  
Our special little school is really here to stay!!*

*Now with arms up in the air it's time for us to cheer...  
For Naburn Primary School  
YORK SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!!*

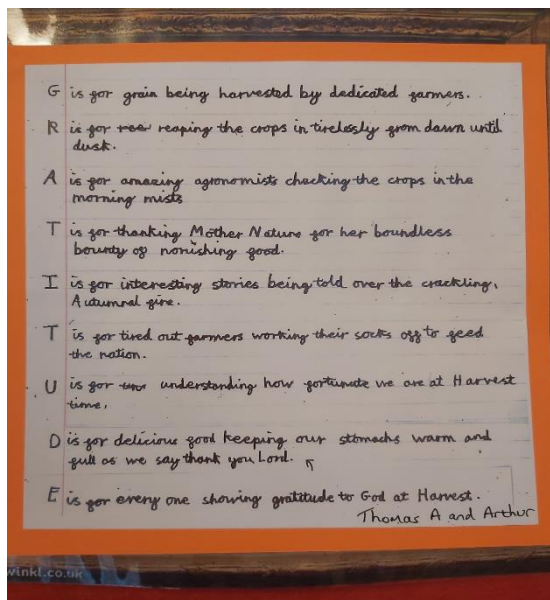
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## Sycamore's Wonderful Work Wall!

Sycamore's Wonderful Work Wall is up and running with y5/6's fabulous Harvest poems on the theme of gratitude. We also want to celebrate out of school achievements here too...so were delighted to include Freddie's Player of the Season success.



## Walk to School Week – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October

Please note that Walk to School Week begins on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs until the end of that week. Please make every effort to make an active journey to school that will include dropping your children off **safely** out of my sight at the school gate!

## Children in Need Talent Show

I am excited to announce that we will be again holding our very own Naburn CE Primary School 'Children in Need' Talent Show. This will take place on the morning of Friday 17th November and will begin at 9.15am in the Village Hall.

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For the fun of either taking part, or being part of the audience, please will children bring a pound coin on that day which will go in our Children in Need Collection Bucket and then be sent off to this very worthy cause! Parents and carers are also invited.

Do please encourage your child to take part. They might like to play an instrument, sing a song, tell jokes or dance. They might also be quite talented at something else that they would like to perform in front of our encouraging audience. More details to follow nearer the date.

### **Harvest Festival**

Please don't forget our School Harvest Festival which will take place at St Matthew's Church next Thursday (12<sup>th</sup> October). This is a joint service with the church again and will start 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 and your generous contributions in this regard will be gratefully received. 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 **Wednesday morning (11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Small Rugs, Bean Bags, Cushions**

We are looking for kind donations of any of the above items for our Classroom Reflection spaces and Reading areas. Please get in touch with me or the Office if you have any spare to pass onto us. Thank you

### **PTA Section**

Thank you so much to everyone that came to our PTA meeting the other week. It was brilliant to have so many people there, including some new faces. We've planned some great events for this term and hope to see you at as many of these as possible.

To kick start everything, we'll be celebrating National Baking Week and what better way to do this than a bake sale?! If you are able to support this in any way we would hugely appreciate it please, whether that's baking (or donating) some tasty treats or coming along and purchasing some of them, for a small price. The sale will be held in the school playground at 15:15, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Don't forget to bring some change.

We're also really excited to announce the return of the All Hallows Eve Party. This will be held at 18:00 – 19:00 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, at the village hall. More information is to come, but there will be all sorts of tricks, treats, surprises and games! This is open to older and younger siblings, as well as all of the children in the village. Come dressed to impress in your most terrifying and spooktacular outfits!!

To continue with the spooky theme, we'll be holding the first film night of the year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This will be held in the school hall, starting at 18:00. Film choices will go out for the children to vote on, and the chosen film will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. There will be

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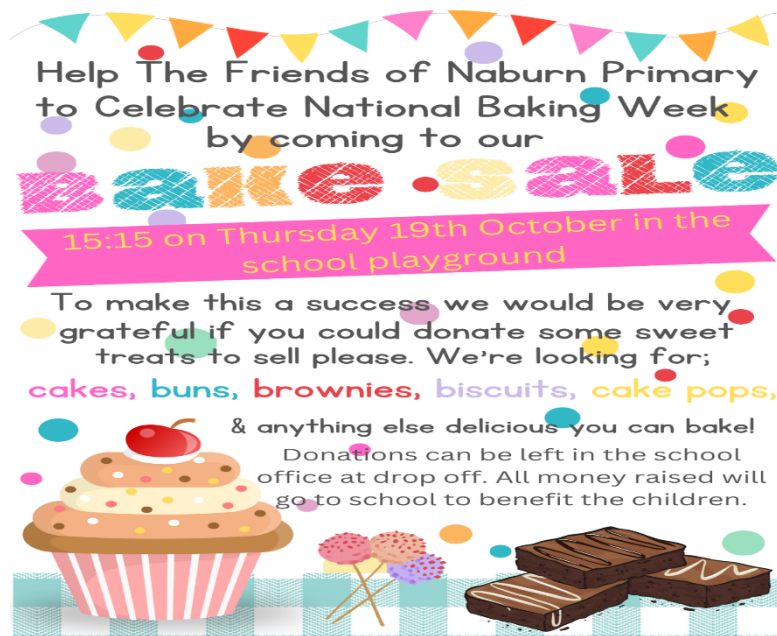


juice and plenty of popcorn for the small cost of £3.50 per child or £5 for siblings. Children are encouraged to come in the PJs, with a teddy to snuggle with.

October is going to be a busy month but we'll be ready to get going again, after half term, with our November social. We'll have the fantastic, York based cover band, Electric Sheep, playing hits from the 60s through to the 90s. There will also be a bar, quiz, games and to end the evening, a promise auction. To make this night a success, we need your help please? Are you able to offer a service that you would happily provide, free of charge, to raise money for the school? Do you own something that could be loaned out or have expertise in a certain field which you could provide to someone? If so, please let us know by contacting the school office. The promises that are kindly offered will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the end of the evening.

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, about ways we can fundraise for school, get parents engaged and include the village community please feel free to email [naburnschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:naburnschoolpta@gmail.com).

We are hoping to raise as much money as possible, with all of our events this year, to treat the children at the end of the school year.



### Millbridge Meeting in school – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

I would like to have a meeting with all the school parent residents who live at Millbridge Farm. This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in school, immediately after 'Drop off'.

The purpose of the meeting is for me to speak a little bit about the school and how you can best support your child's learning at home. It will also be an opportunity for you to get to know me a little bit better and ask questions. I do hope that you can attend.

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I would like to continue to meet with you on a half termly basis and speak to you about a variety of school matters that you might find helpful and interesting. The main objective for me is to make sure that you feel part of our lovely school community and confident enough to come in and contribute to it.

### TT Rockstars

We do hope to get TTRockstars running properly again this week as I try my best to take over this job from Mrs Mann. Please note that the previous battle was between Year 6 and Year 4 with Year 4 winning. This week's battle is between **Year 5** and **Year 3** and will finish on Monday. Next week's battle is between **Year 5** and **Year 6**.

### House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Hope** for being House attendance champs. Overall House winners were **Perseverance** and congratulations to all our Stars of the Week.



### Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 03/10/23 = 86.34% - Unauthorised absence = 4.15%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 25/09/23 = 87.65% - Unauthorised absence = 0%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 90.29% - Unauthorised absence = 0.90%

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

### ESafety Section

Among Us: fairly safe, or pretty sus? 🕵️🔪🔪 This scenario of spaceship crew members cooperating to complete tasks and uncover murderous alien imposters has garnered a sizeable and committed following with younger gamers 🎮

Though Among Us is presented in a (mainly) sanitised visual style, any children's game which essentially foregrounds the concepts of deceit, betrayal and killing is always likely to cause some concerns. This week's **#Wakeup Wednesday** guide gets among it with Among Us.

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## Champion Mindset

This week Y5/6 enjoyed the introductory 'Champion Mindset Wellbeing' session with World Champion inline skater, Jenna Downing. In an inspiring one hour, interactive presentation, Jenna told the children all about her struggles to overcome many obstacles en route to becoming 10x British Champion and, ultimately, World Champion in her sport!

Key messages were:

1. To prioritise our **mental and physical well being**;
2. To make **positive choices** to become the best we can be;
3. To find the people – and the activities – in life that **inspire us**;
4. To treat **every failure as a learning experience** [Jenna came last in her first 3 skating competitions, out of 250 competitors (all male) but persevered to become a Champion];
5. To **manage our stress levels** by eating healthily; sleeping well; using relaxation techniques (which she will teach us all about in future sessions);
6. To accept that we can only '**control the controllables**' and not worry about things we cannot change;
7. **TO DREAM BIG ... WORK HARD ... STAY FOCUSED ... SURROUND OURSELVES WITH GOOD PEOPLE.**

Thank you to Jenna

## Year 3/4 Morning Mathematicians



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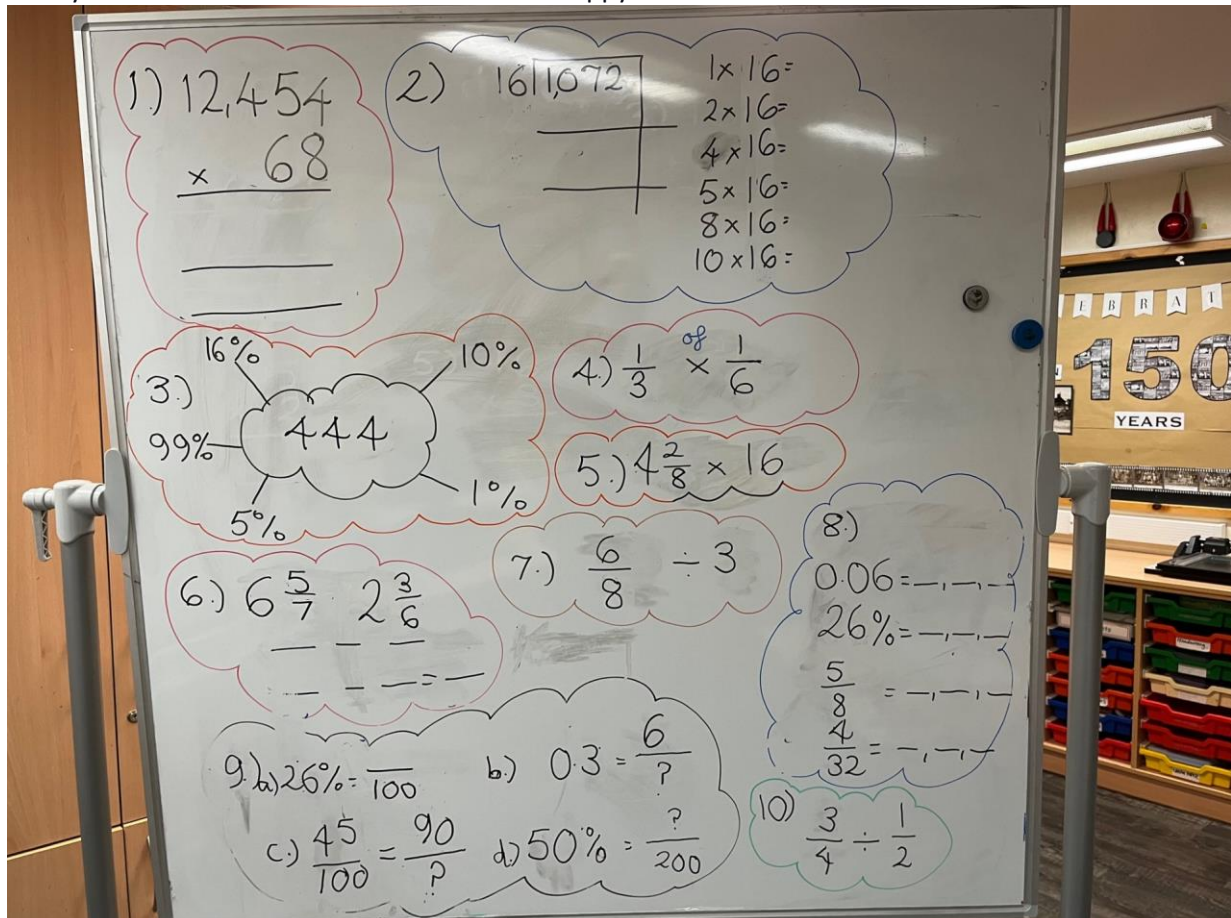


## Reading Books

Thanks to everyone for all your support with ensuring children are reading at home, we greatly appreciate this. However as with all new initiatives we have to try it for a while before we can tell what will work best for you and your children. We realise that lots of you have clubs etc after school or even on a weekend so we are happy for you to work in the reading sessions whenever works best for your family. If you can please try and do 5 sessions of reading a week this will still give us all the benefits but without your child been worried they aren't do what they are meant to.

## 'Ave a Go!'

Please 'Have a go' at these if you have the time. Do work through them with your children, particularly if they are in Year 5 or Year 6. I am more than happy to mark them!



## Picture News

**Story:** October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters', highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK

**Question:** How does change happen?

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

Hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine! **UNS!!!!!!**

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Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walk to School Week – House Captains to organise <a href="#">HT/Parent Drop In – 4.30pm to 6pm</a>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children bringing Harvest Gifts World Mental Health Day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Jabs – 1pm Cross Country – Askham Bryan College
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival – St Matthew's Church – 2pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sycamore Class Visit to Eden Camp – All day Parent Dinner – Acorn Class

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.

### **School Dates for your Diary**

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