



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



13.10.23

Dear Parents,

Such a lot to get through and cover in this newsletter, so relax and I recommend you make yourself comfortable with a cuppa as you take it all in. Use the following link if you prefer to listen to me.

<https://youtu.be/rwuBP-aGEXw>

Our Sri Lankan School Link – Athena International School

Ayubowen! This is a general greeting and blessing in Sri Lanka and we used it during our wonderful session with visitor Nicolette Heath from Athena International School. Ms Heath gave a fascinating presentation about Sri Lankan food, geography, wildlife, language, crops, dancing and culture. She also told us more about the wonderful work done by the charity, Child Action Lanka, and Athena School. Finally, we all learned how to dance like a Kandyan! What a fabulous afternoon!



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Palaeontologists in Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class were incredibly lucky today to be visited by renowned palaeontologists, Professor Wilks and Professor Fredz. The eminent Profs gave a wonderful presentation about fossils - what they are; how they're formed etc. and we all now know our amenities from our belemnites! Thankyou so much!



Matt Horne

Matthew has decided to step down from his role as Governor with immediate effect. I described and continue to describe Matt as the wisest man I know.

His work on the Governing Body over the last two years has been immense. His expert knowledge in so many areas along with his ability to empathise, show kindness at all times and reassure have helped to move the school speedily out of Special Measures. Thank you Matt for giving so much to our lovely School.

Football

We enjoyed our two football matches against Yearley Grove Primary School yesterday. The children put in brilliant performances, winning one game and drawing the other. Their delight in just playing the game was worth everything and their sporting behaviour was impeccable. Well done Team Naburn! We play our next match against Skelton on Monday.



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Cross Country

Congratrtulations to our Cross Country Team who took part in a meeting at Askham Bryan College on Wednesday evening. They showed genuine character and determination throughout their races and clearly enjoyed competing and representing the school.



Harvest Festival

We enjoyed presenting our Harvest Service to you all on Thursday afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in sending so many gifts. These 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.



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Quiz Night – 14.10.23

Just a reminder about the upcoming Quiz Night at the Village Hall! It is this 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 smartest friends and **get your tickets before the end of school today!**

We hope to see you there.

Hannah

We said goodbye to Hannah on Thursday afternoon. 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 send our best wishes to Hannah as she moves onto a new job.



Open the Book

Open the Book presented the story of Jonah and the Whale for us this week. Totally and utterly brilliant!



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Walk to School Week – 23rd to 27th October

Please note that Walk to School Week begins on Monday October 23rd 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.

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.

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

It's National Baking Week next week, and we're celebrating this with a bake sale. The sale will be held in the school playground at 15:15, on Thursday 19th October. 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. Don't forget to bring some change.

To get everyone in the spooky mood, we're holding the first film night of the year on Friday 20th October. This will be held in the school hall, starting at 18:00. The children have democratically voted to watch the Disney film Coco. This is PG rated, so please be sure you are happy for your child/ren to watch this. There will be juice and plenty of popcorn for the small cost of £3.50 per child, or £5 for siblings. Children are encouraged to come in their PJs, with a teddy to snuggle with.

Then, to finish the half term, we have the All Hallows Eve Party. This will be held between 18:00 – 19:00, on Thursday 26th October, at the village hall. 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. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed to impress in your most terrifying and spooktacular outfits (that goes for adults too)!! The price is £3.50 per child or £5 for siblings. All children should have a supervising adult with them.

October's been 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

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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.

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.

TT Rockstars

The winners of the battle between Year 5 and Year 3 was the **Year 3 - Congratulations**. This week's battle is between **Year 5** and **Year 6** and will finish on Monday. Next week's battle is between **Year 6** and **Year 4**.

House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Hope** for being House attendance champs and to our overall House winners, **Perseverance**.

Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 03/10/23 = 89.84% - Unauthorised absence = 2.60%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 25/09/23 = 86.34% - Unauthorised absence = 4.15%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 88.04% - Unauthorised absence = 3.40%

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

ESafety Section

If your child has been unsettled by recent events in Israel, you'll find tips in this #WakeUpWednesday guide for helping young ones deal with worrying news content they may have seen online. <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-supporting-children-to-deal-with-upsetting-content>

Year 2 Morning Mathematicians!



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Reverend Francis

We were fascinated to learn all about the incredible faith and bravery of Corrie Ten Boom from Reverend Francis on Monday morning. Please ask your children all about it.



Picture News

Story: The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been 'deliberately felled' on the night of 28th September.

Question: How can we remember things that were important to us?

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

Hope you have a great weekend! **UNS!!!!!!**

Best wishes

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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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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