



## Fishergate Primary School Newsletter

12.7.24

### Amazing Numbers!

You know that numbers aren't the be all and end all at Fishergate – we are much more interested in helping to create well-rounded young humans who will make the world a better place – but we are very proud of our Y1s and Y6s and I wanted to share their achievements with you all. 91% of Y1s passed their phonics check, this is the first time that we have ever broken the 90% barrier. The Year 6s also did brilliantly in their SATs with 79% of children attaining expected or above in reading and writing and 81% in maths. National figures are reading 74%, writing 72% and maths 73%, so Fishergate children deserve to be very proud of themselves. A huge well done to the adults who have worked so hard to make this happen. Obviously their teachers and teaching assistants, but also David Pennington and Lauren Moss who have worked tirelessly on a whole school level and really changed our approach to phonics and maths teaching.

### DATES

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers' Show 9am

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9am

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Over and above treat

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for summer 2:30pm



### FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

#### **Summer Fair!**

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the school fair on Saturday. The weather stayed mostly kind as we had amazing singing from our children, tombola stalls selling out, games enjoyed along with fabulous refreshments and an epic raffle! We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon.

The fair has raised over £2,500 (with figures being finalised) The raffle had 45 prizes and raised a tremendous £736 on total ticket sales! Well done Fishergate Families, you've done us proud again! Xx

The school would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the Friends who worked so hard to put this together. It takes an incredible amount of planning and preparation and hours of time. Thanks to Ali for leading her troops so expertly and for ensuring that the afternoon ran smoothly! Also, we would like to say a huge thank you to Roni and Louise who have been core members of Friends for many, many years but are now leaving as their children are in Year 6. You have given us so much – thank you !

## **PHASE UPDATES**

**EYU** – This week in Early Years we have been using all the amazing skills we have developed this year in Maths to solve a range of addition and subtraction problems. In forest school we created perfumes and potions. We have been getting ready for our ice cream shop next week by making shop signs and menus. We have also been enjoying singing lots of songs! Our current favourites are: Yellow Submarine by The Beatles, A Million Dreams from Greatest Showman and of course The Continent Song.

**Year 1/2** – After our Scarborough trip, KS1 have been comparing the human and physical features of Scarborough and Bondi beach, whilst in Writing we've been writing our own stories based on the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.

**Year 3/4** – Year 3/4 have had a fun filled week with baking using the delicious Fishergate raspberries on Monday followed by an exciting visit to Cannon Hall Farm on Wednesday. We were so proud of everyone's fantastic behaviour. Next week we are developing our instruction writing with a class playground games book, where everyone will write a set of instructions for their favourite playground game. Everyone will need a bag on Wednesday for bringing home their schoolbooks. Please check around at home and return all library and school reading books by Monday.

**Y5/6** - This week, we have mostly been rehearsing the leavers ' show ready for our performance at 9.00 on Thursday 18th July. We've also managed to squeeze in a visit by someone from the construction site for Year 5 and Year 6 have been to Crucial Crew to learn more about the work of the emergency services.

## **SMARTPHONE- FREE CHILDHOOD**

You may have noticed the new yellow banner at the front of school this week. This is part of our commitment to support the wellbeing of our children, based on growing evidence about the harms of smartphones.

As a school, we introduced a smartphone and smartwatch ban in 2022. We are committed to supporting the school community in this challenging area, providing advice and workshops for parents.

Earlier this year, North Yorkshire police gave a talk at school following WhatsApp group chats that involved some of our year 5/6 pupils. A significant group of year 6 pupils will be leaving the school next week smartphone free, opting for a basic Nokia (or similar) device for year 7. Fulford School has confirmed no smartphones are needed for Key Stage 3 classes.

Schools across Yorkshire are supporting the campaigns, with schools in Skipton, Sheffield and Harrogate joining us in having banners to raise awareness. You can find out more about these campaigns here:

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk>  
[freechildhood.co.uk](https://freechildhood.co.uk)

<https://smartphon>

## **BREAK THE RULES DAY** **BREAKING NEWS!!**

The total amount raised for break the rules day was £691 – this was more than the school council counted on the day as people have continued to donate since - which is amazing!

Well done to Joana and Gabriella Lucas for bringing such a good idea to the school council and well done to the school council for making it happen!



**SPACE FOR GIRLS**  
Summer Holidays - York  
Free events

<b>Woodland Hangout</b> Thurs 25th July 10.30-12pm	<b>Musical Theatre Workshop</b> Wed 14th August 1-3pm
<b>Tik Tok Dance</b> Fri 2nd Aug 10.30-12pm	<b>Nature Art Session</b> Thursday 22nd August 1-3pm
<b>Graffiti Art Session</b> Wed 7th August 10.30-12pm	<b>Woodland Hangout</b> Monday 26th August 10.30-12pm

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YORK • SUMMER HOLIDAYS • 2024  
FREE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>THURSDAY 25TH JULY</b> 10.30-12PM WOODLAND HANGOUT & NATURE CRAFTS WITH GATKIN & CO	<b>WEDNESDAY 14TH OF AUGUST</b> 1-3PM MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP WITH POA
<b>FRIDAY 2ND OF AUGUST</b> 10.30-12PM TIK TOK DANCE WITH SITA FROM MAMAS GOT MOVES	<b>THURSDAY 22ND OF AUGUST</b> 10.30-12PM NATURE ART WORKSHOP WITH LUCY MOKKMAN
<b>WEDNESDAY 7TH OF AUGUST</b> 10.30-12PM GRAFITTI ART SESSION WITH CRAFTY FOX KIDS CLUB	<b>MONDAY 26TH OF AUGUST</b> 10.30-12PM WOODLAND HANGOUT & NATURE CRAFTS WITH GATKIN & CO

For more info & to book sessions: [rowntreepark.org.uk/makespace](http://rowntreepark.org.uk/makespace)

The project focuses on encouraging older girls outdoors into parks and public spaces to meet new people and have fun. Girls use of parks and open spaces drops, compared to boys, as they enter their teenage years - let's change that!

Location of events: Millennium Fields in Rowntree Wood

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**THIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
Free turn up & play sessions funded by Fishergate and Fulford & Heslington Wards.

Who: Children aged 5 years & up!  
Where: Millennium Fields, Fulford, YO10 4EJ  
When: Tues 30th July, Tues 6th Aug & Tues 13th Aug all 2-4pm.  
For more info: [yorkrlfc.com/schoolholidays](http://yorkrlfc.com/schoolholidays)

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## Family activities in Rowntree Park

with the Holiday Activities and Food Programme

All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon packed with activities! Friends of Rowntree Park will be doing nature arts and crafts, woodland storytelling, pond-dipping, and orienteering. York RLFC Foundation will have their inflatable pitch from 2 pm - 4 pm. Lunch from the cafe will be provided for all children.

24 July 2024 | 11 AM - 4 PM

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