

Friday 15th November

What an exciting and busy two weeks we have had! I was blown away by the knowledge Oak class showed on their Murton Park trip; when the first answer of the day (provided by Marlie) referenced the "paleolithic era" I knew they had been taught well! They backed this up with outstanding behaviour throughout the day.

I was also so proud of the school's attendance at the Remembrance Service. It was so nice to receive an email from Revd. Jackson singing the children's praise.



Community Library

In the foyer of the school we have a selection of books for adults.

We ask that you leave a book when you take a book.

We have had some lovely books added to the collection, please pop in and take a look.

The library will be accessible during school hours. Please feel free to access this.

EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Due to the success we had last year in introducing new starters to our school environment and routines we have planned more stay and play sessions throughout the school year.

If you have a child due to start nursery or reception next year, we would love to invite you along to the stay and play sessions. The next session is

Monday 2nd Dec 9:15am-10:45am

Children starting primary school in September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and are due to start school in September 2025 parents can now apply for a place at school.

The application is open and closes 15th January 2025.

Please visit the webpage below for everything you need to know.

www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Keeping Safe

The Fire Service are visiting the school on Tuesday 19th and PC Bethany Thompson will be visiting Oak Class on Thursday 21st to continue with our theme of staying safe both in and out of school.

Acorn Class

We are reading: Our Tower
Ask me about: 2D and 3D Shapes



In Acorns we have been scientists investigating and looking at different materials. We completed a fair experiment to see which items floated and which sank. We discussed as a group our predictions before we started our test.



We have made a Post Office in our provision as the children have shown an interest in writing letters, so we now have an abundance of post persons delivering mail several times a day.



We are having a visit out to the mobile post office in the village on Monday where we will be posting our very own letters home.



Oak Class

We are reading: Sky Song
Ask me about: My setting for my adventure story and how to help somebody in an emergency



Last Monday, we had the privilege of taking part in an afternoon of Net Zero Lego. Net Zero focuses on how we can use alternative and renewable fuel resources to help reduce the effects of greenhouse gases. Oak class had the challenge of building an Electric Lorry which runs on batteries. They worked incredibly hard to build the lorry in Lego to match the design, whilst also considering how to make the lorry move smoothly, such as with the number of wheels. Oak class crated some amazing lorries which moved forwards and backwards! Well done Oaks!



They were transformed into Neolithic Stone Age people for the day, building on their already impressive knowledge.



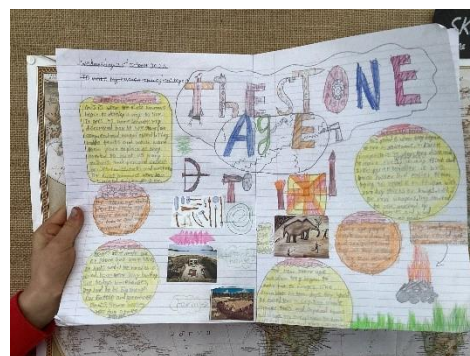
They took part in activities such as: grinding grain into flour, weaving wool, making clay thumb pots, being archaeologists and even Stone Age spear hunters!



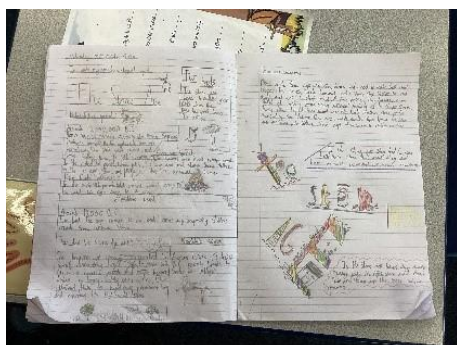
Oak class had an amazing trip last Thursday to visit Murton Park.



Oak class had a wonderful trip which ended with a Stone Age mystery story!



Before the half-term, Oak class worked incredibly hard on producing some amazing non-chronological reports on the Stone Age demonstrating their astounding knowledge and hard work in Writing. Well done Oak Class!



Flat Stan First Aid



This Thursday, as part of our PSHE curriculum, Oak class took part in 'Flat Stan First Aid' course which taught us vital life saving skills.



We learnt that the most important thing is to ask for help and that there is no right or wrong answer in trying to be kind and help somebody. We learnt how to check if someone is breathing by looking and listening to their chest and how to help someone if they are choking with the first and often forgotten step: asking them to cough. We learnt about the importance of knowing your address and how to call for help on a phone, with the most important number being 999.

Each child will be bringing home a booklet to share with you. Please scan the QR codes to access videos for further learning.



Mental Health

We take mental health very seriously here at school and in our drive to promote strong mental health, we have introduced the myHappyMind program. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! Please see attached with the newsletter a letter explaining more including an exciting opportunity for one lucky parent to win a prize!

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school for flu vaccinations on Friday 22nd November. This has been changed from Thursday 21st November. This is for children in Reception and above.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

North Yorkshire Women's Health Survey

North Yorkshire Council are wanting to hear from women and girls across North Yorkshire to help understand what matters most to them about their health and wellbeing. Please click on the link to complete the survey.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/north-yorkshire-womens-health-survey-2024>

PTFA Update

ASDA's Cashpot for Schools – Keep going – Last 15 days until this ends

Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser. We have 15 days left to increase this. We have £196.00 in the pot.

This is running until the 30/11/24, so please keep shopping at ASDA and if you haven't done so yet please join.

All you have to do is download the ASDA rewards app, if you don't already have it and choose Oakridge CP School.

Every time you scan your rewards app Asda donate £££ to our school.

Christmas Fair 6.12.24

We invite you, your friends and family to come along to the Christmas Fair. There's lots of activities, games, refreshments and a special visit from Santa.

If you have any unwanted items at home, please hand them in to the school office for the tombola.



Christmas Raffle to be drawn 6.12.24

We will be drawing the PTFA Christmas Raffle at the Christmas Fair. We have some wonderful prizes, including; £50 voucher for Sneaton Castle, £30 voucher for The Badger Hounds, £30 voucher for The Village Hub, Fish and Chip Supper from Hinderwell Fish and Chop Shop, £20 voucher for R.Lyth Butchers Hinderwell, £20 COOP Gift Card donated by Jean Swain, Fish and Chips twice at Excelsior Fisheries, £15 voucher for Butterfly Holistic Therapies, x2 main meal Sunday Lunch at Sneaton Castle, £25 Voucher for Argos and a £25 Voucher from Amazon donated from Town and Country Care Whitby and many more prizes to still come in!!

We would like to say a big thank you to the local business's that continue to support us and our fundraising events.

All children have been sent home with some raffle tickets to sell.

Please hand in your sold raffle tickets to school. If you would like more, please ask Mrs Thompson.

Job Opportunities

There are some great opportunities to come and work with YEAT academy.

Please click on the links below to see two jobs available at Westcliff.

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/5525/0/441308/19907/west-cliff-primary-school-breakfast-club-assistant-and-or-after-school-club-assistant>

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/4757/0/441292/19907/west-cliff-primary-school-midday-supervisory-assistants>

Attendance

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life.

This week, our attendance has been

94.7%

This is below our target of 96%.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 22nd Nov at 3:10pm

Join us to celebrate all of the fantastic work the children have been doing and particularly these children who have excelled over the past fortnight:

Stars of the Week: Caius and Peter

Special Award: Matilda and Deacon

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Marlie

Dates for the Diary

November 2024

Mon 18th – Acorn Class visit to the mobile Post Office

Thurs 21st – Acorn Class visit to Sarah's to see the horses

Fri 22nd – Vaccination UK – Flu Vaccinations

Mon 25th – Oak Class Healthy Schools Event at East Barnby

Tues 26th – Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Whitby School

December 2024

Mon 2nd – EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 6th – PTFA Christmas Fair

Weds 11th – Nativity at Church

Fri 13th – Staff Training Day

Thurs 19th – Christmas Performance

Fri 20th – Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th – Last day of Autumn Term

January 2025

Mon 6th – First day of Spring Term

Weds 8th – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents 3:30pm

Weds 22nd – EYFS Stay and Play 10:30am-12

February 2025

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half Term

March 2025

Mon 3rd – EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 7th Family Reading Carousel 1:30pm-3:30pm

Fri 21st Staff Training Day

April 2025

Fri 4th Last day of Spring Term

Tues 22nd First day of Summer Term

May 2025

Mon 5th – Bank Holiday

Fri 9th – Family Mental Health Awareness 1:30pm-3:30pm

Mon 12th SATS Week

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term

June 2025

Mon 2nd – Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Weds 25th – Class Photographs

July 2025

Mon 21st Last day of Summer Term