



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 17/11/23

Dear Parents,

In assembly this morning we had good cause to celebrate our Times Table Rockstars. As you may know, this week has been the week of the annual competition for Rock Stars, with over 30,000 schools competing against each other. We are very proud to say that Ayscoughfee finished in the top 20% of schools nationally, which given the size of the school is an incredible achievement. Well done to all the boys and girls who have been working so hard on their times tables – a real cornerstone of maths!

In other news, we have all enjoyed celebrating anti-bullying week in school and I am particularly grateful to our School Council and Kindness Ambassadors who have worked so hard to prepare activities and messages of kindness and appreciation for their peers. Well done everyone.

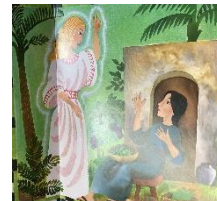
KINDERGARTEN

Our new story this week is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We noticed the word 'magnificent' which we also heard in 'Room on the Broom'. We've been retelling the story using masks and porridge bowls to help us role play, and doing lots of counting onto a five frame with puppets. Some children gave Goldilocks a haircut, but now she's nearly bald!



RECEPTION

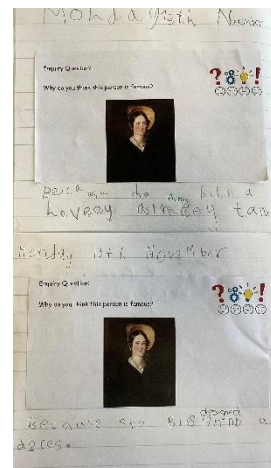
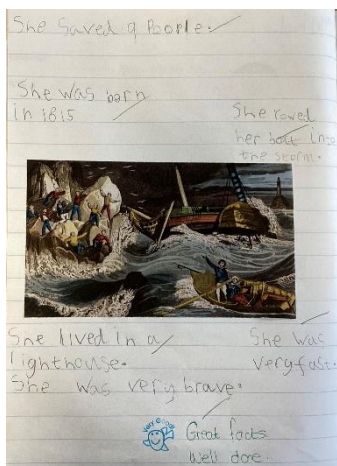
What a busy Anti Bullying week! We have really looked after our friends this week and started by wearing odd socks to show that we are all different and special. We practised being very kind, we have shared special stickers, made smiley post it's and also shared our hugs. As well as all of this, we have begun our RE work with Bertie Owl. We are learning a very special story about Christmas and a very special Christmas Play which we are looking forward to performing for you.



YEAR 1



This week has been an even busier week than usual as we start to practise some of the songs for our Christmas play with Year 2. The children have already learnt lots of words and are singing beautifully. In class we have been practising our number bonds to 10 using the 'Hit the Button' APP on the iPads and there were some amazing scores. Even a 20/20 in one minute! We had some very enjoyable History lessons learning all about Grace Darling. The children had to think of the reason they thought this lady was famous before we learnt all about her brave rescue. We have enjoyed all the Anti-Bullying activities in school this week and have showed real maturity when we have had discussions about how it would feel to be bullied, and what to do if we feel we are being bullied. What a kind and thoughtful class you are Year 1.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have started work on the text 'The Journey Home' with some interesting research on dodos! In science, we have been looking at food groups, considering which foods are the best providers of protein, carbohydrates and vitamins and have started our food diaries. On Thursday, we walked to Ayscoughfee Gardens to visit the War Memorial and plant two poppy crosses on behalf of the School.

YEAR 3

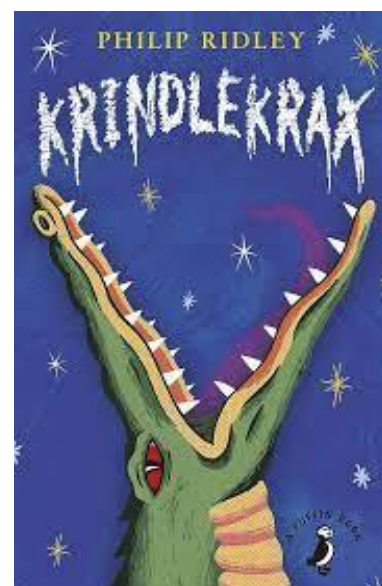
During the Anti Bullying week, Year 3 enjoyed various activities to promote kind thoughts and caring behaviour. "Mindful Monday" has seen us make colourful "mindful monsters" out of craft materials. We thought about our differences and celebrated them, enjoying the fact we are all different and special. We are unique and stand together as one against bullying! During "Thoughtful Tuesday" we made bookmarks with anti-bullying messages for our Year 4 buddies. We have discussed how to support people who are bullied during our PSHEE lesson on Wednesday and for "Tranquil Thursday" we held a meditation session "Duck: Like Water off the Duck's Back" that explained how we can deal with stress and challenging situations. To finish the week's activities, we joined our Ayscoughfee family to "make some noise about anti bullying". We made a ring around our beautiful school and played different musical instruments while singing songs.



YEAR 4

In English, we have started our new book 'Krindlekrax'. We have been using **VIPERS** reading skills to use powerful **v**ocabulary, **i**nter meaning from the text, **p**redict what might happen next, give **e**xamples from the text, **r**etrieve information from the story and **s**ummarise what we have read. It has been a pleasure to listen to one another read aloud, with increasing confidence and intonation.

Next week, we will be learning a range of persuasive techniques to write a letter to Mr Lace (the teacher in the story) to persuade him to let Ruskin Splinter be the hero in the school play. Watch this space!



In RE this term, our focus is on Christianity. This week, we learned all about Christingle and even made our own. We now know that each part of the Christingle has a special meaning: the orange represents the world; the red ribbon represents the blood of Christ; the candle is Jesus, the light of the world and the four cocktail sticks with sweets represents the four seasons.

YEAR 5



In maths this week, the children have started their unit of Fractions! We took learning to a practical level and folded up pieces of paper to find equivalent fractions. The children even managed to create their own questions for a partner, and this hands-on style helped the children tremendously with their reasoning questions.



In English, the children have been engaged with our class reader: Treason. We used this as a stimulus for our writing, and the children took on the main character writing a letter to his sister about his experiences with the king. We also used our 'emotions wheels' and learnt a range of exciting vocabulary to make our writing more interesting for the reader. In curriculum, the children looked at a range of portraits of Henry VIII, before lining these up on a timeline using inference skills. We then discovered that 75% of the pictures of Henry VIII were in fact inspired by the artist, Holbein. Interesting discussions about propaganda was the result of this!



YEAR 6

In English lessons, the children have been watching a short video, called 'The Lighthouse' and developing their descriptive writing by using a range of different sentence starts and structures. They have been focusing on small details, incorporating relative clauses, sensory description and amazing noun phrases – they have even been experimenting with semi-colons to add detail and drama. Excellent effort, Year 6!

As part of 'Anti-bullying' week, the children have been proudly wearing odd socks and have been learning about respecting difference in PHSEE lessons. A big 'THANK YOU' to the Kindness Ambassadors for all the gifts of kindness received this week.



As part of our topic on the Victorians, the children have been learning all about Victorian samplers and have been following designs to create cross stitch characters. They are now developing their knowledge of different stitches and drawing patterns for their own design.

In Science, Year 6 have been busy learning about electricity and have been making different circuits, investigating what happens when more bulbs are added and writing up results and conclusions. They have created their own inquiry questions and have been excited to see if their predictions were correct.

In Maths, the children have been mastering fractions. They have been learning how to add and subtract both fractions and mixed numbers and are now superb at finding the lowest common multiples to change denominators. Our 'Times Table Rockstars' extra practise is really helping the children to calculate answers quickly. Well done, Year 6.

SPORTS NEWS

AHS U9 Tag Rugby and U11 Touch Rugby v The Grantham Prep School

15th November 2023

It started out a standard grey autumnal afternoon for Rugby.

We welcomed the Grantham teams and, following a warmup, got into the games. Our U9s were in a fast paced, end to end game from the start. There was lots of good running with some passing. Tagging was fierce and play was evenly balanced for much of the time. Grantham in the end just edged the result and were slightly stronger. Annabelle was player of the match.



On the larger pitch the U11s competed in a very close game. Defences were strong and disciplined, keeping their shape and touch tackling solid. Grantham kept us pinned back and in the first two quarters crept ahead, scoring twice. Play opened up in the third quarter, gaps appeared in the defences and we scored 3 to their 2 in fast creative passages of Rugby. In the final quarter, Grantham kept strong and were resolute on keeping us from scoring, even so we managed one more hard earned score against a reply of two more by them. The final score was 6 – 4 to Grantham. A hard-contested game. Takunda was player of the match. Well done and thanks go to all those who took part and supported the fixture. As refreshments were taken at the whistle, the sun shone concluding a good afternoon of Rugby.



PTFA DIARY DATES

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – School Shop in the foyer – 3pm – 3.30pm

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – NON-UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A TOMBOLA GIFT. SEE ATTACHED POSTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS FAIR – 11AM TO 1PM – SEE ATTACHED POSTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

SAVE THE CHILDREN – THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Children are able to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on the day.

REMINDERS:

GREEN GATE

If you are dropping off or collecting children, please ensure the green gate is securely closed.

INFANT PLAY DVD / USB ORDERS – CRECHE BOOKINGS

Please note the orders for DVDs or USBs for the infant play are open until Friday 1st December, don't forget to complete the form on Parentmail to order as soon as possible. Bookings are also being taken for the creche that will be run on both days during the infant play, so please make sure you book in before 1st December. Thank you.

INFANT CHRISTMAS PARTY – FISH & CHIPS ORDER – DEADLINE 6TH DECEMBER

Please remember to complete the form on Parentmail for the fish and chip order for the Infant and Junior Christmas party, the deadline is Wednesday 6th December.

LOCAL "SHOEBOX APPEAL" FOR AGAPE FOODBANK

We are still collecting for our local "shoebox appeal" which will be going to Agape to support those in need in the local community this Christmas. You can drop your shoebox (or loose items to go into a box) into the main school office until Thursday 30th November. **See the attached flyer for more details.** Thank you in advance for your support.



WILLOUGHBY HOT LUNCHES IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

11th—15th December

We would just like to ensure that the ordering of lunches is clear for the last week of term as there are lots of activities going on in these final few days.

Monday 11th December—hot lunches as usual

Tuesday 12th December—Infant children hot lunches as usual. Junior children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

Wednesday 13th December—hot lunches as usual

Thursday 14th December—Junior children hot lunches as usual. Infant children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

Friday 15th December—Whole school Christmas lunch ordered through Willoughby.

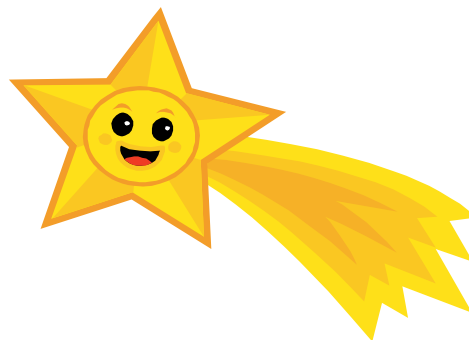
Dates for Your Diary

November	
Monday 20th	Y5 & Y6 Parent Meeting for York residential 2024 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22nd	Fixture: U8 & U9 Tag Rugby at AHS starts 2.30pm
Thursday 23rd	Year 6 outing to Christmas Unwrapped at Broad Street Methodist - am
Friday 24th	Non-Uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize for PTFA Christmas Fete
Monday 27th	Y5 – Visit from Secondary Schools – 2pm – 3pm in school
Wednesday 29th	Fixture: Away - U10 Touch Rugby at St Hughs starts 2.30pm
December	
Saturday 2nd	PTFA Christmas Fete – 11am – 1pm
Monday 4th	Infant dress rehearsal to Junior starts 9.15pm
Tuesday 5th	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm
Wednesday 6th	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm Fixture: U11 Bottoms up Tag Rugby at AHS starts 2.30pm
Thursday 7th	Last day for Year 3 and Year 4 swimming this term Save the Children – Christmas jumper day – children can wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform. Year 6 Dragons Den – details to follow soon
Friday 8th	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (in school) – Details to follow
Monday 11th	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i> Junior Panto outing in town – (all juniors) – 10.15am Interhouse games Year 1 and Year 2 – am Reception outing to Penningtons – 10.30am
Tuesday 12th	Junior Christmas Party / fish and chips – juniors to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Infant pupils - hot lunches as normal
Wednesday 13th	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i>
Thursday 14th	Infant Christmas Party / fish and chips – infants to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Junior pupils – hot lunches as normal
Friday 15th	Willoughby Foods Christmas Lunch – whole school / order via Willoughby. Christmas Carol Service at Broad Street Methodist – Parents/Grandparents invited to attend – service will start at 2pm (children will go home with parents/grandparents after the service.)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

Kindergarten: Romily
Reception: Evie
Year 1: Joshua
Year 2: Matilda
Year 3: Afiyah
Year 4: Florence
Year 5: Mafaro
Year 6: Jacob



Headteacher Award: Kindness Ambassadors and School Council

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 5

Kindness Awards: Sacha (Junior) George L (Infants)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

18th November – Mrs White

19th November – Harrison

20th November – Florence

21st November – Mrs Woodrow

23rd November - Molly

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright