



NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 2021

MRS GIBSON'S FRIDAY MESSAGE

Happy Friday everyone! We hope you have had a lovely week, like we have in school.

I have to share how immensely proud I was in KS2 Assembly today. Our assemblies are always going to be based upon our Knavesmire Character values. I will ensure that the children know what they are, how we integrate them into all that we do at Knavesmire and share examples of how we've seen them in action each week. KS1 will have such an assembly on Mondays. In today's assembly, the examples that staff shared of the children demonstrating our values were just fantastic! Please take a look at our Knavesmire Character if you are not familiar with it. It can be found beneath our School Aims on the website here:

<https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/about-us/school-aims>

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

SCHOOL MESSAGES

The KPS Coffee Cart is back! Great news, our almost famous coffee cart will return to the playground on Monday morning. Mr Taylor, our Pupil Mentor, will be selling coffee, tea and hot chocolate for the amazing price of only £2. Mr Taylor will have help from some fantastic Year 6 students, so please pop along to say hello (and have a drink too!). We will be open from 8.50am and close at 9.10 am.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

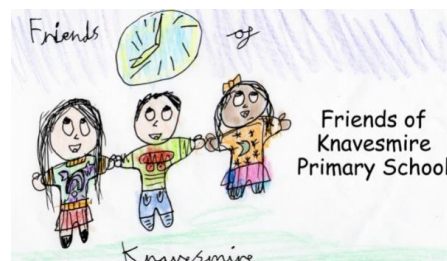
FREE Positive Futures Parenting Support Course aimed at parents/carers of children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Brightsparks will be delivering the Positive Futures Parenting Support courses face to face following the latest government safety guidelines and also offering other courses virtually via zoom. The Course gives you the tools and confidence to build strong and positive relationships with your children, it will also enable you to meet other parents and carers, and share ideas and experiences in an inclusive and non-judgemental environment. You will also learn practical skills to help you develop your strengths. Please follow the link for more info, booking form and course dates. Please note the website says it starts this week but the start date has been pushed back to accommodate more parents/carers.

<https://www.brightsparkscic.org.uk/positive-futures>

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE

We are so pleased that the Friends of Knavesmire are able to restart all their amazing shenanigans in school! We've really missed them and would be lost without all the fabulous fundraising they do for the school. Their hard work means that our pupils are able to do fun things in school at a subsidised rate as Friends donate an incredible amount of money each year. However, they do need people to volunteer as presently there are only a couple of people available to offer a bit of help. It can be a few hours here and there or if you are feeling really generous, you may like to volunteer on a regular basis. You will need to have a DBS check, but school can arrange this.



All are welcome to the AGM next **Friday 24th September** in the Y5 classrooms from 3.30 to find out more about our fundraising and how to get involved - we need new people! We try and set up something for children to watch and there may be biscuits/cake! If you can't make it but want to help, email us at knavesmirefriends@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Friends of Knavesmire Primary School.

NURSERY MESSAGES

It's been a busy and productive week in Nursery this week. We have all really settled into the routine and have continued to enjoy learning across all areas of provision. We have baked bread and made some masks as part of our Little Red Hen Big Idea. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for milk via the CoolMilk scheme. Please do sign your child up if you would like them to have milk with their snack in the morning. You can sign up at <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

As ever, thanks for all your support.

Any questions then please ask a member of the Nursery team.

RECEPTION CLASS MESSAGES

We have had another great week in Reception! All of the children have felt very settled and we have started to explore a bit more of school. This week we have had our first Forest School session in the school Forest School garden where we have explored, built dens and learnt about the Forest School rules. We have also had our first Library session, the children loved exploring the Library and they are all excited to start bringing home books. Our weekly library slot will be on a Thursday

morning. Every Thursday your child will bring home a Library book, please ensure that you return this book in your child's book-bag the following Thursday.

We have been doing lots of oral blending in phonics ready to start phase 2 sounds next week. In Maths we have been looking at days of the week. For handwriting we have been focusing on warming up our hands and holding pencils correctly. Please do visit the Reception page on our website for more information on what we do and how you can support your child at home. We are currently in the process of planning our Phonics evening. We feel it is very important to invite parents into school for this but we must also do this in a way that takes into account the current situation. We will be in touch next week with further details.

We hope that you all have a lovely, restful weekend and we will see you on Monday!

The Reception Team

RECEPTION HEALTHY CHILD SCREENING – you will have received a letter about the healthy child screening, via ParentPay. If you wish to opt out of this, the email address is HCS5-19Screening@york.gov.uk The screening takes place on 29th September 2021.

YEAR 1 CLASS MESSAGES

This week, we have been finding adjectives to describe Hairy Maclary and using our phonic knowledge to spell these words. We have used pencil to make some line drawings of him and used mixed media to create pictures of other characters in the story. In Maths, we have focused on number formation and sequencing numbers from 0 to 20. We are trying to reduce the amount of time it takes to get changed for P.E. Please help your child to practise this at home so we can spend more time on P.E. activities outside. Your child will soon be bringing home a 'Home Learning' book. This is a place for them to complete practical work e.g. drawings, number formation and handwritten tasks. The Home Learning tasks will be shared on the Year One Google classroom and this can be accessed by using the login details and code on the inside of your child's Home Learning book.

Thanks for your support and have a lovely weekend from the Year One team.

YEAR 2 CLASS MESSAGES

Year 2 has had a brilliant week. They have been using map skills to help the bird from the 'Yeti and the Bird' find her way back home. We have been learning about compass directions and playing games to help us practise using North, South, East and West.

In Maths, we are consolidating the children's understanding of place value and looking at writing numbers in words. If you would like to help at home, it would also be great if you could practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

The weather this week has been typically British and rather unpredictable! We aim to go outside at break times and PE in most weathers. Please can you ensure your child has a coat when the weather is forecast rain and also a suitable PE kit for all weathers.

In a couple of weeks' time, we are planning on making guitars (inspired by the Yeti in the story) out of recycled materials e.g. butter tubs. If you have any of these at home, please send them into school with your child's name.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us.

Kind regards, The Year 2 team

YEAR 3 CLASS MESSAGES

We've had a busy time in Year 3 this week! In English, we have explored character description for appearance and personality, In Maths, we've worked on part-whole models and begun to use Number Gym to practise our times tables. We are coming to the end of our Book Study - the only thing left to do is test our giant paper aeroplanes and see how far they travel! You will notice that your child has brought home a school reading book and their reading record today. This will need to be returned by next Friday for us to change their book. We request that you aim to listen to your child read three times a week (or as much as possible) and for this to be recorded in their reading record. Look out for homework starting next Friday!

Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Team

YEAR 4 CLASS MESSAGE

Year 4 have had another fantastic week launching themselves into the world of fairytales. Our story mountain planning is coming together, to help the children create a magical fairytale narrative for our Year 2 reading buddies. In Maths, the children have challenged their place value knowledge with partitioning numbers into smaller units and we have ordered and compared numbers using our rocket and submarine association, with ascending and descending terms! Swimming has been going brilliantly as the children continue to amaze us with their dedication, enthusiasm and resilience. Today, the children had their first session with either Violins or Ukuleles - all children will be able to learn both instruments by Christmas. Our Big Idea lessons have given us the chance to enjoy some Design and Technology lessons; our portal designs will come to life soon!

Please can we ask the children to bring in some cardboard supplies to help towards our fairytale day on Friday 1st of October.

We would appreciate any contributions by Friday 24th. Thank you!

We look forward to another magical week, next week, to continue our fairytale inspired Big Idea!

Have a lovely weekend,

From the Year 4 team.

YEAR 5 CLASS MESSAGES

It has been another great week here in Year 5! The children have been revisiting column multiplication, and answering questions up to multiplying 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In English, we have been designing our own creatures to use as our inspiration for 3A and 3V sentences. Within our Big Idea sessions, we have produced some beautiful maps of our very own island, inspired by The Land of Neverbelieve. Not only have we plotted points on our map using six-figure grid references but also used an eight point compass to describe where exact features on our island are located. We are very much looking forward to thinking more about our very own island next week! Some of our children have enjoyed their first session of Bikeability this week, which has been a huge hit! We are very much looking forward to more of our children getting the opportunity to cycle next Thursday.

CYCLE TRAINING – the children in Year 5 go out in small groups on **Thursday** afternoon for 1 session only, unless the instructors advise an extra session due to traffic conditions during the first session. Mrs Maxwell in the office, will let you know the date of the session(s) usually about 2 weeks before your allotted child's session. You only need to bring in your child's bike on the day of their session. All children that want to take part will be able to.

YEAR 6 CLASS MESSAGES

Year 6 have certainly kept up their hard work this week! We have investigated how to create an atmosphere in our writing, learnt how to round into the millions (including decimals!) and in Big Idea sessions we have designed and sewn our very own puppets - we have got some future candidates for the Great British Sewing Bee.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our virtual Barcelona meeting this week, if you were unable to attend or have any further questions please catch a member of the Year 6 team, as we will be happy to answer any of these. Please keep an eye out on the Year 6 page on the website, as we will be uploading a virtual tour of the classrooms along with key Year 6 information on. Have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Year 6 Team.

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MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – you should have received information yesterday via ParentPay but if not, please refer to the Year 6 page of the school website <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/news/year-6>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	WHAT'S ON
Friday 24 th September 2021	- Friends of Knavesmire AGM, straight after school
Wednesday 29 th September 2021	- Healthy Child Screening, Reception and Year 6
Friday 22 nd October 2021	- Break up for October half term
Monday 1 st November 2022	- Back to school
Friday 17 th December 2012	- Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 3 rd January 2022	- Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	- Training day – school closed
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	- Back to school

Best wishes

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