

Friday 18th November 2022- Newsletter 10

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has certainly been one of my favourites so far this year... Both Mr Parkinson and I loved every minute of our trip to Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival at the University of York last Saturday. The children made us incredibly proud and they certainly danced their socks off. Special thanks go to Mr P who choreographed the fabulous Lowry themed 'Life in a Northern Town' dance routine which Team Saturn performed so brilliantly.



On Wednesday, I really enjoyed my day out with Team Jupiter who were absolute superstars and showed how knowledgeable they are at talking as scientists. The pond dipping and classification of the creatures we found was a real highlight which the children loved. It was certainly a great day at Fairburn Ings.

All of these experiences and more really do highlight how fabulous our curriculum opportunities are but also what wonderfully behaved children we have at TPA. They show such respect wherever they are and represent the school brilliantly.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

This year's School Development Priorities

Every year our school focuses on priorities to help develop our school and make it even better. This year our three key priorities are:

Key Priority One: Embed curriculum learning opportunities to ensure they are progressive and effectively build on prior learning, deepening children's knowledge and understanding so that children learn, remember and are able to do more.

Key Priority Two: Through high quality maths teaching ensure that the newly adopted maths curriculum has impact on pupil outcomes.

Key Priority Three: Promote pupils' confidence, resilience and knowledge equipping them to become responsible, respectful and mentally healthy global citizens.


We will continue to work hard to ensure the children have the best opportunities to become confident, independent and resilient learners.



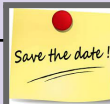
What are we working on?



Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!
[Tadcaster Primary Academy](#)  (@TadPrimaryAcad)

Dates for your diary for the coming weeks



Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 21st November	Football Club with York FC Foundation 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please collect your child from the front school entrance.
Tuesday 22nd November	KS1 Art Club with Mr Hughes 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please collect your child from the front school entrance.
	KS2 Christmas Singing and games club with Mrs Oldfeld. Please collect your child from the front school entrance.
Thursday 24th November	KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with York Dance 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please collect your child from the front school entrance.
Friday 25th November	Training Day - school closed to children
Thursday 1st December	Key Stage Two Open Doors event - come and see your children in class and find out more about how our children learn in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6)
Tuesday 6th December	EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Christmas Performance 9.00am for a 9.15am start
	Christmas Afternoon Performance at school Years 1-6 2.00pm (two tickets per family)
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day - raising money for Save the Children
	Christmas Dinner - change in meal option to Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Please book your child a meal however this will not be the usual choice displayed on Parentpay.
Tuesday 13th December	Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster from 2pm Years 1-6 (two tickets per family)
	Christmas Performance at school Years 1-6 5.30pm - 6.30pm (two tickets per family)
Friday 16th December	School will close for Christmas

Our school attendance this week is: 97.66%

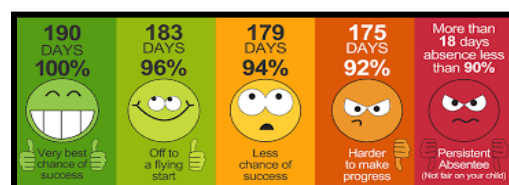
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Jupiter: 98.93% Top Team Attendance :)

Saturn: 97.20%

Neptune: 96.88%

Venus Reception: 96.67%



*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.

Top tips on Computing from Mr Ramzan our Computing Lead



Ensure clear boundaries are in place about who your children are allowed to interact with online and that they only have access to websites that allow for this. This can be especially challenging when it comes to online games where it is all too easy for predators and scammers to find child age players and befriend them in order to obtain personal information or share inappropriate messages or content. Children should only be playing video games with people they know in real life - school friends or family members - and that parents are aware of.

Ensure social media accounts are set to private and only people they know are accepted as friends or contacts. Some social media websites will allow a profile to be "hidden" meaning that until a request is sent from your child's profile no one can find the profile on search engines or filtering through other friend lists. This can be helpful in preventing strangers online from sending requests to your children. Parents and carers should still, however, follow up requests to ensure that all friend requests are genuine, and generally closely monitor children's interactions on social media and messaging sites. For more tip look here [E-safety for parents and carers](https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers)
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Parent Voice - Tell us what you think? Click here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_aTrPKyZS1xB2NXgkDLEY3JV4BSjt88h4QeYLFzINgMacTQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The Tadcaster Primary Academy staff team work incredibly hard to create the best opportunities for learning for all our children however we are always keen to improve the quality of the education and experiences we offer. The results of this survey will give us a greater insight into your views about the provision we offer - what we do well but also what we could do better. These questions are taken from the Ofsted 'Parent View' questionnaire which we would ask that you complete online following the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. We would also appreciate you taking the time to complete this Google Form questionnaire by 25.11.22.



Anti-bullying Week 14th November - 17th November

This week it has been anti bullying week in school and the children have been learning more about bullying and how this impacts others. Our children have, been reflective and have talked about why we should 'Reach out' if they are not happy with the way people treat them.

Here is some feedback from the children about what they have learnt this week:

Pupil Voice from EYFS

"I have learnt that it is important to be kind to each other"

"I learnt that Elmer was different from the other elephants but everyone thought he was really fun"

Pupil Voice from KS1

"I learnt how bullying affects people's health".

"I learnt lots of qualities that make a good friend"

Pupil Voice from KS2

"I learnt that even if you're popular or an adult you can still get bullied".

"I learnt about all the ways you can get bullied, like about your sexuality or your skin colour".



Loving our learning! A week in photos...

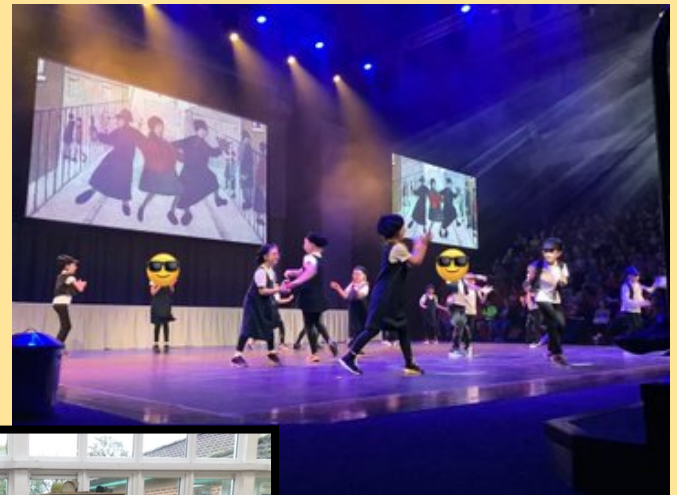


We are designers...

We are scientists...



We are performers...



Our TPAC Neon disco raised £199.91 which will go towards creating fabulous opportunities for all our children. Big thanks to all who helped and those who came along!