

Friday 30th June 2023- Newsletter 36

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well this week certainly has been a busy one but what excitement we have had. This started for Team Kingswood last Friday afternoon after we had arrived at Peak Venture ready for a fabulous fun filled residential. The children were amazing and really shone in so many ways last weekend. From swinging through the trees, lighting fires and orienteering they really did have some memorable experiences which I have no doubt they will remember for a very long time! Huge thanks to Ms Loney, Mr Parkinson and Mr Foster who gave up their own time to make sure the weekend was a huge success! We loved our time with Team Kingswood!



Monday saw the start of Science Week which has certainly got the children very engaged in their learning. Throughout the week, I have seen bubbles in Team Jupiter, popping canisters in Team Neptune, exploding bottles of pop in Team Saturn, water runs with Team Venus and so much more. We were also very lucky to have Rob Bell Valente join us in our assembly to talk all about the science of baking. The children loved it, especially the flying flour!

Our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days were a great success and we loved seeing the children show off a range of sporting skills. I heard some lovely feedback about how these events were organised this year. Big thanks to Mr P who spent lots of his time getting everything ready to make sure it was a brilliant afternoon for KS1 and KS2 on Thursday.

And finally we have rounded off a super week with the Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone in TPAC, their extended group of friends and family and our staff team who have offered a hand to help us raise money for our school.

I know we will all sleep this weekend as it has been a busy week. We may only be a small team at Tadcaster Primary Academy but we certainly don't make the learning experiences small!

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Farewell Mrs Crook

At the start of the week we were visited by Mrs Crook who has worked in Team TPA for many years. Over the last two years Mrs Crook has been unwell and so has not been in Team Neptune where she would normally have been working as the Year 5/ 6 Teaching Assistant. This week Mrs Crook shared that she has made the difficult decision to retire from her post at Tadcaster Primary Academy.



After working at TPA for over 20 years she will be sorely missed. Both the children and adults shared fond memories of wonderful experiences they have had with Mrs Crook. We really will miss her wonderful smile and enthusiasm but know that she will still come and join us at times to say hello.

Thank you for everything you have done for our school Mrs Crook. Many children have had the pleasure of being in your classes and even some of our Parents have too! You have been a wonderful member of our school team.

Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

Please see dates for this term's diary. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible if circumstances mean that dates need amending.



Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 3rd July	Years 2-6 Football Club with York FC Foundation on Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	R-Y2 Gardening Club with Mrs Roche and Miss Ambler 3.25pm - 4.25pm
	Team Neptune Girls Ebor Football Match at Staynor Hall after school - see details shared with individuals involved
Tuesday 4th July	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Hand Chimes with Mrs Oldfield on Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Dodge Ball with Five Star Sports on Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July	Moving on up: New Class Transition dates for Reception through to Year 5 Y6 pupils to TGS (see details in this newsletter)
Thursday 6th July	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Dance Club with York Dance Space on Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Craft Club with Miss Ambler (Team Reception) 3.25pm - 4.35pm
	Ebor Pupil Parliament Celebration Event for our Pupil Parliament
Wednesday 12th July	Year Six Celebration Evening at 6pm - Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 13th July	Leed Rhinos Open Training Session for Teams Saturn and Neptune - details to follow
Monday 17th July	Team Neptune Crucial Crew trip - York details to follow
	Reception New Starters meeting for all Parents and Carers of children who will be starting Team Venus Reception in September at 4.30pm
Tuesday 18th July	Mini Music Makers Performance (9.10am - 9.40am) - Team Venus Parents/ Carers welcome
	Y1 - Y6 Musical Extravaganza (6pm - 7pm) - Parents and Carers welcome
Friday 21st July	School closes for children - Happy Summer Holidays!

Our school attendance this week is

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's R-Y6 attendance is: 97.25%

Venus Reception: 98.77% Top Team attendance :)

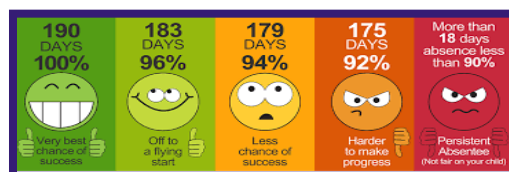
Jupiter: 97.86%

Neptune: 96.97%

Saturn: 96.55%

Venus Nursery: 93.27%

*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. Thank you.



Alterations to our Transition Arrangements next week

Unfortunately, last week we found out that one of our transition days where Year 6 were moving to Year 7 at Tadcaster Grammar School would not be going ahead. This has meant that we have needed to alter our plans as we will have our new Reception pupils in school as well as our current Year 6 team. Please see the adapted plans below:



Wednesday morning

- Current Nursery will be in Team Venus
- Current Reception and current Year 1 will be in Team Jupiter for the morning
- Current Year 2 and current Year 3 will be in Team Saturn for the morning
- Current Year 4 and current Year 5 will be in team Neptune for the morning
- Current Year 6 will be in the Hub with Miss Bell for the morning

Wednesday afternoon

- Current Nursery and new Reception will be in Team Venus
- Classes back to normal in Teams Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. Team Neptune to go swimming as normal.

Thursday morning

All classes move up for transition day all day

Please note that all children will start their day in their normal classroom with their teaching team and will then be taken to their classes as they will be next academic year.

A message from our Pupil Parliament representatives Khayen and Willow

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Pupil Parliament is focussing on three main things. The three things are:
Action one – Saving energy and turning lights off.

Action two – Walk to school every day.

Action three – Book swap Wednesday.

The main actions we are focussing on are saving energy and walking to school everyday. The other main target is book swap which is where you bring books you don't use from home and put them in a box on the playground so other people can take the books and enjoy reading them.

Turning lights off to save energy.

Just before breaktime, two people from each class turn our lights off and teacher's computers off to save energy. This will help the cost of living and at your house you can do this action too. Make sure one of your family members turns the lights, water and anything else off to help the cost of living and the environment. We want you to pick a few people to help with saving energy.

Walk to school day.

Every day if you can we want you to walk to school to help the environment and stop global warming. We want you to also get some fresh air by walking to school and stop pollution by leaving the car at home if you can.

Book Swap Wednesday

On a Wednesday, we will be doing a book swap so if there are any books you don't want any more please bring them to school and put them in the box on the playground. The box will be there on Wednesday morning. Bring and swap!

From Khayen and Willow, the Tadcaster Primary Academy Pupil Parliament.



A fantastic week in photos!

