



Little Phoenix

The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

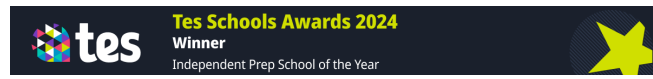
Mrs Speight's message ...

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Open Morning was very busy and I am delighted that many families have booked in for taster days and expressed an interest for their children to join us in the future. Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed their visit to the Captain Cook School Room tremendously and came back full of stories about education in the olden days. The children seemed surprised to hear that when I was at school, I had to sit at a singular wooden desk and was not allowed to talk during lessons, how education has changed! The Reception children had the most wonderful day out at Ormesby Hall which is a super National Trust Georgian mansion and also home to the Pennyman family from Middlesbrough for more than 400 years. It has the most amazing model railway which always impresses railway enthusiasts. I am looking forward to seeing our Prep School pupils play in their first Chess Team Championships on Saturday overseen by our resident chess experts, Mr Marsh and Mr Grundmann. Have a lovely weekend and let's hope this beautiful autumn sunshine stays too.

Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight



Clay

Many children have enjoyed exploring clay in Nursery. They have used their hands, paintbrushes and tools to shape and model the clay. It has been lovely to see such perseverance when using this new material. Well done!



Apple Crumble

We have loved celebrating Harvest festival. There was much excitement about making and eating an apple crumble and thinking about where the ingredients had come from and how they were harvested. The week was topped off with a performance of our favourite harvest song, 'Big, Red Combine Harvester'.



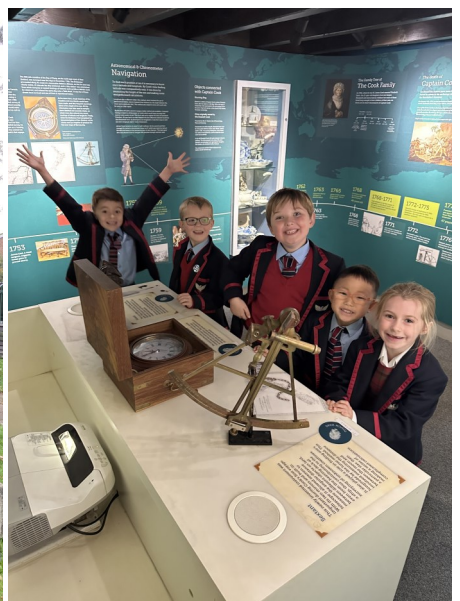
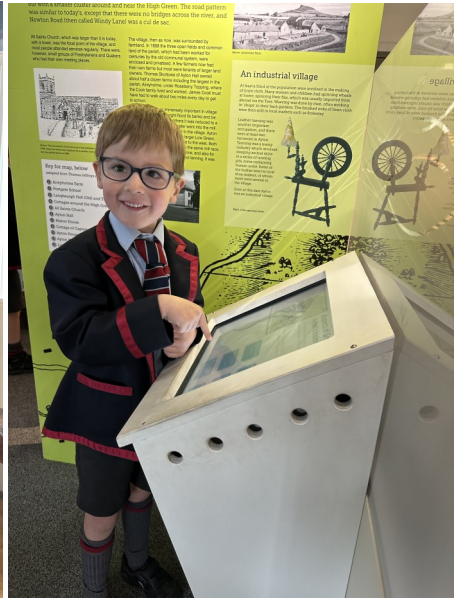
Visit from Mr and Mrs Goodfellow

In our Year 1 humanities work, we have been finding out about the childhoods of our parents and grandparents. We had a very special visit from Mr & Mrs Goodfellow. They spoke to us about toys from their childhood. The children asked lots of questions and learned about some of the games they used to play for fun.



Captain Cook's School Room

The children in Year 2 enjoyed a morning exploring Captain Cook's School Room in Great Ayton. They compared schools today with those from the past.





Notice from First Aid Lead Lyndsey

Please be reminded that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for diarrhoea and/or vomiting is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support in this area will help to reduce the spread of Infection in school.



Yarm Fair: 17th—19th October 2024

During the week commencing Monday, 14th October, traffic around Yarm will face some disruption as the annual Fair comes to town. Whilst a very popular local event, it is a shame that the dates of the Fair coincide with term time rather than our half-term holiday, as is normally the case, and certain aspects of school life will be impacted as a result. We therefore ask you to please ensure that you and your children understand the details shared below.

The Fair itself takes place on 17th, 18th and 19th October. As a result, the A67 Yarm High Street will be closed as follows:

- Tuesday, 15th October 6.00pm - 11.00pm
- Thursday, 17th October 5.45pm - 10.45pm
- Friday, 18th October 5.45pm - 10.45pm
- Saturday, 19th October - 11.30am - midnight

Please note that when the High Street is closed, traffic is permitted to go around the Fair via West Road, but this is often very slow and congested, so please plan for heavier traffic than usual.

On Tuesday-Friday that week, all clubs will run as normal. However, we ask that you make every effort to collect your child on time. After School Care will run as normal but we ask that parents collect their children by 5.45pm at the latest.

Parents' Evening consultations booked to take place in school on Tuesday-Wednesday will go ahead as planned, but please allow additional time to travel to school.

Thursday Squash club will carry on as normal, but please can parents endeavour to collect from the Squash Club just before 5pm. Any children not collected will go into after school care at the Pre-Prep, but please note the slightly earlier finishing time. The main school gates will be closed by 6.00pm.

Astronomy Talks—The Scale of the Universe

Tuesday 15th October, 7pm

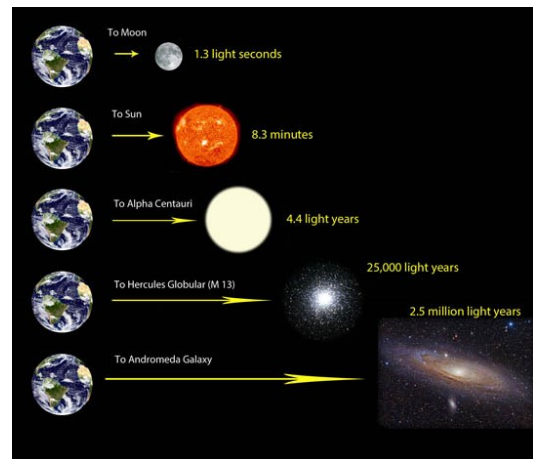
The Scale of the Universe – how big is the universe and how far can we see with our most powerful telescopes.

We will discuss how far away objects are that we see in the night sky – from the moon, to the most distant galaxies.

We will also explain how these distances were deduced. No previous knowledge of astronomy or science is required.

More dates available on the website as this is a series.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/astronomy-talks-the-scale-of-the-universe/>



Girl from the North Country (Live Stream)

Saturday 23rd—Sunday 24th November

Written and directed by celebrated playwright Conor McPherson and featuring Tony Award-winning orchestrations by Simon Hale. *Girl From The North Country* reimagines 20 legendary songs of Bob Dylan as they've never been heard before, including "Forever Young," "All Along The Watchtower," "Hurricane," and "Like A Rolling Stone." It's 1934 in Duluth, Minnesota. We meet a group of wayward travellers whose lives intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life and hope.



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The Nick Ross Orchestra: The Glenn Miller and Rat Pack Era

Saturday 18th January, 7.30pm

The lights soften, the mood settles. An audience waits for that first moment of sound. The Big Band is poised, relaxed, but with eyes anxious for the lead. And then, as if giving body to an echo, the murmured notes of 'Moonlight Serenade'... and the night, it seems, is suddenly full and timeless. There are those who watch and listen who tap a shy finger to the melodies, others who follow with a silent foot-beat, still others who murmur softly through the lyrics, and those who simply permit a fleeting smile. But common to all are memories. Recapture the sounds of a bygone era as the Nick Ross Orchestra presents 'an unmissable evening of music and song' – the Classic Big Band Sound of the 1940s and 50s.



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