



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

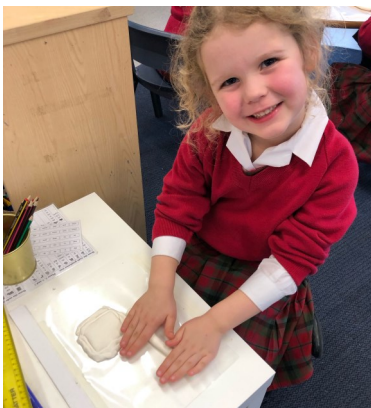
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Open Morning was a resounding success, it was a delight to show potential families our school. So many of them commented on the wonderful facilities, lovely, well informed staff and the most amazing guides and pupils. Observing the guides fills me with pride, it seems like yesterday that they were Pre-Prep age. They have blossomed and become articulate, kind, caring individuals who can speak about the school and their love of learning with knowledge and enthusiasm. Our Year 2 children loved their morning and the array of activities for them to experience was superb. They were thrilled to see their friends on Saturday and enjoyed a delicious school lunch when they had finished their morning. I can not believe that they now have less than two terms left in Pre-Prep, time really does fly when you are having fun. The older Nursery children have enjoyed being out on the trikes and should be praised for helping our younger children settle into their new routines and the Nursery environment. The Reception children have been preparing for the RSPB 'Big Birdwatch' by making pine cone feeders. Meanwhile the Year 1 children have perfected their logging on skills. Have a wonderful relaxing weekend. I shall be enjoying Burns Night and haggis, neeps and tatties. Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight

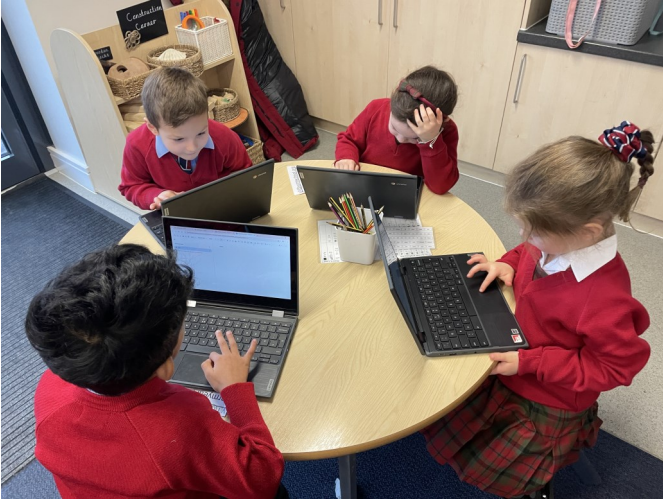


Tes Schools Awards 2024
Winner
Independent Prep School of the Year



Year 1 Computing

The children have been showing great enthusiasm during their computing lessons this week. Mr Simpson was extremely pleased with the pace at which the children are logging onto their Chromebooks. This week's task involved using Google Docs to change text into a variety of colours and sizes.



Northern Lights

The artwork in Year 2 this term has been planned to demonstrate how colour can depict climate and will link to their geography topic of 'Wonderful World'. The children used their chalk pastel drawing skills to create the Northern Lights.



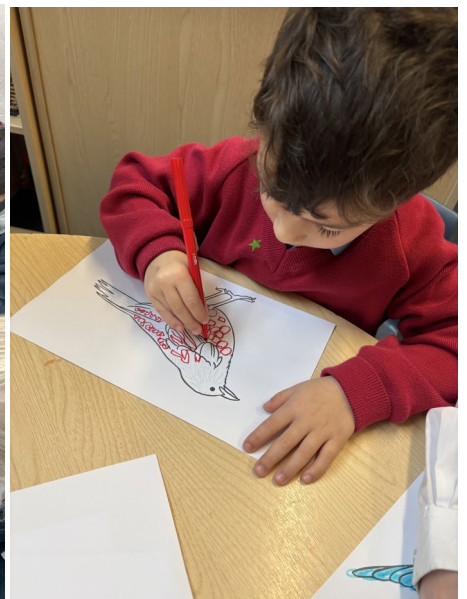
Nursery

The Nursery children have had great fun in the garden this week. They have been exploring the mud kitchen, building with blocks and racing around on the trikes. Well designed activities to help them to develop their gross motor skills.



Big Garden Bird Watch

We have been getting in the mood for the RSPB Big Garden Bird watch which takes place this weekend. The children have loved identifying and painting garden birds, making bird boxes, bird spotting in our pop up hide and making pine cone bird feeders.





Chinese New Year

We are looking forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year next week at school, on **Wednesday 29th January**. As well as a host of assemblies and activities, we will have a special lunch on one day next week too.

If your child celebrates Chinese New Year, we would also like to invite them to come in traditional Chinese dress for the day on the day we are celebrating. All other children are invited to come dressed in red (either completely in red, or just a top and the rest in uniform). Red football shirts are acceptable.

We are raising money for St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington this year while we celebrate Chinese New Year. Children are therefore asked to bring in £1 to wear items, with all proceeds going to the Hospice. If parents would prefer, [you can also make a donation via this Just Giving page.](#)



Reduce- Reuse- Recycle

New Pre-Loved Uniform Shed!

YPSSC are excited to announce our Pre-Loved Uniform Shed is officially up and running!

We are located near to the entrance for Nursery on the Pre Prep site.



We provide & Collect Pre-Loved Uniform

Summer- Winter – PE – Games – Accessories

Nursery, Pre-Prep, Prep, Senior & Sixth Form

Come and have a browse-The shed will be manned periodically throughout the week by volunteers and enquiries can still be sent by email or **classlist**.

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Give the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed a Name!

We are running a competition to give our new uniform shed a name! To enter, use one of the suggestion boxes on Mrs Banham's or Mrs White's desks, or [fill in the Google Form here](#). The best names selected by the committee will go forward to a vote! Get those thinking caps on!

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Water Bottles



Please be reminded that water bottles should be filled with water only—no juice or other drinks.

Importance of Being Earnest—Live Stream

Thursday 20th February, 7pm

While assuming the role of a dutiful guardian in the country, Jack lets loose in town under a false identity. Meanwhile, his friend Algy adopts a similar facade. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate. Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance, filmed live from the National Theatre in London.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/being-earnest/>



Jesus Christ Superstar—Live Stream

Friday 14th March, 7pm and Saturday 15th March, 2pm

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock classic Jesus Christ Superstar returns to its roots with this sensational performance filmed in the UK during the Live Arena Tour.

An incredible cast including Tim Minchin as Judas Iscariot, Melanie Chisholm as Mary Magdalene, Chris Moyles as King Herod and Ben Forster as Jesus Christ, perform hit songs including "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Gethsemane," "Heaven on Their Minds," "Everything's Alright," "King Herod's Song" and "Superstar" in an exciting and contemporary interpretation.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/jesus-christ-superstar-live-arena-tour/>



Billy Elliot The Musical—Live Stream

Sunday 30th March, 2pm and Wednesday 2nd April, 7pm

Based on the Academy Award® nominated film, Billy Elliot the Musical has won the hearts of millions since it opened in London's West End in 2005. Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/85 miners' strike, Billy's journey takes him out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and whole community and changes his life forever.

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