



JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

JANUARY 2024

Message from the Head

This year we have sought to widen our trips programme in the Junior School. Trips provide opportunities for children to enhance their learning, build confidence and become more independent. In this term already, Year 3 and 4 have spent stimulating days at local museums in Hull, Year 5 enjoyed a full, exciting day on sports tour to Newcastle and the Year 6 Choir travelled to Edinburgh for a very successful Choir tour. I am delighted that all the staff running these trips have reported being extremely impressed by the way the children have conducted themselves off-site. I feel very proud to hear this as it shows how respectful, polite and thoughtful the Junior School children are; indeed, a feature of our trips is regularly hearing compliments about the children from members of the public and people working at the places we visit.

The children are a pleasure to take away and this is one of the reasons we are introducing our first ever residential trip for Year 4 to the East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre, Whitby in April. I hope you enjoy reading about the trips that have taken place in the first half of the Spring term in this edition of the Junior Monthly Messenger, as well as many other exciting activities that took place in and out of the classroom.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School

Year 6 Choir Tour to Edinburgh



The Year 6 Choir travelled to the fantastic city of Edinburgh to sing in the magnificent St Giles' Cathedral. As well as performing in the afternoon concert series, the choir enjoyed visiting Edinburgh Castle, the National Museum of Scotland and Edinburgh Zoo as well as having fun at a water park.

More photos and reviews of the tour are on the next page.





Edinburgh

As soon as we arrived in Edinburgh, we went to Edinburgh Castle and saw the real crown jewels. It was amazing!

Tilly

My highlight of the tour has to be Edinburgh Zoo because we got to see some amazing animals! When we got to the tigers, one climbed over our heads on the glass!

Jack

Edinburgh was fun. We went to St. Giles' Cathedral which was exhilarating as we sang for crowds of tourists and large groups of parents and relatives. Later, we went to a water park and Mrs Redhead went down a waterslide! I greatly enjoyed Edinburgh; thanks to all the teachers who went.

Abigail

Edinburgh was really enjoyable as it was nice to spend time with my friends. I also enjoyed singing. I was really nervous at first but when I started to sing, it was a really fun experience. *Lucy*

Year 5 Sports Tour

Children in Year 5 had an enjoyable trip to Newcastle where they enjoyed a super morning of football and netball at RGS Newcastle. They then enjoyed zapping the teachers at Laser Quest before feasting on some fine Italian cuisine in Durham. Thank you to Mr Hodsdon, Mrs Fillingham, Mr Newton, Miss Annis, Mrs Julian and Mr Doyle.



HMC Swimming

Hymers pupils did fantastically well at the North East HMC swimming competition with some outstanding performances, both individually and overall. In the Under 9s, awards went to Nikau, 1st place breaststroke with Scarlett in 2nd, Romy 2nd place backstroke, and Orla 2nd place freestyle. The girls came 3rd in the mixed stroke relay and also the freestyle relay. The Under 9 boys were 3rd overall and the Under 9 girls 3rd overall.

In the Under 10s, Henry won the breaststroke, the boys came 2nd in the mixed stroke relay and 3rd in the freestyle relay. The boys were 3rd overall.

In the under 11s, Llewellyn came 3rd in the backstroke, Ismael was 2nd in the breaststroke, the boys were 2nd in the medley relay and freestyle relay. The boys were 2nd overall.



Over the whole event, the boys came 2nd with 446 points and the girls were placed 5th.

Well done to everyone who took part and a massive well done to Mr Mills for organising the event.

Hands on History



As part of Year 4's trip to the Hands-On History museum, the children got to see a real 2,500 year-old mummy and then learnt exactly how the mummification process works in a fun workshop!

Reading Rewards

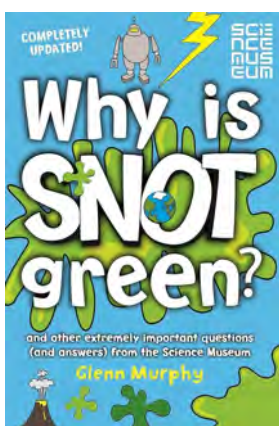
The winning reading group, Wilson, were rewarded for last term's consistent reading with a free swim. The other 3 reading groups met to take part in a selection of different reading activities.



Why is Snot Green?

If you like reading about amazing, interesting facts, this is the perfect book for you. You will get smarter and know a lot more about cool facts than your friends. I personally recommend this book because it is amazing, mind-blowing and intriguing. The book is mainly about facts but it is cool because you will get better at English, Science and even History. You will get mesmerised so this is why I recommend this book to you.

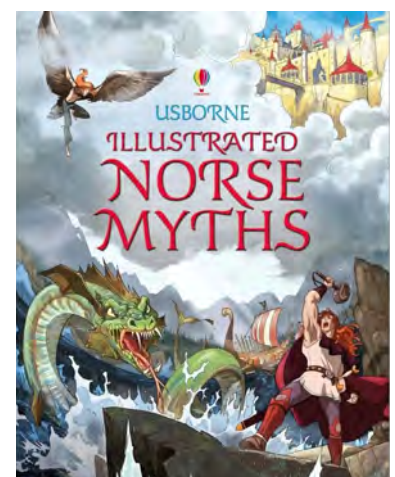
Freddie



Illustrated Norse Myths

A highly entertaining book featuring the Norse myths themselves, straight from the Viking age. Unravel hidden worlds you didn't know were sitting right above you such as Asgard—land of the gods and Jotunheim—realm of giants. Walk among Jormungand, the wordly serpent and meet the gods Odin, Thor, Frigg and Freya including the trickster god, Loki and the mysterious Vanir gods of Vanenheim.

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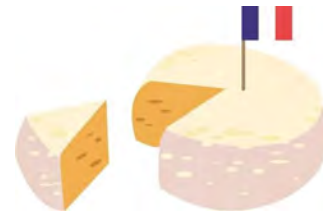
Dissection Workshop



Children in Year 6 went up to the Senior School Science labs and experienced a fascinating dissection workshop ably led by Year 12 students.



French Cheese Tasting



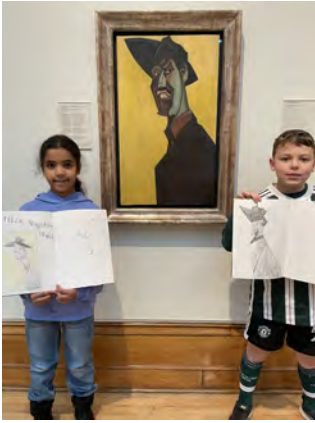
The children in Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed tasting a range of French cheeses. Thank you to Mrs Exley, our MFL teacher.

MFL Joke of the Month

Why did the French chef call the police?
Because escargot stolen!



Art Trip



Year 3 enjoyed their visit to the Ferens Art Gallery. They spent time looking at the collection, talking about works they liked and drawing their favourite paintings. They also had lots of fun posing like the sitters in the portraits!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th February

Return to school

Tuesday 20th February

6TR & 6J Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd February

Year 3,4, & 5 Choirs Cottingham Music Festival (pm)

Wednesday 28th February

HMC U11 Football and Netball

Tuesday 5th March

Barnardo's National Choral Competition Finals—Year 6 Choir

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March

Girls' U11 HMC Football Tournament

Wednesday 20th March

Great Big Dance Off competition

Friday 22nd March

U11 National Rugby 7s Finals at Roslyn Park

Friday 22nd March

House Music Competition

End of Term

Monday 8th April

Return to School

Editor T.J. Redhead

