



Haxby Road News

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Our Year 5 children had an amazing opportunity this week to showcase their creative talent with a day to work with world-class designers and developers to produce original 3D artwork. As part of the Digital Futures Day on Monday our Year 5 children were able to work alongside product designers and virtual reality game developers to trial a new Guild of Media Arts education initiative. The children had a fabulous day designing and creating product packaging before uploading these to virtual reality.

The children's efforts will be rewarded with the presentation of a Digital Adventurers Certificate and the discover-level Arts Award from Arts Council England. The Digital Adventurers scheme is a new initiative from the York's Guild of Media Arts and our children are the first to receive this award across the whole city.

The Lord Mayor also came to visit to share in the children's innovative work. She thoroughly enjoyed trying on the VR headset and goggles, to be taken to another world! The Lord Mayor was also able to give our children another amazing chance... one child at Haxby Road will be chosen to be the Lord Mayor for the day. The winner will be picked up in the Lord Mayor's limousine, will get to wear the chains of office for the day and complete the Lord Mayor's duties. The Lord Mayor will then spend the day working as our 'new' Lord Mayor's consort! What a fabulous opportunity!! So Haxby Roaders, you need to get your thinking hats on and decide how to persuade us that we need to choose you to be our new Lord Mayor!

Dodgeball!

Our Year 6's took on a team of staff (Mr Pearson, Mr Fernandez, Mrs Thompson, Mr Nicholson, Mr Robinson, Mrs Suter and Miss Martin) in a very intense game of dodgeball last Thursday. It was great fun with Cameron and Seneli playing extremely well! The score ended a 2-2 draw!

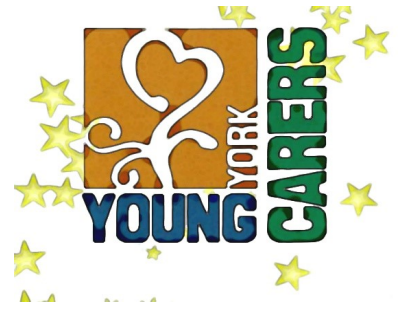
Well done to everyone who played—it was great fun and very entertaining to watch!

PLEASE IGNORE THE SCHOOL CLOSURE MESSAGE IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER—Polling Day 23 June 2016

Due to changes in boundaries, school will be **OPEN** on **Thursday 23 June 2016** as it is **NOT** being used as a Polling Station for the EU Referendum.

York Young Carers

At Haxby Road Primary Academy we always try to do our best by our children. We recognise that we have some young carers in school and we are putting in place some time for them to meet up, chat, play etc. If anyone would like information or feel your child is a young carer, please get in touch with Mrs Suter by email mrssuter@hr.ebor.academy or you can leave a message at the school office and she will contact you.



Attendance Update

We are working hard in school to achieve our target of 95.6% attendance and last week we had another fantastic week! An absolutely **MASSIVE** well done to **Year 2** for achieving **99.5%** attendance. Second place was **Year 6** with **98%** and **Year 3** achieved **97.5%**! This attendance is absolutely fantastic. Well done! Remember that being late affects attendance too so you must be **In School, Every Day, On Time, In Uniform.**

REMINDER : Collection time at end of school day

Please be aware that school closes at 3pm each day, 4.30pm for children in Years 5 and 6, and 2pm for all children EVERY FRIDAY.

Children must be collected at these times. If they are not collected they will be taken to the hub and the office will call you. If parents and carers haven't arrived 15 minutes after collection time, children will be escorted to After School Club, and a £10 fee per pupil will be charged.

Last week we had over 15 children in the hub on one occasion, this is not acceptable, children **MUST BE COLLECTED ON TIME.**

Thank you all for your co-operation with this.

KS2 Tuck Shop

The school council run a 'tuck shop' for KS2 pupils which contains lots of fruit. The types of fruit are chosen by the children and they vote in class for what they would like, the fruits with the most votes are available in the tuck shop. The cost of fruit is 20p and the tuck shop is open every morning break. We think it's really important to get a healthy snack while learning! Thank you for your support.



YORK CITY KNIGHTS : SKY TRY PROGRAMME

Last term children in Year 4 took part in the Sky Try Programme which aims to increase participation not only in Rugby League but in sport in general.

The children really enjoyed having professional coaches coming to work with them and have benefitted hugely from it!



Zumba—Wednesdays 5pm

Zumba classes run by Edson Alves are taking place each Wednesday evening 5pm in the upper hall. All welcome—£5 per session. (No class Wed 4th May)



For parents and carers with one or more children between 0-4 years old

York has been chosen as an early implementer for the roll out of 30 hours free childcare for eligible 3 and 4 year olds from September 2016, one year ahead of national roll out in September 2017. This means that working parents/carers in York may be eligible for an additional 15 hours free childcare, in addition to the existing free 15 hours early education entitlement, if they meet certain criteria.

To help ensure there are sufficient places available, the Local Authority would like to know what the demand may be for additional hours from parents and carers. We would also like to know whether you are currently paying for additional childcare over and above the 15 hours free entitlement, whether you use informal (unpaid) childcare and whether you have plans to take up additional childcare if you are eligible for the additional free 15 hours.

If you are a parent or carer with one or more children between the ages of 0 and 4 years olds we would be very grateful if you would complete the attached survey. The data the City Council receive from the survey will be analysed and the results shared with the Department for Education and childcare providers in York, however, all your answers will be kept anonymous and you and your child/ren will not be identified in any report.

The survey should only take approx 10 minutes to complete and can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R5JF6NH>. The survey will also be available at www.yor-ok.org.uk.

The closing date is Monday 9th May 2016.

Children's Temporary Tattoos

Please can you ensure your children don't wear temporary tattoos at school. Some children have come to school with them on their face and necks and they really do look untidy. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

St Aelred's Players

St Aelred's Players Community Drama Group are performing The Wizard of Oz on Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June in St Aelred's school hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Linsee Thompson on York 414529.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3 May and Friday 6 May	Tiny Steps to Piglets Farm Park
Monday 9 May	Nursery to Piglets Farm Park
Tuesday 10 May	Reception to Piglets Farm Park
Monday 9 May-Friday 13 May	Year 6 STAs week
Monday 16-Friday 20 May	Walk to School Week
Monday 23 May	Years 3 and 4 visit to Harlow Carr, Harrogate
Friday 27 May	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF-TERM BREAK
Monday 6 June	SCHOOL OPENS
Wednesday 15 June	School Whole Class Group Photographs