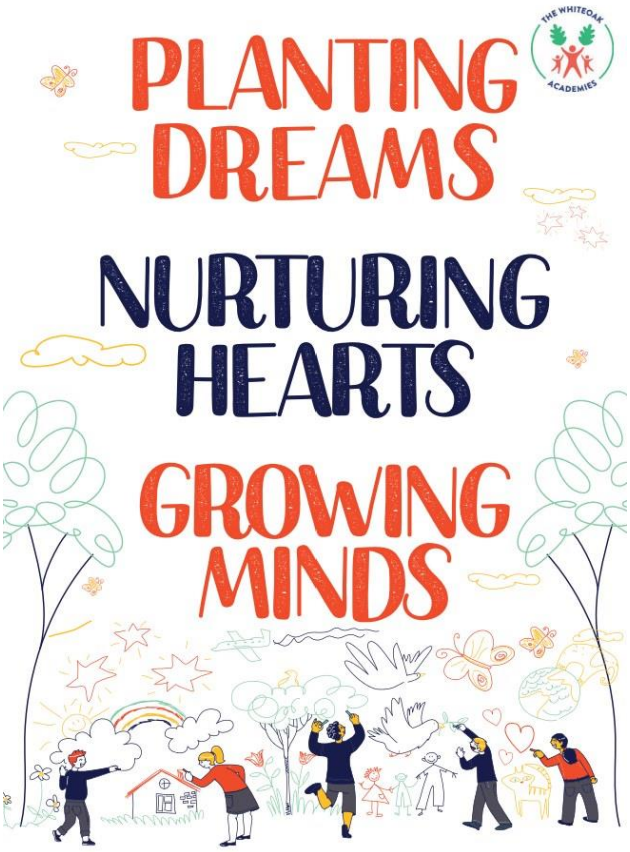


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Headteacher's Message



Well done to all of our children for another great week and, in particular, for the many ways they have demonstrated our value of **'belonging'** in all that they do. It is wonderful to see the care, kindness and sense of community that our children show each other every day, and reading their certificates out in assembly on a Friday really celebrates this.

It has also been fantastic to see our updated IT suite being put to good use, with many classes already enjoying the new laptops and making the most of the new furniture and learning space. You can see Year 6 concentrating hard in the photo attached!

There is also a photo of me enjoying a very special treat with some of our WOWSA 'Wonka Bar' winners. I was delighted to read some of my favourite stories to the children as part of their prize and really appreciate the thought that WOWSA put into selecting prizes like this.

You will see a new feature in this week's newsletter - **'Reading Tip of the Week'**. This will be included every week and we hope will give you some very quick and easy tips for supporting your child with reading at home. Please do let us know (by catching one of us on the gate at any time or mentioning it to your child's class teacher) if there are any other tips or suggestions you would like to see in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a good week.

Mrs Reyes





What you need to do this week:



1. Don't forget to bring any **'Rags to Riches' clothing donations** to school tomorrow.
2. If your child is in Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4, please check you have the new **Times Tables Parent Meeting** date in your calendar - Wednesday 14th October, 6.00pm.
3. Look out for information from WOWSA for **this Friday's 'Break the Rules' day**!
4. If your child is in Reception, do come and join the team at one of the upcoming **Fine Motor Skills Workshops**, either this Friday (9th) or next Friday (16th), both at 9.10am.

Thank you for our tree!

Just a quick thank you to one of our new Reception parents who came forward last week with a very kind donation of a bay tree to start our circular flowerbed project outside the Grove hall. We are really excited and know this is going to look fantastic in the centre of the space. The image here is our aim and the list of plants is below in case anyone else wishes to donate something. We are very grateful for any offers.

- Lavender plants x 3
- Rosemary x 2
- Lamb's ear x 3
- Creeping thyme or similar x 5
- Heuchera x 3

- Decorative mulch/bark



Lucky Plate winners!

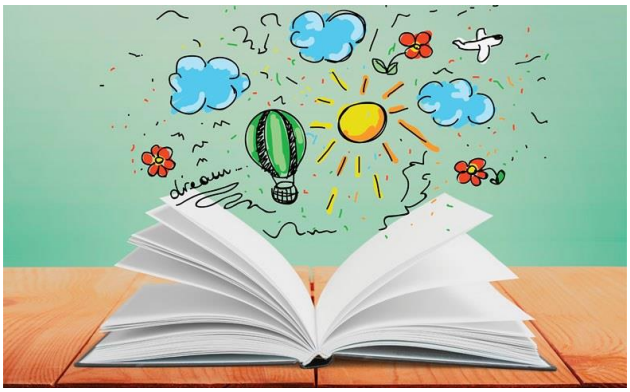
Well done to two of our children (one in Year 4 and one in Reception) who won last Thursday's special lunch 'lucky plates'! They both win a family ticket to Puxton Park which will be presented to them by a member of the Aspens team in a Celebration Assembly soon. Congratulations and enjoy your day out!



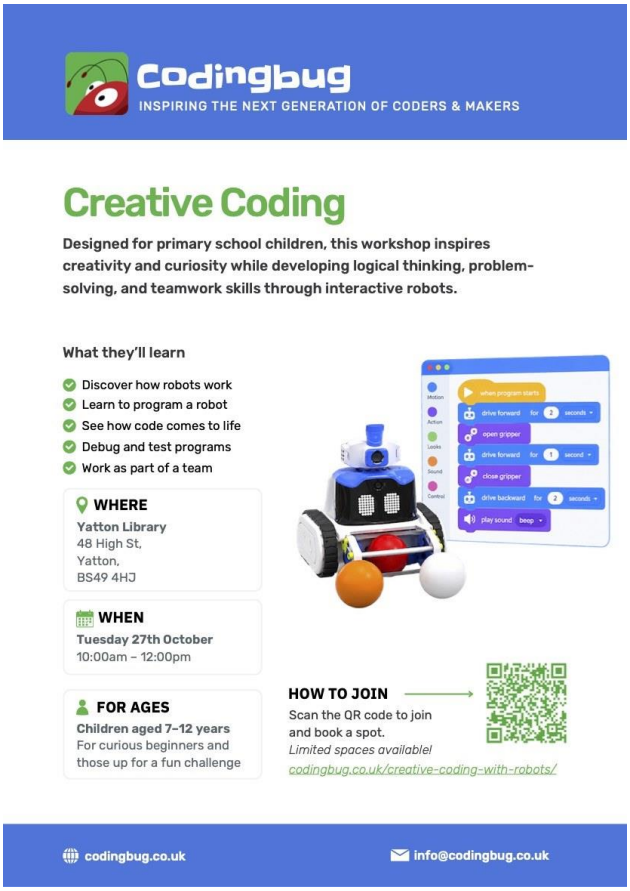
Reading Tip of the Week

Rereading is a good thing!

Has your child asked to read the same book for the tenth time? Let them! Rereading helps children build fluency, confidence, vocabulary and understanding. If they have a favourite book, enjoy it together — there is lots of learning happening each time they return to it. Repetition is very good for children.



Local community events, clubs and opportunities





Upcoming Events



Term 1 - 'Belonging'

- 5 October - WOWSA 'Rags to Riches' clothing collection
- 9 October - EYFS Fine Motor Skills Workshop for parents, 9.10am

- 9 October - WOWSA 'Break the Rules' Day
- 12 October - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school Sept 2027), 9.15am
- 14 October - Flu immunisations (more information to follow)
- 14 October - Times Tables meeting for parents of children in Years 2, 3 and 4, 6.00pm
- 16 October - EYFS Fine Motor Skills Workshop for parents, 9.10am
- 23 October - Uniform Sale after school
- 23 October - Last day of Term 1
- 31 October - Closing date for applications to Secondary School for pupils currently in Year 6

Term 2 - 'Courage'

- 2nd November - Children return to school
- 5 November - Prospective parents' tour (children starting school Sept 2027), 1.45pm
- 16 November - Road Safety Week
- 16 November - Anti Bullying Week
- 16 November - Odd Socks Day!
- 20 November - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- 24 November - Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 Winter Discos
- 26 November - Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Winter Discos
- 27 November - School photos (individual)
- 2 December - Wreath making (workshop for adults)
- 5 December - WOWSA Winter event
- 18 December - Hot Chocolate Friday and Uniform Sale after school
- 18 December - Last day of Term 2

Term 3 - 'Kindness'

- 4 January - Children return to school

Housepoint Celebrations



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Congratulations to Moorend Eagles who were the winning house in last week's house point totals! Great work everyone!