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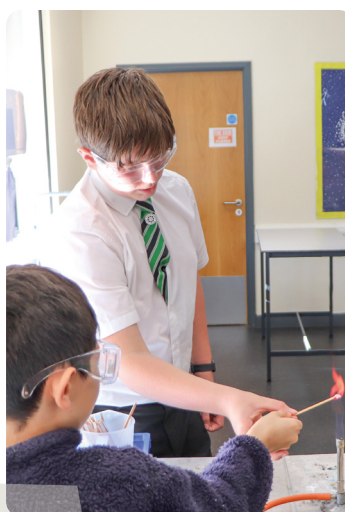
OPEN DAY

CARR MANOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thank you to all of the pupil volunteers who helped out on our Open Day on Saturday 3rd October.

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We welcomed over 400 families into our school to show them around the Primary or Secondary Phases.

Pupil volunteers helped to lead tours, support in classrooms and answer any questions.

Our visitors were very impressed with how confidently they could speak about our school community and what makes us special.

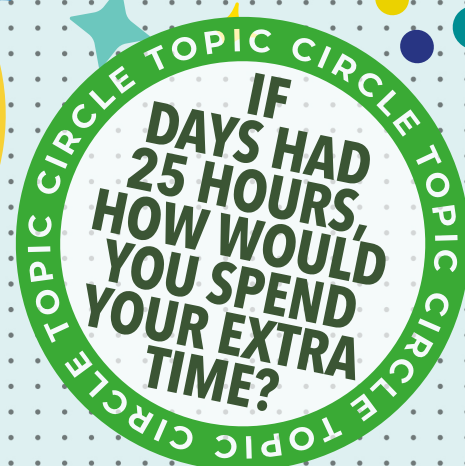
Well done!



"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves."

Sir Edmund Hillary

THE NOTICE BOARD



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Tuesday 13th

- Year 8 Ada Lovelace Day trip

Wednesday 14th

- Primary Phase photos

Thursday 15th

- Primary Phase photos

Friday 16th

- Carr Manor Crew training

Monday 19th

- Year 11 mock exams begin
- Primary Phase Meet Your Coach Week

Wednesday 21st

- Meet Your Coach Day (2.30-7.00pm)

Friday 23rd

- School closes for half-term

ARTS COUNCIL 2026-27



Arts Council runs three times a year, and is a great opportunity for pupils who are interested in the creative arts.

Mrs Keohane-Jaszczolt is now looking for new members especially from Year 7 to represent school around our arts provision.

If you are interested in sharing your views around the creative arts in school, please speak to your coach or email Miss Keohane-Jaszczolt.

The first meeting will be in Autumn term 2.

LITERACY HOUSE COMPETITION

Re-design the cover of your favourite book for the chance to win a prize!

Draw or paint a new cover inspired by a favourite moment or key theme, or you could even dress up and recreate the cover in a photograph.

Send entries to Miss Cooper via ClassDojo, email or in person.

Entries close on **9th November. Good luck!**



POST-16 UPCOMING OPEN DAYS



LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Leeds City College	Wednesday 14 th October	4.30-7.00pm
Leeds College of Building	Wednesday 14 th October	North Street Campus - 5.30-8.00pm
Leeds Art University	Thursday 15 th October	4.00-6.00pm
Notre Dame	Saturday 17 th October	9.30am-1.00pm

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMTEABLE

WEEK COMMENCING: **19TH OCTOBER**

WEEK 1	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 7
Monday 19th October	Coaching		English 1 1hr 45min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			History 3 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm)	
Tuesday 20th October			Business 1hr 45min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			Maths 1 (non-calculator) 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm)	
Wednesday 21st October	Religious Studies 1 & Further Maths 1hr 15mins & 1hr (Register in the Sports Hall at 8.30am)		French & Spanish Reading F 45min, H 1hr (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am) X2 Further Maths pupils				
Thursday 22nd October			Geography 1 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			Biology 1hr 10min (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm)	
Friday 23rd October	Chemistry 1hr 10min (Register in the Sports Hall at 8.30am)		English 2 2hr 05min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)				Coaching

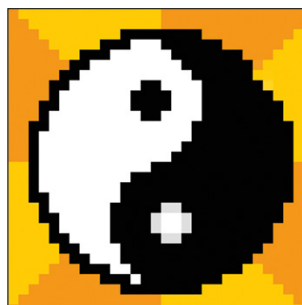
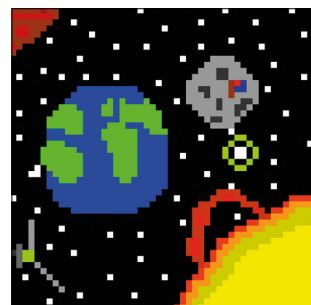
WEEK COMMENCING: **2ND NOVEMBER**

WEEK 2	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 7
Monday 2nd November	Coaching		Sociology 1 & Computer Science 1 1hr 45min & 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			History 1 1hr 20min (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm) X1 Computer Science 1 pupil	
Tuesday 3rd November			Religious Studies 2 1hr 45min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			Sociology 2 50 minutes (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm)	
Wednesday 4th November	French & Spanish Writing F 1hr 10min, H 1hr 15min (Register in the Sports Hall at 8.30am)		Computer Science 2 & Food 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			Coaching+	
			BTEC Dance Component 2 Recording 2hr 15min (Register in the Theatre at 10.30am)				
Thursday 5th November			Geography 2 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)			Physics 1hr 10min (Register in the Sports Hall at 1.30pm)	
Friday 6th November	Drama, Cam Nat Sport & GCSE PE 1hr 05min & 1hr 15min (Register in the Sports Hall at 8.30am) X5 Food pupils		Maths 2 (calculator) 1hr 30min (Register in the Sports Hall at 10.30am)				Coaching

YEAR 6 PIXEL PERFECT

Year 6 pupils have been working with pixels.

They've used Adobe Fireworks to set up a canvas with a grid and then create some art.

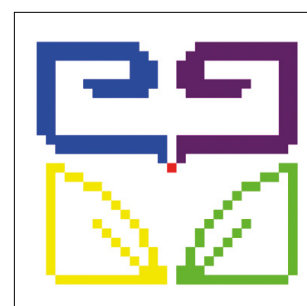
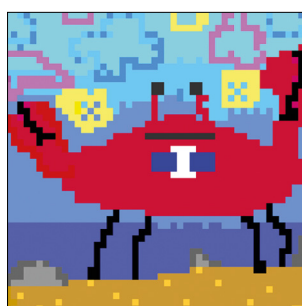
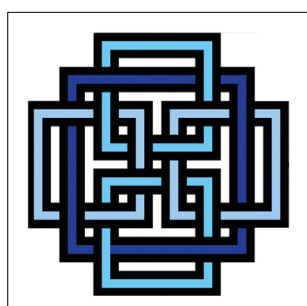


They now know a few facts such as pixels can hold one colour at one time.

These colours can be replaced and the pixels come together to make images on a monitor or device screen.

Great work Year 6!

Mr Mahmood



GROUNDWORKS PRIMARY PHASE DEVELOPMENTS

This week they weeded out the vegetable patch and made some new signs for the vegetation that has already been planted.

They also attached signs to the bug hotel and were excited to see some late bloomers from the seeds they sowed back in Spring!

Mr Heath

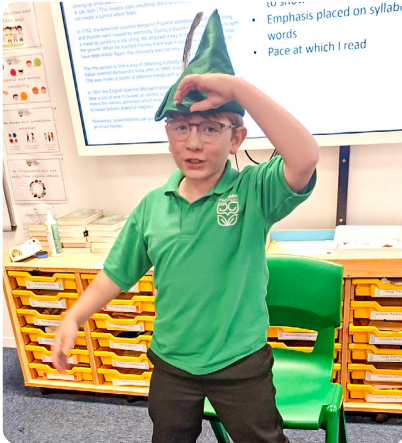


Year 4 have been learning how to write a persuasive advert.

They began by exploring WAGOLLs (*What A Good One Looks Like*) and identifying the key features of effective persuasive writing.

YEAR 4'S PERSUASIVE ENGLISH & DRAMA WORK

They then brought their learning to life through drama, taking on the role of sellers and trying to persuade each other to buy Robin Hood's hat! They practised using emotive language, rhetorical questions and persuasive vocabulary to make their adverts engaging and convincing.



YEAR 1'S NUMICON

This week, Year 1 have been using **Numicon** to explore different ways to make 10.

They have been finding number bonds to 10 and representing them in different ways. The children have enjoyed working practically and explaining how they know their number bonds make 10.

They have also been developing their mathematical vocabulary by using words such as 'part', 'whole' and 'equals' when explaining their thinking.
Miss Cook



RECEPTION & YEAR 6 BUDDIES



Our Reception children have enjoyed spending time with their Year 6 buddies.

The older pupils have been visiting Reception to read stories and support their younger friends.

It has been lovely to see the friendships growing and the kindness shown by our Year 6 role models.

PRE-SCHOOL'S LOCAL WALK



For the past couple of weeks our Pre-School have been exploring the focus text 'Owl Babies'.

They went on a local walk to Carr Manor fields to go bird watching.

On their travels we saw a board describing birds, listened out for bird song and then we saw some flying!

They also saw some of the red berries that some birds eat and talked about other food birds may eat, such as worms or seeds.

Well done Pre-School.

CARR MANOR'S ALIEN VISITOR - PROGRESSION IN WRITING



A cheeky alien visitor came to the Primary Phase this week and inspired their Progression in Writing pieces for this half-term.



Everyone wrote wonderful narratives inspired by this event.

Well done!

After watching the Literacy Shed video, 'Don't Go', they were amazed to see that Pinky the alien had also been wandering around the school building!



LITERACY CORNER

DEBATE IT!



Should public transport be free for everyone?

Talk to your partner to discuss your thoughts then feedback to your circle.

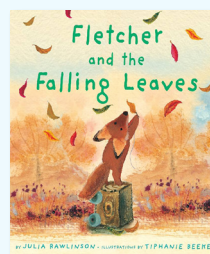
Sentence Stems

- I think that... because...
- In my opinion, ...
- I agree/disagree because...



CURIOSITY CORNER

KS1



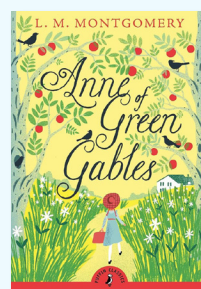
Fletcher and the Falling Leaves
by Julia Rawlinson

KS2



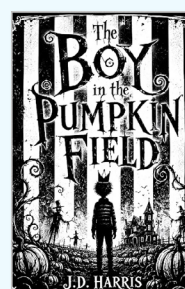
October October
by Katya Balen

KS3



Anne of Green Gables
by L M Montgomery

KS4



The Boy in the Pumpkin Field
by J D Harris

VOCABULARY VAULT

Renaissance

Meaning:

A resurgence, renewal, or revival of interest in something that was temporarily out of favour.

In a sentence:

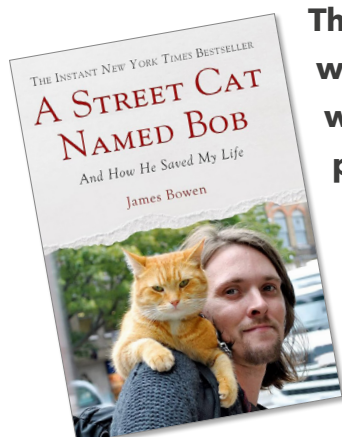
"My sister is hoping for a renaissance of disco - she's been practicing her dance moves!"



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND WITH...

A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

BY JAMES BOWEN



The book is about a young man called James, who is down on his luck. When returning back to where he lives, he finds a cat, who is in a similar position.

Over time, they befriend each other and realise they have a life together. James and Bob head out each day to where James plays music to earn money and the cat entertains the public. It's a heartwarming, real life story which shows how animals can help people in more ways than one. It's a lovely book for animal lovers, especially if you like cats.



MS ROSS

The book is suitable for Key Stage 3-4.

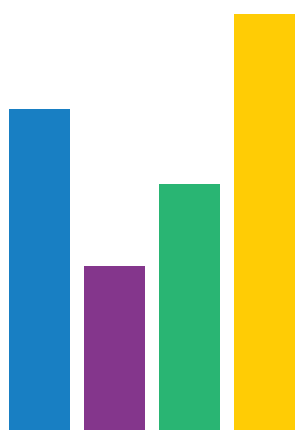
HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS **SO FAR** THIS YEAR



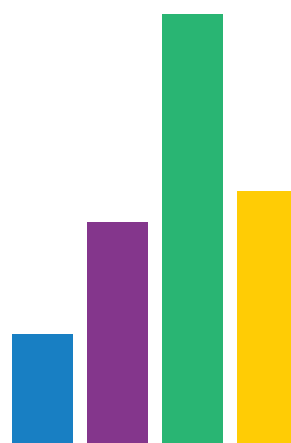
FLEXIBLE LEARNING



BADGES



PURPLE SLIPS



CLASS DOJO

LAST WEEKS' **HOUSE POINTS**



ATTENDANCE

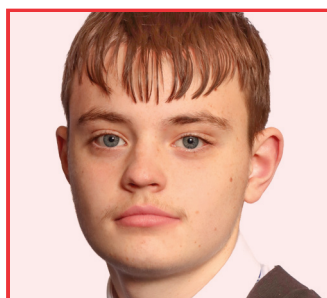


OVERALL HOUSE ATTENDANCE

FIRST	JOINT SECOND		FOURTH
TRUEMAN	ROBINSON	TOMLINSON	BREMNER

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

PUNCTUALITY



JS



100% ATTENDANCE



DC-H



100% ATTENDANCE



SE



PUNCTUALITY



MS



100% ATTENDANCE



AB



100% ATTENDANCE



GE





STARS OF THE WEEK



CARR MANOR AWARDS

PRIMARY DIGITAL SUPERSTAR



NOMINATED BY MR MAHMOOD

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIAN



NOMINATED BY MISS KAUKÉ

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD



NOMINATED BY MRS PEARCE

LEGENDARY LINGUIST



NOMINATED BY MISS CONSTANTIN

PRIMARY PHASE LINGUIST



NOMINATED BY MR KENGA

HUMANITIES HERO



NOMINATED BY MISS LAZZARI

HUMANITIES HERO



NOMINATED BY MR BOWMAN

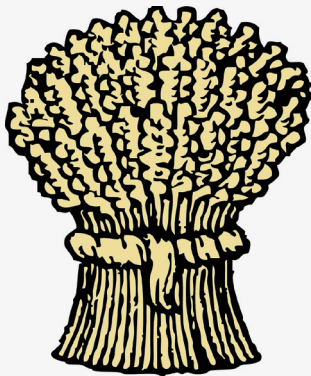
COACHING ACTIVITY

Harvest Festival • Quiz

Q1

Where does the name 'Harvest' come from?

- A.** Named after combine harvester machines.
- B.** The old english word 'haerfest', meaning autumn.



Q2

What makes the "Harvest Moon" distinct from other full moons of the year?

- A.** It is always the largest and brightest supermoon of the calendar year.
- B.** It is the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox, rising with very little delay on successive evenings.
- C.** It always shines with a distinct orange or red tint throughout the entire night.
- D.** It marks the exact midpoint between summer and winter solstices.

Q3

What was the traditional agricultural purpose of making a "corn dolly" in British folklore?

- A.** To act as a scarecrow protecting the final patch of grain from birds.
- B.** To serve as a children's toy made from leftover autumn straw waste.
- C.** To house the spirit of the corn from the last sheaf of the harvest through the winter until spring planting.
- D.** To sell at autumn village markets as a token of good financial luck.

Q4

Which iconic British apple variety reaches its prime harvesting season across UK orchards precisely during the autumn months?

- A.** Granny Smith
- B.** Honeycrisp
- C.** Bramley



Q5

Why did rural communities historically rely heavily on the bright light of the Harvest Moon?

- A.** It signaled that the ground was frozen hard enough to start winter ploughing.
- B.** It allowed farm animals to graze safely during the night without danger of predators.
- C.** It provided light for nighttime village celebrations and bonfires celebrating the equinox.
- D.** It enabled farm laborers to continue harvesting crops long after sunset before autumn rains ruined the yield.



VINCENT VAN GOGH
Peasant woman binding sheaves



YEAR 9 & 10 GIRLS RUGBY

The Year 9 & Year 10 girls rugby team showed great determination and teamwork as they competed in three challenging matches against Leeds West, Leeds Trinity and Farnley Academy on Monday 28th September.



Despite facing strong opposition, the girls put in an excellent performance throughout the tournament. Solid defensive play and some impressive tackling helped the team stay competitive in every match, with players working hard for one another from start to finish.

There were some fantastic attacking moments, with tries scored by **RMB**, **KD-T**, and **KD-T**. The girls demonstrated resilience, skill, and a positive attitude throughout the evening.

Although the final scores did not go our way, the team can be proud of their performances. Their strong defence, determination, and teamwork were evident in all three matches, making it a valuable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. **Well done, girls!**

TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPION

Congratulations to **MZ** in Year 9 who recently competed in the British National Taekwondo Championships, taking a gold medal in the Under 45kg category!



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Radio signals detected from distant planet for first time

Source: www.bbc.co.uk

What can radio waves tell us about a planet more than 60 light years away? Experts think they may have just discovered the answer.

Scientists say they have detected signals coming from a distant planet for the first time, giving them a new way to study worlds beyond our Solar System.

The radio waves came from Beta Pictoris b, a giant exoplanet orbiting a young star.

Researchers think they are linked to auroras - similar to the Northern Lights we see on Earth.

An international team of astronomers used the MeerKAT radio telescope in South Africa to pick up changing bursts of radio waves coming from Beta Pictoris b.

The planet is a huge gas giant, around 10 to 12 times the mass of Jupiter, and is located outside our own Solar System, around 63 light years from Earth.

Scientists say that the radio signal was coming from the planet itself, rather than from the wider star system.

The team believe it is the first time this has been confirmed for a single planet beyond our own planetary system.

Researchers believe the signals are linked to the same processes that create auroras on planets in our Solar System.

On Earth, auroras (such as the Northern Lights) happen when electrically charged particles, caused by activity on the sun, interact with our planet's atmosphere and magnetic field.

They react with gases in our upper atmosphere creating amazing colours we can see in the night sky - including green, red, blue and pink.

By studying the radio waves, scientists say they think that Beta Pictoris b has a magnetic field thousands of times stronger than Earth's.

The researchers say the discovery could help them learn more about the different types of distant planets that exist beyond our Solar System, and whether they might have the conditions needed to support life.



Questions...

- What makes auroras happen on Earth?
- What do the researchers say the discovery may help them do?
- **True or false:** the planet is a gas giant.





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CREW CHARACTERISTICS BADGE NOMINATIONS PAPER SLIP



Your full name:

Year group nominated (if applicable):

Full name of staff/pupil nominated:

Crew Characteristics Badge you would like to nominate the person for (please tick):

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Coach

☐

Inspiration

☐

Guide

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Teacher

☐

Director

☐

Leader

☐

Manager

☐

Role Model

Reason for nominating this person: