

The Junior School Draxonian

2018-2019



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Welcome



FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to the 2018-2019 edition of the Read Junior School Draxonian magazine, the first Draxonian to be devoted entirely to the activities and achievements of Junior School pupils. This year these were so impressive in quantity and quality that we felt they deserved their own publication.

Mr Hill took the helm this year as Head of Junior School and, as has been chronicled daily in the Class Dojo reports and photographs and in the excited and happy faces of the children at the end of each busy school day, what a year it has been!

It was a year of growth in which we welcomed thirty three new pupils to Upper & Lower Junior School which made for many new friendships, among pupils and parents and a fortified wave of parental support for which we remain extremely grateful.

The year got off to a great start as we found that the Junior School had been ranked 89th in the Sunday Times Parent Power list of top primary schools in England which ranks the top 250 state and top 100 independent schools in the country. In the list all schools are ranked by the aggregated average scaled scores achieved by children in reading, grammar and maths from SATs taken the previous year. Like other schools featuring in the Parent Power list Read School boasted improved SATs results over the past year and we are pleased to have shown even further improvement in the 2019 results received.

Despite being thrilled at being ranked in the top 100 schools in the country, our goal remains to achieve happy children who not only fulfil their academic potential but who will step confidently up to Senior School with a broad and balanced range of experiences under their belt.

To that end, as the enclosed pages illustrate, it has been a terrific year for sport, music, drama, adventurous activity and curriculum enrichment and, as in Senior School, Read Junior School pupils have been every bit as active outside as inside the classroom.

My grateful thanks to the dedicated and talented Junior School team who have worked tirelessly this year teaching and organizing a myriad of activities. Being part of a 3-18 school certain has its advantages and Junior School pupils are also fortunate to be able to benefit from the expertise of Senior School teachers in sports, languages, creative arts and music to name but a few subjects.

We hope that you enjoy this inaugural Junior School Draxonian and reflecting on a fun-packed and highly successful year!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Ainley'.

Ruth Ainley



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Pupils display high levels of self-confidence, self-understanding and maturity for their age and make an outstanding contribution to the school and the wider community.”

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Autumn

The beginning of the Autumn Term is a special time filled with back to school excitement: new uniforms, unscuffed shoes, new forms, new teachers and the joy of being reunited with dear friends after the long summer break.

Read Junior School pupils wasted no time in getting the year off to a strong start.

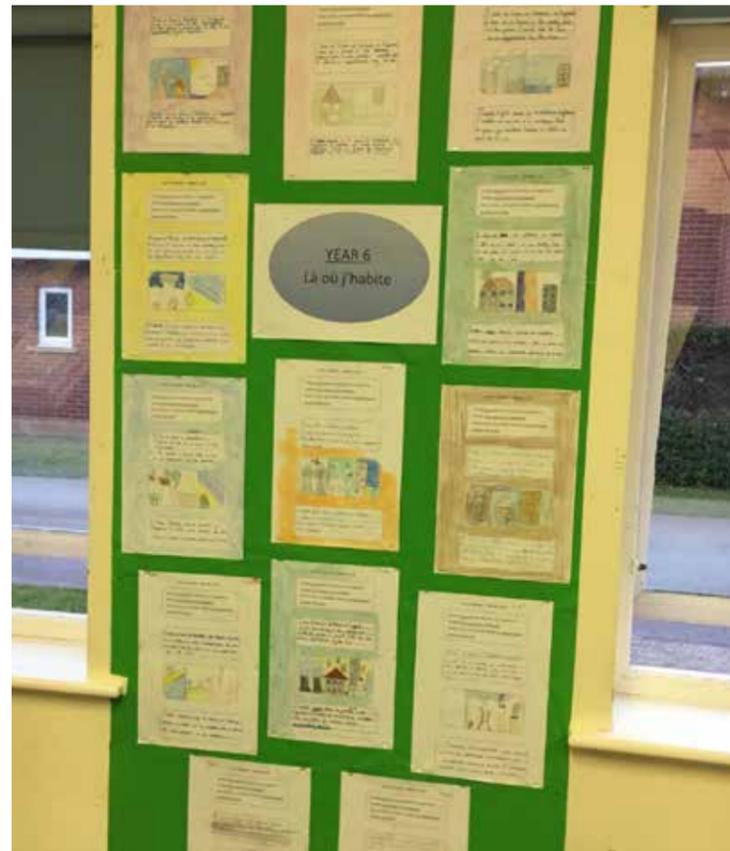
European language week

The children in Lower Juniors had lots of fun celebrating European languages week. On the Wednesday they learnt lots of interesting facts about Italy before designing and making some funny faces pizza. On the Friday they dressed up as a child from another country and we shared a traditional French breakfast of croissants and pain au chocolat.



European passports

As part of the European Weeks of Languages, the pupils were given a little book called a European passport, which contained detailed information about each country in the European Union and flags as well as coins to stick on the right page. The children had lots of fun reading about the countries of Europe and finding the right stickers for each section.



Year 6 French posters

A fine example of Y6 writing on the topic of 'where I live', the pupils had to read the text then translate it, draw a picture to illustrate it and finally write their own version.

European costumes

A wonderful selection of fancy dress costumes for our European Week of Languages: Robert, Eva and Emma are French, Oliver, Liam and Declan are Spanish, Joseph is Italian, Emily is Irish, Abigail is Dutch and Rhea is Roman.



Off to the Pumpkin Patch!



As part of our harvest celebrations we spent a wonderful afternoon at Farmer Copley's farm in Pontefract. It was gloriously sunny and the children enjoyed a tractor ride down to the field where they selected and picked their pumpkins.

They then carried their pumpkins to the barn where they chose from various designs and then carved their pumpkin ready for Halloween. We were then all invited to the function room where we tasted a variety of delicious pumpkin based recipes such as pumpkin soup, pork and pumpkin sausages and pumpkin cake. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Harlow Carr visit

As part of our topic on trees and woodland environments we went on a forest school day to Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate.

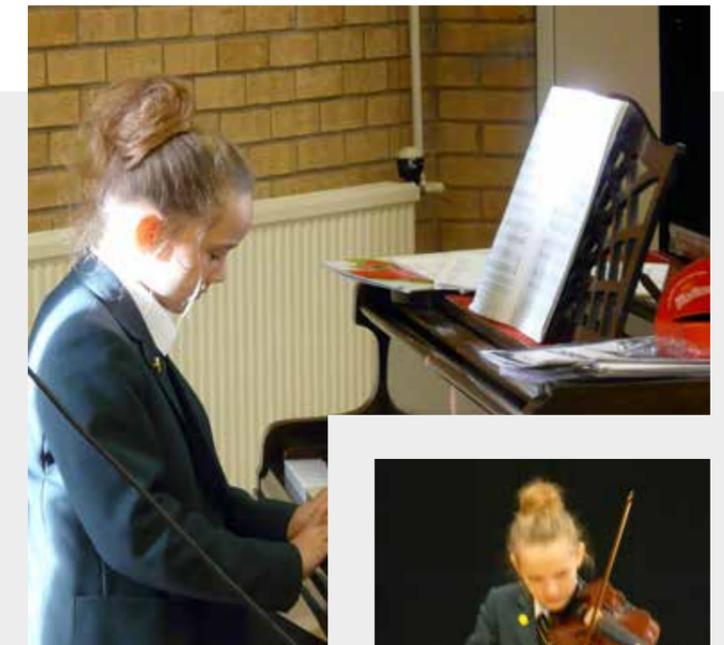
We spent the morning in the Autumn sunshine learning about the forest environment and the many different types of trees. We then split into groups and chose a tree on which to do a group study.

After lunch we explored the park where we saw some amazing sculptures made from twigs and wood. Before heading back to school we played in the adventure playground which was great fun.



Harvest festival

The first of many School services at Drax Church was held in September with the Junior School Harvest Festival. It was a great opportunity to come together and be thankful for the things we have. We had some generous donations of fruit and vegetables which were sold back to parents in typical fashion to raise over £100 for the Selby Food Bank. Every pupil in the Junior School performed something as part of the celebration and as ever were a real credit to the school.



Some of our UJS musicians performing at Open Morning

Outreach

Quicksticks Hockey

We hosted our first U11 primary school outreach quicksticks hockey tournament in October. There were six teams in total from Reedness, South Milford (two teams), North Duffield, Airmyn and Read. The games were played on a round robin basis and our senior GCSE and A-Level PE pupils umpired the games. They were all played in great spirit and it was lovely to be able to involve all of the girls in Year 6. The eventual winners were Read, after securing five victories. Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 5&6

Family Workshop

With winter approaching, 'Children Catching Snowflakes' seemed like an appropriate art based activity for the morning. Our first family workshop of the academic year was well attended as the pupils worked alongside family members to produce some extremely creative masterpieces! Who knew we had so many incredibly talented parents?!



Halloween House Competition

We have enjoyed a variety of house challenges this year but the spooky competition that took place last October was one of the most memorable! Taking part in a carousel of 3 activities, the pupils took on the blindfolded zombie obstacle walk (whilst avoiding the clutches of the grim reaper!), a design and build your own monster challenge and an apprentice style venture where teams had to design and pitch a Halloween product!



Peter Pan Production

It takes a huge amount of time and effort to put something of this magnitude together - and what a performance it was! Quite possibly the highlight of the school year, the UJS production of Peter Pan was fantastic and very well supported by family and friends. With so many lines, stage directions and songs to rehearse in a relatively short 3 months, it goes without saying that Peter Pan was a huge success.



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Junior School street party

Continuing the end of WWI celebrations, what better way to remember the end of WWI than with our very own street party! The bunting was out, songs were sung, poems were shared, the costumes were fantastic and a wonderful spread of sweet and savoury treats was enjoyed by all.



Lest We Forget

A real highlight of this year was the whole school's commemorative events to mark 100 years since the end of world war one. The imaginations of our youngest children were really captured and they enjoyed learning a remembrance song which honoured all the soldiers in the war and the last verse particularly remembered our old boys in the school who fell in combat. We spent a whole morning making beautiful poppy

pictures and our corridor provided a moving and fitting tribute. The last event was probably the most exciting for the children when they came to school dressed as a child from 1918 and we celebrated by having a traditional street party with the Upper Juniors. I think the children really enjoyed our events whilst gaining an understanding of the debt we owe to all who gave their lives and the importance of remembering.



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STEM Challenge

The pupils took part in a special session of design and technology in the autumn term when chief bridge engineer Tim Burton visited Read. Following a highly informative presentation on the many designs and basic construction of a bridge, the children were put into small groups and set the task of building a strong and stable bridge... Using only straws and a bit of tape!



Year 3 & 4 visit to The Yorkshire Museum

Organised as part of the Ancient Greeks history topic, the younger children in the UJS enjoyed an interactive tour of the museum and had the opportunity to become fossil hunters. They also had the chance to mint their own Roman coins and learn about medieval times. The Ancient Greek workshop later in the day involved designing a temple, weaving and dressing up in Greek costume - an action packed day!



The War Horse Project

As part of the whole school focus on the 100 year anniversary of WWI, the Year 5&6 pupils were set the challenge of creating a full size 'War Horse' from little more than willow, glue and paper. It was a tremendous effort from the children who did a superb job in working together to create 'Joey' - the star of the book that Year 6 were reading together at the time.



Year 5&6 visit to West Yorkshire Police

What a fantastic day! Full of interesting information and hands on activities, the trip to police HQ was quite an eye opener! The guided tour around the campus was extremely thorough; from handcuffs to horses and role plays to riots, there was so much to take in!





Nativity

The children from the Lower Juniors had a great time performing the "Wriggly Nativity" as part of our Christmas celebrations. Parents, family and friends were all highly entertained by some splendid acting, dancing and singing. Our youngest children were only 3 which made the standard of the performance even more impressive. From a very tired donkey to some innkeepers with some very unusual hats the audience were amused and delighted throughout. Some impressive talent for Miss Newman, Mrs Crompton and Mrs Maunsell to look forward to.



Christmas Party

The annual end of term party brought out the usual classic entertainment - pass the parcel, Santa says, musical mats... And the challenge of cutting chocolate bars in winter clothing! Great fun for all!



Pantomime Trip

Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! It isn't Christmas without a trip to the panto and on this occasion it was a trip to Leeds City Varieties to watch Cinderella.



House Quiz and Christmas Challenge

The UJS split their houses into two teams on this occasion to take on 20 general knowledge questions and 3 bonus rounds in a last ditch attempt to pick up house points. It was an extremely close finish as Phoenix took first place by just 2 points from Dragon! It was an enjoyable and entertaining morning.... And a test of nerves for those facing the challenges of hitting the targets!



All aboard the Santa Express!

For our final trip of the Autumn term we had a fantastic day out to Sundown Adventure Land.

As well as riding the rocky mountain railroad and spying those pesky pirates on board the boozy barrels we visited a very special person in the afternoon. A magical train took us all the way to the North pole where we arrived at Santa's actual house. We were shown into the house by some very mischievous elves and then shown into Santa's parlour where we were able to check that all our letters had arrived safely and Santa knew exactly what to pack on his sleigh.



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Autumn Term House Winners

The first cup victory of the year went to Phoenix as they saw off the challenge of Dragon, who finished 2nd, and Unicorn. Captains Edward and Will lifted the trophy for the yellows following an impressive total of points gathered from house competitions and weekly Dojo points.



Music lessons

LJS enjoying glockenspiel playing, and singing, in their music lessons.

Music

Every pupil in Year 6 got the opportunity to learn a woodwind instrument, and all gained an Arts Award in the process!





Hockey Season

Read junior girls had an outstanding hockey season with some impressive results from both the U9 and U11 teams. The U11 team won every single one of their matches. This is a tremendous accomplishment, considering some of the U11 girls, prior to the start of the season, had never picked up a hockey stick before, let alone play in a competitive match!

The U11 team also won the Quicksticks Tournament hosted by Read. The U9 team shared in the success of the older girls as they also won all of their matches. Again a fantastic achievement for our young players, not only from Y4 but also from Y3 and even Y1! A tremendous team effort from both squads on every occasion. The junior hockey girls should be extremely proud of themselves!

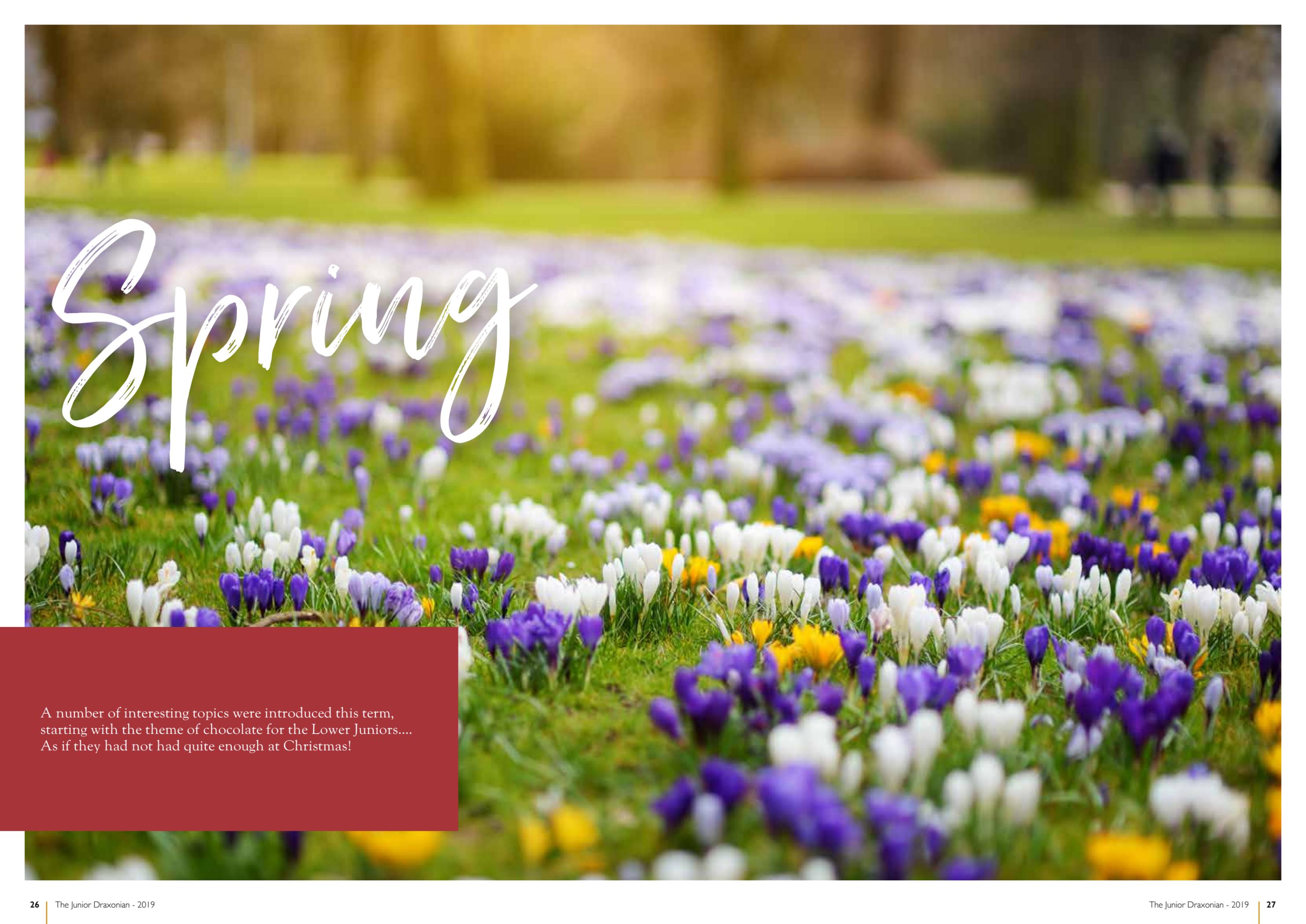
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Rugby Season

The U9 squad actually consisted of boys from Year 1 & 2 as young Sebastian and Zac bolstered the number of young sportsmen in Year 3 & 4. With many fresh new faces joining the ranks, who had never played rugby before, it was always likely to be a learning curve throughout the early Autumn months. But how quickly the boys came on! Enjoyable encounters against Hull Collegiate and Scarborough College paved the way for a fantastic away day at Hipperhome in the freezing winter weather and a 6 - 6 draw. Valuable experiences that will only pave the way for a promising rugby season next year.

The U11 boys, supported by the outstanding Freya Clayton, had a thoroughly enjoyable term of rugby which began with a confident early season victory at Terrington. With an abundance of pace and many attacking threats, it looked as if the U11's would go the full season unbeaten following comprehensive victories over Minster and Gateways, but a narrow defeat to Hipperholme scuppered those hopes. Nevertheless, to end the season with a victory over another strong school such as Hull Collegiate late in the term, showed the quality that this young group possessed.



A large field of crocuses in various colors (purple, white, yellow) is in bloom. The word "Spring" is written in a white, cursive font across the top left of the image.

Spring

A number of interesting topics were introduced this term, starting with the theme of chocolate for the Lower Juniors.... As if they had not had quite enough at Christmas!



Young Voices

For anybody who hasn't been to Young Voices yet - you're missing out! An incredible and dazzling experience of well known songs and hits from current and past charts that thousands of school children and hundreds of parents can all sing along to. It's time to get involved next January!



Cross Country

The thought of running a mile or two outside in the winter months isn't everybody's cup of tea but the juniors have enjoyed some success this term.

Dragon emerged victorious in the house competition while there were a number of excellent performances at Terrington and Moorlands, particularly from Freya Clayton who collected a couple of well deserved medals for her top 2 finishes.



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Chocolate Story

As part of our topic on “Chocolate” Lower Juniors had a very interesting trip to “The Chocolate Story” in York. First of all we had a workshop where all the children made “Lickable Wallpaper” just like the unusual wallpaper in Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory.

After lunch we went on a tour where we learnt all about the different chocolate factories in York and their importance to the city. We also learnt about the history of chocolate and how it is made.

The children were able to make their own lollipop and then watch a professional at work making some delicious passion fruit chocolates which we took great delight in sampling (especially the staff!).



Pancake Day

On Pancake Tuesday the children in Lower Juniors had a very exciting afternoon as we opened the doors of our “Pancake Café”.

Mr Ramsay looked the part in his chef’s apron and took charge of cooking the pancakes. There were a variety of toppings, including strawberries, banana, golden syrup and what turned out to be the most popular, chocolate spread. We all took it in turns to weigh the ingredients and mix the batter and then all ate a pancake with our chosen topping. Following this, we heard the story of “Mr Wolf’s Pancakes” by Jan Fearnley. A lovely afternoon was had by all!



Chinese Dance Workshop

To celebrate Chinese New Year, a professional dancer came into school accompanied with a traditional Chinese dragon, parasol and fans to create an exciting dance performance with all of the junior pupils. Another new experience for our young pupils!



The children had a fantastic workshop as part of our Chinese New Year celebration. They learned how to dance as well as the cultural meaning of these celebrations”



Upper Juniors visit to *Drax Power*

Right on our doorstep, we're no stranger to the location and immense cooling towers overlooking Drax village - but what goes on behind the high security fencing?

The juniors took a tour behind the scenes to discover more about the actions, fuels and purpose of Drax Power. Safety goggles and high visibility vests required!



Spanish animals' books

The pupils took great care in designing and cutting their books, in which they drew and described animals: some impressive handwriting for such young Hispanists.

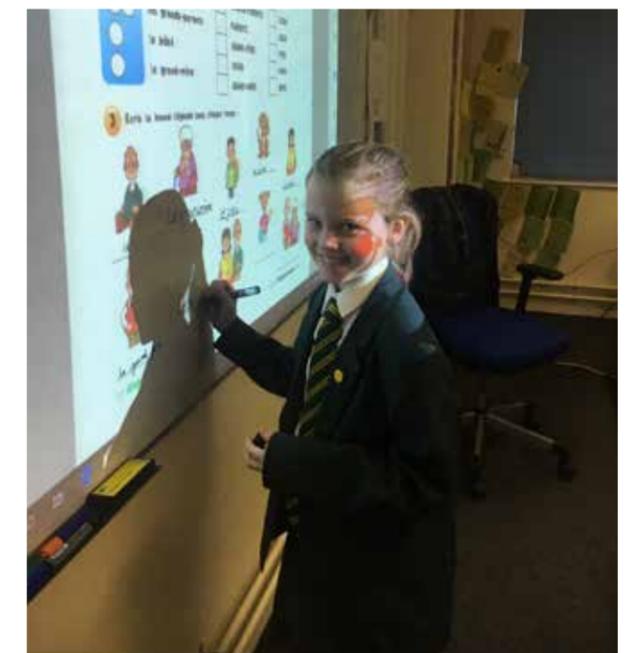


French Sounds Books

The children coloured in their beautiful sounds books, which allowed them to recognise, illustrate and practise different sounds and phonemes.

Year 4 My Family

The children very much enjoy computer-based interactive activities such as this writing task on Linguascope: all gave some excellent and well-written answers!





Many people commented on the children's manners and excellent behaviour"



Spring has Sprung

What a brilliant time the Lower Juniors had on our trip to "Piglets Adventure Park" in York.

As part of our science topic on Spring we fed some baby lambs as well as an array of very cute farm animals. We then learnt about the conditions plants need to grow before we potted our own broad beans to bring back to school. Following a fruit and vegetable quiz and a picnic lunch in the glorious March sunshine we had lots of fun in the exciting outdoor play area. Our day finished with a tractor ride down to the play barn where there was even more exciting fun to be had! We were very proud of the children as so many people commented on their manners and excellent behaviour.



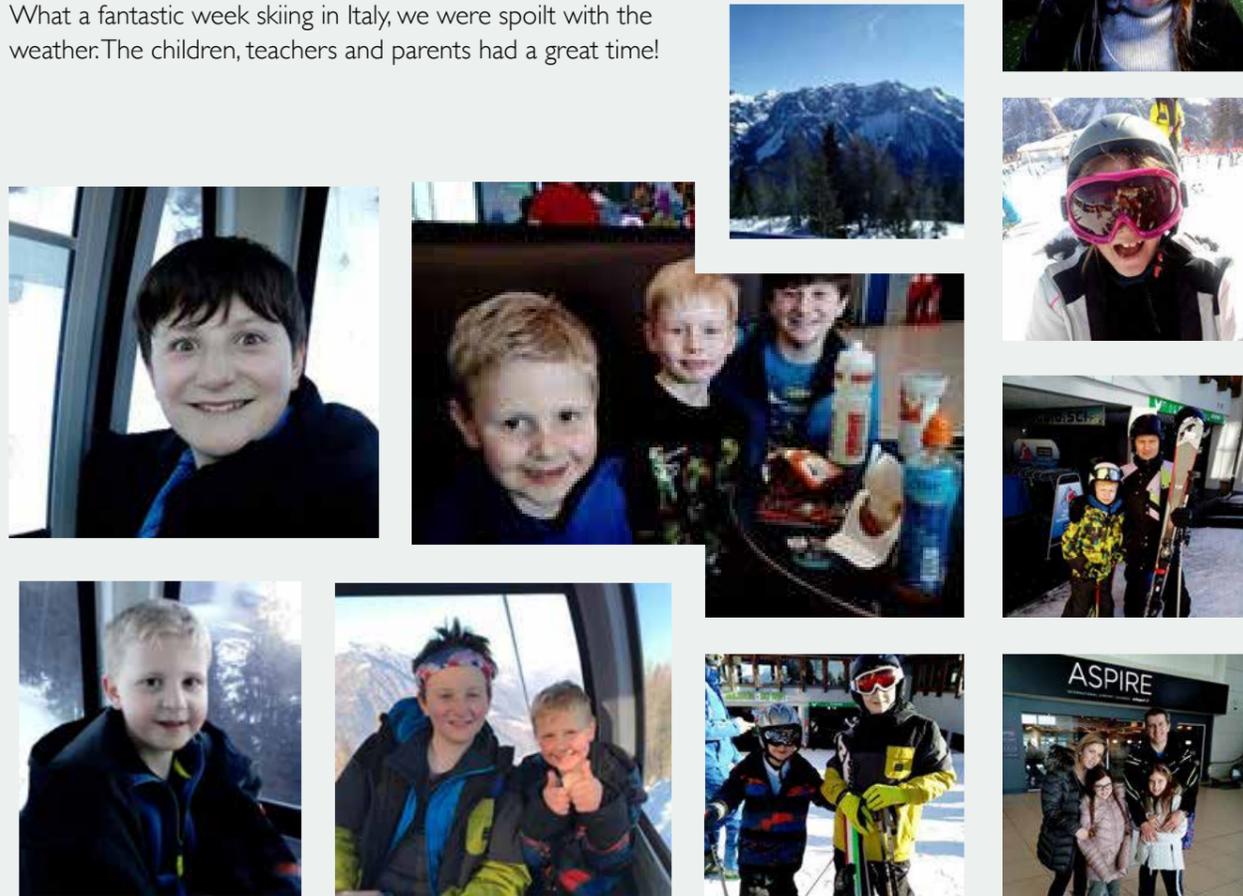
Zog

On an unusually sunny morning at the end of February we arrived at school full of excitement and anticipation as we headed off to Harrogate theatre to watch a performance of the book "Zog" by Julia Donaldson. The sell-out show didn't disappoint with spell-binding songs and drama which kept us all captivated throughout. This experience was part of our topic on dragons, knights and castles.



Ski trip

What a fantastic week skiing in Italy, we were spoilt with the weather. The children, teachers and parents had a great time!



Laser Run

Arguably the most popular, physical activity of the school year - shooting a pistol and running around the school! The Laser Run experience was back for another taster session and once again it was thoroughly enjoyable. Hit 5 targets, run 300m and repeat...Who could do it the quickest?



Year 3&4

Family Workshop

The egg box challenge required a number of skills - research, design, plan, make, evaluate! Thanks to the excellent team work between family members and children, working with time constraints and limited resources, nobody 'cracked' and there were plenty of splendid results to share at the end of the session!



Mathletics on World Maths Day

We all know that mathletics is a big part and celebration of our maths curriculum and World Maths Day presented our school with an international challenge. The juniors spent one whole morning racking up points through mathematical challenges, and finished in a very respectable 45th position from 450 competing schools across the globe.



World Book Day

The annual opportunity to dress up as a book character was well received throughout the junior school as the pupils and staff enjoyed a morning of book related activities. Plenty of colour, so much variety and a tremendous amount of effort to look the part.



Book Day

Lower Juniors had a fun time celebrating world book day in March. The children dressed up as characters from their favourite books and we had a fantastic range from the Gruffalo, Peter Rabbit, Horrid Henry, pirates and dinosaurs. We then enjoyed listening to some of our favourite stories and describing our characters to each other.



North Yorkshire Fire Service Talk

Our local firemen came into school, complete with fully equipped engine, to discuss the dangers of fire and the precautions we can take to keep ourselves safe. Following the presentation and tour of the engine, along with its vast collection of rescue and safety related equipment, the juniors had a chance to climb inside.



British Science Week

The UJS pupils took part in a carousel of four activities, giving everybody the opportunity to experience some hands on, practical based learning.



Easter fun



The winner was Jess who was extremely happy as she got to take home a beautiful Easter chick. ”



Our Easter celebrations got off to an exciting start with our annual Easter egg hunt.

The children then participated in a new event called "hunt for the golden egg". The winner was Jess who was extremely happy as she got to take home a beautiful Easter chick. Thank you to the PFA who organised these activities and provided the Easter eggs and prizes for the children to take home. It was definitely a fun packed day as we then went straight into our

egg rolling competition where Daniel won the final in a contest against Amelia from pre-school. Following our Easter picnic we then thrilled our parents and families as we donned our Easter bonnets for a parade and then entertained with our end of term Spring concert. I think it's safe to say a thoroughly enjoyable day as had by all.



Thank You To All Our Wonderful Mummies

In the lead up to Mother's day the children in Lower Juniors had a very busy week preparing for our afternoon tea where our Mummies joined us as a thank you and celebration for all the amazing things they do for us. In Early Years our youngest children baked fairy cakes and butterfly buns whilst the children in Key Stage One made scones and prepared invitations and menus for the day. All our Mums had a lovely afternoon which culminated in a little concert to express our gratitude.



Oh where did you get that hat?

Our mums joined us for a delightful afternoon of arts and craft and we designed and made some amazing Easter bonnets. The whole department was an extravaganza of colour with an array of eggs, chickens, flowers and bunnies. The finished products were very creative and original and left us very excited for our Easter bonnet parade the following day.



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Easter house competition

3 houses, 3 classrooms... And 3 different Easter themed activities; egg painting, bonnet making and problem solving - a real mix of challenges that brought plenty of house points.

In fact, the points were equally shared! Which meant the Easter egg hunt would be the decider! Mrs Kaye and Mrs Cheetham scattered eggs around the school grounds which eventually led to Phoenix collecting the most and winning the competition.



Castles, Knights and Dragons

Pre-school and Pre-reception's theme in the Spring Term was Castles, Knights and Dragons.

The term began with the children intrigued to find mysterious green footprints in the classroom leading to our outdoor area. We followed the footprints and discovered a 'dragon egg!' We decided to keep the dragon egg safe until it hatched. Having read lots of stories about dragons we knew to keep the egg warm and quiet and we read lots of stories to it. Sure enough our egg began to crack and finally one

morning we came to school to discover a baby dragon reading a book in our reading corner! We named him Sparkles and he has been on many adventures with the children. This theme has definitely been one of our favourites this year. We have loved our 'Castle' role play with a real working drawbridge! We have loved dressing up as knights and royalty and enjoyed medieval banquets

in the castle. We have made 3D castles, designed our own dragons and created dragon stories. We have loved reading a plethora of dragon, knights and castle stories and learnt lots of new songs, some of which we performed for our parents in our Easter performance. Our theme was finished off perfectly by our visit to Harrogate theatre to see 'Zog'.



Netball Season

No sooner had the netball season started, then it finished - or so it seemed!

Time flies when you are having fun - so that possibly explains why the netball season disappeared in the blink of an eye. Every girl from Y1 to Y6 had the opportunity to compete in a competitive fixture, of which there were plenty.

It was fantastic to see the girls, many who had not played netball before, embrace the game with passion and enthusiasm.

The U9 girls had a superb season with some convincing wins and lost only 1 of their 5 matches. The U10 girls had the opportunity to 'dip their toes in the water', in preparation for next year, when they will step up to form the U11 squad. Competing mainly against U11 teams this season, the U10 girls have gained valuable match experience which will stand them in good stead for next year.

It was also a great performance from start to finish for the U11 team, winning every fixture they played in season! This is a fantastic achievement from the U11 girls, demonstrating determination, commitment and great team spirit.

Well done to all the junior netball teams for working hard and always giving 100% effort. A great team effort on every occasion.



Football Season

The U11 boys made an excellent start to the football season, scoring a glut of goals in relatively comfortable victories against Bootham, Terrington and Gateways. Given the array of club footballers on show, the boys looked well equipped to remain unbeaten but soon stumbled upon testing opposition in the form of Highfield and Hipperholme which brought the solid start to an end.

Close encounters, once again, against Hull and Scarborough brought a mixed campaign to a close but offered plenty of promise for next season given the inclusion of many Year 5 boys. The U9's, shorter in numbers, were boosted by some support from Year 5, also enjoyed a mixed set of results with a hard earned draw at Terrington, challenging encounters against Hipperholme and Highfield but particularly impressive victories over Scarborough and Hull. The boys had plenty to cheer about this season but also valuable experiences to learn from.



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Indoor Athletics Finals

Read finished 4th from 6 competing primary schools in the Selby District indoor athletics. With over 100 enthusiastic boys and girls from Year 5 and 6, it was certainly loud, frantic and fast! Short sprints, quick turns and a few obstacles spread along the track made for an exciting and entertaining afternoon.



Spring Term

Multi-Sports House Competition

Pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 joined together for a grand finale of action as A and B teams took on each other in dodgeball, football and benchball. This would ultimately decide the house cup winners; congratulations Dragon!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyla and Evelyn in Year 6. Tyla came 3rd in the 12 and under Songs from the Shows category and Tyla and Evelyn won the 14 and under Vocal Duet. Tyla was also successful in her Solo Category. The girls performed beautifully and many positive remarks were made from the adjudicator, Sam Dunkley, who commented on the clarity of their diction and how together they were as duettists. Well done to both!



Music

A new initiative was undertaken in Music this term. Pupils from Year 4 were given the opportunity to trial brass instruments, with a view to starting the instrument. Pupils managed to perform 2 notes and play a little piece to their class.



Year 4 pupils trialed playing the violin this year. Here they are perfecting their pizzicato!



Music lessons

LJS enjoying glockenspiel playing, and singing, in their music lessons.



Come and Sing

Some members of UJS were treated to a day's singing at Fulneck School in March. The 'Come and Sing' Event involved learning a series of songs and performing them in a concert. There were around 500 pupils singing together from a variety of Independent Schools as far afield as Newcastle and Derby! It was an amazing experience.



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Year 6 have taken part in lots of group practical work this year. Here they are practising their 'Vocalise' pieces.



Summer

The Summer Term is always the shortest of the year but it was no less intense in terms of what we managed to pack into it...

Read has trees!

Huge thanks to Carbon Footprint Ltd who facilitated the corporate sponsorship to provide Read with 160 Cherry and Guelder Rose trees. Pupils and parents from Junior & Senior School had fun in our Saturday morning tree planting session and Mr Patrick appreciated everyone's help.



Here's to making Read well and truly the greenest school in the area!



Talent Show

'Read School's Got Talent' showed what an immense amount of talent we have here in Read. There were over 40 acts from Prep and Senior School, ranging from vocal and instrumental solos to dances, mime and magic! Our four judges (Mrs. Bond, Mr. Dell, Mrs. Ives, Mr. Matthews) provided very positive, encouraging feedback to the pupils. They had an extremely difficult task deciding on the winners and runners-up, but the final outcomes were:

Prep: Tyla Champagnie & Abigail Cheetham: Runners Up

Evelyn Crompton: Winner

A fantastic evening of entertainment. Well done to all involved!



PFA Colour Run

Despite the dreadful weather Read Junior School pupils got into the spirit of the May Bank Holiday Monday with gusto. Even when a wave of torrential downpours hit, trying to extinguish our spirits, pupils were not to be deterred and ran multiple multicoloured laps, thanks to Logan's ferocious throwing! A huge thank you to the PFA for organizing the event and next year we hope for slightly better weather.



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Maypole Dance



Yet another new experience for the junior pupils; learning and performing a Maypole dance! The children from reception class through to Year 6 all rehearsed and presented a specially crafted performance as they skipped and twisted their way in and out of each other in the first week of the summer term.



Countryside Learning

For our summer trip Lower Juniors joined with the Upper Junior school and set off to Ledston for the annual countryside show.

As well as some very interesting shows in the main arena we took part in some informative workshops. In our first session we made our own candles using beeswax which was quite a tricky process. We then learnt about dragonflies and were amazed to learn that a dragonfly can beat its wings 30 times a second. We used a variety of craft materials to make our very own dragonfly to take home.

Our last session was all about optical illusions and we made our very own optical illusion with card and string.

Freddie enjoyed learning how to milk a cow! In the main arena there were some excellent demonstrations including a bird of prey and gundog show.

The highlight of the day was the sheep show where everyone was

thoroughly entertained. We learnt some fascinating historical facts about sheep as well as seeing a sheep being sheered. We even saw the many different dance moves which particular types of breed can do!

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and all the children came away with a greater knowledge about life in the countryside.



Countryside Live

What a great day out for the whole of the Junior School! Take one large field, a collection of large gazebos and tents and fill them with inspiring presentations, a variety of living creatures and plenty of experts sharing their fascinating knowledge and you have an entertaining and enjoyable learning experience for all.



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Assessment Week Activities

While the morning was busy with internal assessments and SATs, the afternoon offered a far more creative, practical and enjoyable selection of activities. From baking cookies, designing cookie boxes, competing in quizzes, cricket, rounders and athletics... Everybody was busy, well entertained and enjoying the sunshine!



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A Taste of Mandarin

Years 5 and 6 pupils

The juniors welcomed Lei Li from the Far East as she presented a basic crash course in speaking Mandarin. In addition to picking up some useful vocabulary, the children took a turn at writing in symbols too!



Cheese and Pasta House Competition

Another house competition but, once again, something completely different! Unicorn emerged victorious as they successfully matched the wide variety of foreign cheese and pasta on display to its correct name and country.



We are very fortunate, as Mrs Li will return in September to offer Mandarin classes at Read School.



Rounders

When rain didn't stop play it was business as usual for the U11 team. Having had an amazing season of hockey and netball, the girls were determined to continue in the same vein. The U11 team lost only one match throughout the season and this was by the smallest of margins – half a rounder separated Read from their opponents! There were two notable performances when the girls travelled to Scarborough to take on Scarborough College and Hull Collegiate in a triangular fixture which resulted in two superb wins for Read.

The U9 team always hot on the heels of the older girls played some great rounders too against some tough competition. The triangular fixture between Scarborough and Hull secured the U9 team their second win of the season but also their first defeat and a fantastic home match against Terrington School resulted in a well-deserved victory for Read.



It may have been raining cats and dogs for a large part of the rounders season but this did not dampen the spirits of the Read Junior Rounders Teams.



Cricket Season

The junior cricket season has been quite dismal due to a largely wet summer term that has left many pitches sodden and unplayable.

In addition to the great British weather, unexpected cancellations by other schools have also played their part in leaving a reduced fixture list. Nevertheless, the U9 and U11 boys did manage to get a few outings under their belt and with a variety of success. The U9s, led by keen cricketer Harry Bodle, showed glimpses of promise for future years in encounters against Hull and Scarborough. It is still very much an education for our young cricket squad as the mix of new pupils pick up match day experiences while learning to improve their skills and understanding of the game.

The U11s played two games against local rivals Hull, comfortably defeated at home in the rain but strong in victory on our travels on a rare sunny afternoon in late June. The U11s also played out a very rare draw at the start of the term, bringing plenty of drama to the end of a tense and nervy encounter against Scarborough. With half of the U11 squad making up the cricket team, their experiences of this season will hold them in good stead for next summer's outings.





Sports Day

Once again, every pupil from Year 3 through to Year 6 took part in the annual UJS Sports Day.

Encouraging healthy competition in suitably arranged groups, the girls and boys competed in sprints and middle distance running and a variety of field events such as the obstacle run, throwing for distance and accuracy and also shooting for goals in netball and football. In the run up to Sports Day, the house totals were incredibly close so the winner on the day would almost certainly take the summer term house trophy - which they did; well done Unicorn!

LJS Sports Day



A fun afternoon was had by all and the sun was well and truly shining down on us! We did beanbag race, running, egg and spoon, frog balance, relay, skipping and hurdles”



Summer Fête

Planned, organised and run by the Year 6 pupils in their respective houses, the Summer Fete was an excellent afternoon of stalls and activities ranging from cricket, football and obstacle running to candy floss, bun designing and glittery tattoos!



The pupils made over £300 on their stalls from this well attended event and, for once this term, the weather didn't spoil it!

Moloney Trust

On Friday 21st June, our adjudicator, Nigel Duce, was treated to an array of talent across a variety of ages, instruments and styles.

The whole day was a treat! Mr. Duce was amazed at the number of pupils participating - with over 60 different sets of entries. He also commented on the high standard of performance.

This year there were several categories representing ability and instrument/voice. There was also a new category for those pupils who had been learning only for a few weeks. The successful participants were:

Beginner Drums: 1st: William Atkinson, 2nd: Harry Wake

Beginner Piano: 1st: Adam Arif/ Emma Jackson, 2nd: Eva Weatherill, 3rd: Madeleine Barker

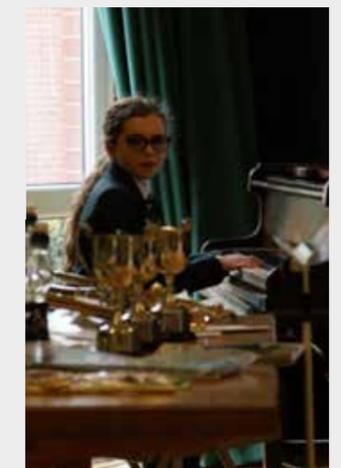
Beginner Woodwind/Strings: 1st: Lucy Platt, 2nd: Sophie Winfield

Grade 1: 1st: Charlie Bellman (Drums), 2nd: Lizzy Nield (Violin)

UJS Vocal: 1st: Evelyn Crompton, 2nd: Abigail Cheetham, 3rd: Tyla Champagnie

Junior Groups: 1st, Tyla Champagnie, Freya Clayton, Evelyn Crompton (Voices), 2nd: Edward Campbell-Baldwin (Guitar), Will Kavanagh (Drums), Lewis Lintott (Voice), Peter Winfield (Piano)

Junior School Cup: Evelyn Crompton



Bewerley Park

The UJS pupils travelled to Pateley Bridge during the penultimate week of the summer term for their annual residential.

The well renowned Bewerley Park was the setting for a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities which included raft building, ghyll scrambling, high ropes and a scamper around Brimham Rocks. Despite being greeted with rain on arrival, the weather improved and out came the glorious sunshine. It was a fantastic 4 days away in the great outdoors!



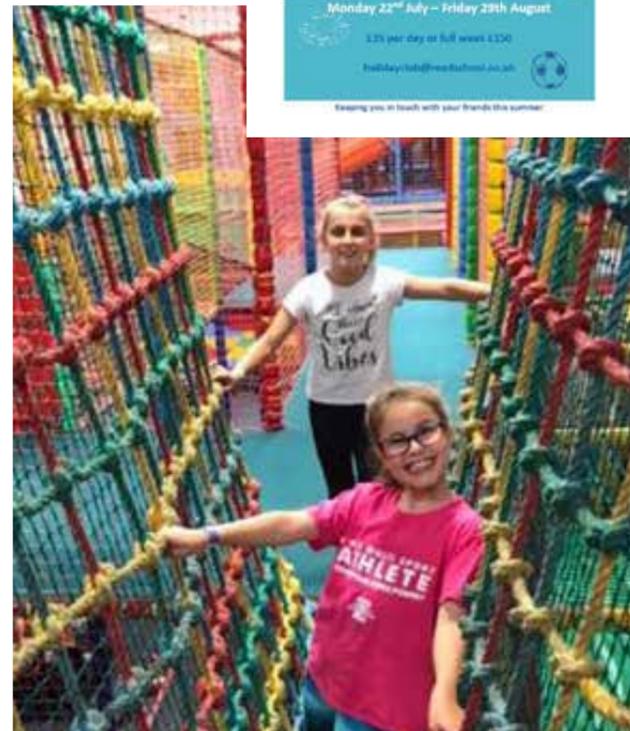


Race for life

On Sunday 23 June, pupils, parents and staff participated in Team Read's Race for Life. What a fabulous day in Doncaster and some great running and walking by all and raising over £3000 for Cancer Research. It was a heart-warming day of camaraderie, support and energy.

Read Holiday Club

As the Junior School Draxonian goes to press, a good number of pupils are involved in the many activities that have made up the Holiday Club Programme over the past weeks. Thank you to all parents and pupils who have supported this and the Sportshead Camp with such enthusiasm. We will be back at October Half Term and Christmas with more activities during the school holidays! For more information please email us on holidayclub@readschool.co.uk





**“Tell me and I forget
Teach me and I may remember
Involve me and I learn”**

Benjamin Franklin
(1706 - 1790)



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