



# New York Primary School

We finally come to the end of what has been a rollercoaster of a summer term. Thank you to all families that have engaged with us so well by responding to surveys, letters and emails which have helped us to plan our next steps throughout the lockdown phases. I am delighted that we have been able to offer parents the opportunity for pupils across all year groups to return to school and even more pleased that so many of you have felt able to take up this offer. I would like to thank all staff for their dedication and determination in enabling the return of so many pupils. We miss those pupils who have not yet returned and look forward to all pupils returning to school in September. Things will still feel a little different and there may be some changes announced over the holiday period but we want to get back to enjoying our learning with you all. I wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you soon.

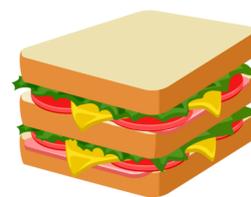
Mrs Shaw

## Website

We are continuing to keep our website up to date with relevant school information, news and home learning activities. Many teachers have loaded videos for pupils to listen to stories or take part in lessons and activities. The final week of school is transition week, where pupils in school will transition to their new classroom and new teacher. For those pupils who have not returned to school, staff have provided welcome videos and these are also loaded on to the website. Pupils will be able to hear a welcome message from their new teacher and maybe see their classroom from September 2020.



## Community



We have continued to support members of the community with food parcels and other items. We have enjoyed providing this service and appreciate the kind messages of thanks that we have received. We are still plagued with scrambler bikes whizzing up and down the path and are working on ways to prevent this continuing. We are also having issues with litter dropped outside school and are working with the council team to resolve this. I would like to encourage all parents to ring 101 and log complaints about any antisocial issues as the more logs received the more likely action can be taken. Dropping litter is a public offence and can be subject to a fine.

## Summer Learning



We always love to see our children continue to learn during school holidays and, given the circumstances of this year, it is particularly important that children have this opportunity over the upcoming break. All teachers will therefore be providing children with a learning grid with a range of activities to complete. We would also love to see as many New Yorkers as possible taking on the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge! The goal of the Challenge is to earn 600 stars (for children born after 31/08/13) or 750 stars and a 14-day streak. Upon completion of the Challenge, children will receive an exclusive collectable pin badge and certificate free of charge to celebrate their hard work in the post!

# Teacher Highlights!

## Mrs Prince

Foxes, your enthusiasm for learning this year has been wonderful and we have had so many fantastic moments! My favourites include meeting a real Arctic Explorer, sharing Roald Dahl stories, learning how to Hula-Hoop and giggling at the Pantomime!

## Mrs Bourne

I have had a fantastic year with my lovely Meerkats - I have been so impressed by your resilience and have loved watching your confidence grow. My highlight of the year had to be seeing you work as a team to play basketball at the Eagles Arena - I was so proud of you all!

## Miss Eiles

I have so many highlights of this year with my Delightful Dragonflies, but one of my favourites has to be seeing you all grow in independence and confidence. We have made so many memories including wearing our pyjamas for school, singing in the Harvest Festival and our trip to the Discovery Museum.

## Mrs Smith

I have loved every minute with our class! I was so proud of your confidence and enthusiasm during our Christmas show and loved watching you learn how to perform! You never fail to make Miss Fergus and I smile and laugh!

## Miss Ransome

I have been lucky enough to work with children in year groups across all of school this academic year. I have enjoyed trips to Seven Stories with Reception, the Pantomime with Year One and Housesteads Roman Fort with Year Four.

## Mrs Blakey

WOW, what a memorable year we have had! You have all met Year 6 challenges with determination, resilience and a passion for learning.

One of my highlights this year was our Christmas Performance 'Bah Humbug.' You worked incredibly hard to remember your lines and to deliver them loudly and clearly, as well as learning the lyrics and dances to the songs.

A year to be proud of Ostriches - Well done!



# Teacher Highlights!

## Miss Keay

I have loved seeing the Outstanding Owls grow in confidence this year! You have shown resilience and determination to new challenges. We have made lots of memories together including laughing at the pantomime, visiting Greggs Head Office and tasting different foods from around the world.

## Miss Drake

I have loved every moment of learning with my Terrific Tigers this year! Our year began by visiting Hadrian's Wall at Housesteads Roman Fort and thankfully we managed to squeeze in the Skipping Festival where we won Gold for our Skip Dance! I am so proud of all of the hard work and pride you have taken in everything we have achieved this year.

## Mrs Middleton

What a fantastic time I have had with my Year 5 Zebras! They have wowed me with their enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge. I was so proud when they delighted the audience of the pantomime at the Theatre Royal with a rendition of our song about the Ancient Greeks from our class assembly!

## Miss Gladstone

What a lovely year it has been seeing Year 6 grow and develop in their final year at New York! I LOVED being at Robinwood with them all, seeing the determination and resilience on all the different activities, and hearing the joy and laughter from all the children! You have made me so proud this year, Giraffes!

## Mrs Potter

Having returned from maternity leave during lockdown I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but as always the children and staff of New York primary school showed true determination and resilience. I am so glad to be back and have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the key worker children.

## Miss Hollywood

This year we named ourselves the Busy Bees and we have certainly lived up to our name. We have made many, many memories in such a short amount of time - we went out and about a lot and I have never been as proud of a class as I have of this one. The Seven Stories, the Theatre Royal, the Discovery Museum - all amazing experiences made even better by your New York behaviour! But most of all, I will remember how you look after each other! #NYPS Proud



# Teacher Highlights!

## Miss Burn

I have had an amazing year with my Brilliant Bears. I have loved watching your confidence grow and I am so proud of the progress you have all made. We started the year learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood and have enjoyed many more topics together including the Great Fire of London and Flat Stanley. You have all worked so hard and shown excellent resilience in all you have done. We have had so much fun visiting the Theatre Royal to see Beauty and the Beast, learning new songs for our Christmas performance and visiting Greggs Headquarters to find out about lots of new careers.

## Mrs Shaw

We love having music in the hall at lunchtimes. I often enjoy how you all sing along whilst eating your lunch. There have been some super moments where Year 6 burst into their 'Chimney Sweep' song and Year 4 performed 'Fezziwigs Shindig' whilst standing in the lunch queue. My favourite though is the song that had all age groups singing and dancing from Reception pupils to Year 6. It is ...*There's a hole in the bottom of the sea. There's a hole in the bottom of the sea There's a hole, there's a hole, there's a hole in the bottom of the sea!* If you Google it, it pops straight up on YouTube!

## Mrs Davidson

To the brilliant Meerkats: you have all worked so hard and have proven yourselves to be resilient, empathetic and determined New Yorkers. I am so proud of you all and I can't wait to see what you achieve in your final year at New York next year. I have also been so lucky to lead the KS2 Choir and work with so many fabulous singers! My highlight was definitely watching you perform at Durham Cathedral for the Choir of the Year competition; you were absolutely brilliant and it was an experience that I will never forget.

## Mr Lisle

I have had such a good year with my wonderful Elephants, who have all settled extremely well into Key Stage Two. Each one of you is unique and it's been a pleasure getting to know you all. We have shared many exciting events, including our trip to the Theatre Royal and the many sporting events we attended. It has been fantastic to see you all grow in confidence and independence. This was extremely evident when the vast majority of children spent a whole weekend at High Borran, taking part in many exciting and challenging tasks.



# Teacher Highlights!

## Mrs Cole

I have loved every minute with our Brilliant Butterflies, you have settled into New York life so well.

I have loved watching your confidence and enthusiasm for learning grow as you become true New Yorkers. One of my highlights was watching you perform in our Christmas show, twinkling like the stars you are!

## Mr Atkinson

My highlight with the Lions this year was getting the opportunity to see so many of the children challenge themselves and flourish in the different activities on our residential to High Borrans!

## Jackie

I have many fond memories of this year. Our whole school outing to the Theatre Royal was, as always, a fabulous treat for us, and especially memorable when our children started to sing along with a popular song being played whilst people were finding their seats. I also really enjoyed my day out at Housesteads Roman Fort with Year 4, where our pupils showed how polite and well behaved they are, and our Halloween Disco where costumes get better and more frightening each year!

## Mrs Marshall

What a strange end to the year! However, whilst working in school throughout the lockdown, I have been amazed by the way you all just 'got on with it'. One positive to come out of this year is that many New York pupils have taught me how to bake over Twitter!!! I'm so looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in September.

## Miss Baxter

I have loved making special memories with my 30 hour friends; one of my favourite days of the week is Messy Monday where we get to create lots of beautiful pictures and craft items, which I love to display. Your confidence around school has improved so much from watching you sitting in the lunch hall to walking through school and being part of school assemblies. I know how well you will all do in Reception and I'm very proud of you all.



# Pupil Highlights!

We asked our pupils to tell us about some of their Wow Moments from this year and this is what they said...

## Year 6

Getting more than one part in the Christmas production - I was proud of myself for that!

## Year 3

I loved going to High Borrans and trying lots of different activities and having an 896 Doodle Maths streak.

## Year 2

When I did the Roald Dahl experiment with the chocolate using a microscope!

## Reception

When we complete rainbow challenges - I always get 6 sticks!

## Year 6

The Giant Swing at Robinwood, I thought I wouldn't be able to go to the highest height, but I did it!

## Year 5

The whole year spending time with my friends and my teacher before lockdown happened.

# Pupil Highlights!

We asked our pupils to tell us about some of their Wow Moments from this year and this is what they said...

## Year 4

The trip to High Borrans, it was my first trip away from my family and I was a little bit worried but had a brilliant time learning new stuff and keeping things tidy, which I have tried to carry on doing at home.

## Reception

I joined the new school with my brother!

## Year 1

Winning the potato competition for World Book Day.

## Nursery

I'm very proud when my name goes on the rainbow wall.

## Year 2

Learning how to draw characters in the style of Quentin Blake! I am an artist now.

## Year 5

Competing in the Lego league for the first time. Even though we did not win the overall competition, we won an award and not many people would get that opportunity. I liked the sportsmanship between the other schools.

## Year 1

Taking part in the dance festival. My Mam and Nanna came to watch me dance.



# Bubble Updates!

## Reception Red Bubble

It has been a lovely 5 weeks in Red Bubble, continuing our learning of 'Under the Sea'. We have learnt lots about rock pools, the beach, sea creatures and how to keep ourselves safe. We have enjoyed playing with our friends - keeping our distance of course and having lots of picnics outside in the lovely weather.

## Year 5 Zebras Bubble

We have had such a lovely time in our bubble, catching up with our friends and enjoying being back in our classroom together. We have had some fascinating discussions about World War 2, with many children finding out about what their own grandparents did during their war and sharing their experiences with us.

## Year 6 Group 1 Bubble

We are so glad we had the chance to come back to school to see our friends and catch up before we left for high school. We have laughed so much throughout the last 4 weeks and continued our topic on the Victorians. The pupils have shown so much empathy towards the children's lives during the Victorian times and, of course, have loved being outside whenever the weather has been nice!

## Year 5 Meerkats Bubble

We have had a wonderful time in our bubble; seeing our friends again and being able to catch up! We have loved watching our teacher videos as they read our class novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and learning more about World War II. Our favourite thing has been doing PE and practising our running skills.

## Key Worker Bubble

It has been a lovely experience working with children from all different year groups and because of this we have made new friends who we will be able to say 'hello' to around school and in the yard when we return to our own class again. We have had lots fun as well as doing work; it will certainly be something we will remember forever.





# Bubble Updates!

## Nursery Butterfly Bubble

We have loved welcoming back some of our Brilliant Butterflies and continuing our learning in school. We have enjoyed learning all about the seaside and how to keep ourselves safe when we visit. We have loved joining in with lots of singing and dancing to our favourite songs.

## Year 2 Rabbits Bubble

We have had so much fun back in school! It has been so lovely to see and play with our friends. We have learned so much about Victorian times and the royal family. We have practised lots of maths skills too! We are super speedy when completing our place value boards and have even started telling the time. We have also had lots of time to share our memories of lockdown with each other.

## Year 3 Elephants

It has been lovely to see so many of you returning to school (keeping our reputation as the class with the best attendance going). During our week back we have researched the Tudor monarchs, how they came to power and can now order them chronologically. In Maths we have been learning about measurement and in English we have been developing our grammar skills.

## Year 3 Lions

This week has been fantastic, hearing all about our Lockdown Tales with the Lions. During this week we have looked at the Tudor family tree and at the Battle of Bosworth. In Maths we have been learning about mass and comparing objects on scales and in English we have been developing our grammar skills, including creating our own exciting story.

## Year 4 Tigers

This week we have enjoyed being reunited with our friends! We have created Hearts of Gratitude to help us to think about all the things we are thankful for during lockdown.

It was lovely to hear everyone talking about how much they have enjoyed time with their family, spending time outside and thinking about the NHS and Key Workers.

We have also loved reading a new story: Arthur and the Golden Rope.

This has been a brilliant way to finish off our Vikings topic.





# Bubble Updates!



## Year 6 Group 3 Bubble

It is so lovely to have some familiar faces back in class again and to hear laughter in the corridors.

We have continued our learning about the Victorians, researching jobs that children had to do and how seaside holidays have changed over time. We have enjoyed recording dances and songs for our Leavers video and have had the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions we have about transition on a video call with High School.

## Year 6 Group 2 Bubble

We have loved having the chance to return to school and be back with some of our friends. We have really enjoyed continuing our topic on the Victorians and were really interested to learn about the different jobs that children had to do. The pupils have shown a lot of resilience and hard work with every task they were given.

## Reception Blue Bubble

We have had a very busy time in Blue Bubble over the last few weeks. We have created our very own Under the Sea classroom with lots of amazing art work. We have smashed many Doodle Challenges and had many a giggle with our friends. We have enjoyed our daily sandwich choices - some of us even swapped from a tuna to an egg to try something new!

## Year 2 Foxes Bubble

It has been great seeing so many of you back in school. You have adapted so well to all of the changes put to you (including your class teacher!) and I have been super impressed with you all! I have been really impressed with your general knowledge and keen interest within history lessons this week!

## Year 1 Bears Bubbles

In Year 1 we were very excited to come back to school and see our friends again before the summer. We have enjoyed starting every morning dancing to Jump Start Jonny. We have been learning about money and time in maths, discussing 'The Storm Whale' in English and learning all about the seaside. Our favourite parts of the day have been eating our dinners together with a movie and creating our own games outside on the yard! We have loved every second of being back together as the Bears!

## Goodbye Year 6!

Although Year 6 did not have the usual leavers celebration, staff worked incredibly hard to give children the best possible send off with lots of memories from their time at New York to keep forever. A special DVD including singing, dancing and photographs was presented to all children, which they will be able to cherish and look back on in the future. Children enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate around the fire pit, whilst Mrs Shaw presented them with their record of achievements and certificates of excellence for different subjects.

Some special trophies, nominated by staff, were awarded to children who we feel consistently demonstrate the New York attributes, they were...

- True 'New Yorker' Boy - Ben Bouch
- True 'New Yorker' Girl - Faith Ubah
- Determination - Ava Nellist-Wilson
- Positivity - Lewis Bradley
- Resilience - Amy Dowse
- Team Player - Ellie Wiener
- Home Learning - Cleo McArdle



*Enjoying our s'mores as part of our leavers celebrations*



*Enjoying our s'mores as part of our leavers celebrations*

