



# Wigginton Primary School



# Newsletter 9

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Welcome to the ninth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 10 February).

## A message from the Headteacher.....

We are still coming to terms with the death of Pat Boyle, who was the previous headteacher at Wigginton Primary School. As I said last week, Pat was "Wigginton Primary School" through and through, and was still volunteering and carrying out her role as school governor until December last year. I know there are many families who are saddened by this news - thank you for your kind messages.

The funeral is set to be at 1pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, at York Crematorium, followed by the funeral reception at Wigginton Squash Club. The family have informed us that any donations received will be given to Wigginton Primary School, and will support the redevelopment of our school library, as Pat was such a champion of reading.

## House Points Winners- Spring 1 2025

The winner of the house point prize for last half term was **Rowntree**. Congratulations to them.

As a result, anyone in **Rowntree (blue)** are able to come into school **THIS WEDNESDAY (29<sup>th</sup> January)** in **non-uniform**. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately if this is your child's PE day.

### Relationship and Health Education Policy

We would like to develop a working party to review our Relationship and Health Education policy. If you are interested, please do get in touch with us by emailing the school office: [wiggintonprimary.school@york.gov.uk](mailto:wiggintonprimary.school@york.gov.uk)

Thank you.

## NSPCC



Each year **NSPCC Number Day** helps raise funds for the NSPCC so that it can continue vital work to keep children safe. By understanding and enjoying numbers, we can also help spread awareness about their important message: raising money because every penny **counts**.

This year we have decided to combine the NSPCC's Number Day with a chance for children to come to school in fancy dress- to come as something number based! This event will take place in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

More details will be sent to parents/ carers via email tomorrow, including how to make a donation. Thank you for your support.

## Introducing...our Phunky Food Ambassadors!



Many of us start the New Year with good intentions to eat better and be more active. So, with this in mind, this term Miss Redhall has recruited some healthy eating champions from Y4/5 to promote healthy choices in school. Miss Redhall and the Phunky Ambassadors will be working closely with our partners at PhunkyFoods to showcase their Snack Attack message to the children. This message highlights the importance of choosing healthy snacks using the eatwell guide to fulfil a child's energy requirements.

It is important for children to meet their energy demands for the day. To do this, some children will need a snack between meals and this is a positive opportunity to encourage healthier choices. The Eatwell Guide is a great tool that can be used to plan snacks for your family, in the same way that we would to plan a main meal. Evidence shows that many children are eating around 4 high sugar snacks a day, which has a negative impact on health. Therefore, it is important to make good snack choices at the right time of day to prevent children being too full to eat their main meals.

We will be doing some work in school with the children around healthy eating, our ambassadors have opted to run an assembly to deliver the message about healthy snack choices.

You can find out more about the PhunkyFoods Snack Attack message, as well as their other healthy eating messages, at <https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/parent/snack-attack-parent-information/> Please do take the time to look at the website as the information is there to help you to support your child at home.

For healthy snack ideas and recipes you can also visit:

[https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp\\_courses=snacks](https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp_courses=snacks)

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks/>

If anyone makes any of the recipes or wants to showcase their healthy snacks, please send us some photos!

Thank you,

Miss Redhall and the Phunky Ambassadors!

### **X Factor at Wigginton Primary School**

Are you following us on X (formally known as Twitter)? We share updates of learning and celebrate the amazing things happening in school.

Find us at @wiggiprimary (Link: <https://twitter.com/wiggiprimary> )



**Please note that this will not be our primary form of communication - our fortnightly newsletters will continue to contain all the key information for school.**

# Wigginton Primary School's Library

## The Grand Reopening



We are hoping to re-open the school library around Easter time!

This is hugely exciting and all the children will have regular access to the library and the opportunity to borrow a range of fantastic books as well as spending time in the library and displaying some of their work.

In order to maximise the opening, and to make it a wonderful part of our school, we are looking for some volunteers who will help us make this a success.

Tasks will include:

- Tidying and organising the books
- Rotating the available books
- Supporting children in choosing age appropriate books that they will enjoy
- Signing books in and out with children
- Reading with the children or reading a story to them (this is optional!)
- Supporting us in promoting a love of reading through a library that we can all enjoy.



Ideally, you would be able to offer a weekly/ fortnightly time to do this, this could be 20 minutes to a full morning or afternoon. You will be required to obtain an enhanced DBS certificate via the school office in order to volunteer.

If you think that you could help us with this, please contact Mr Peacock on [mrpeacock@wiggintonprimary.co.uk](mailto:mrpeacock@wiggintonprimary.co.uk)

Thank you!

Mr Peacock and Miss Delamere

## Y1/2 Family Favourites Session



In KS1 all the children had a great hands on History afternoon with parents and grandparents bringing in their favourite toys from when they were little. The children spent time playing with the toys then created a toy museum visited by year 4/5.

A huge thank you to the parents/ carers who came and shared their time and toys with the children, helping to enrich their learning.

A message from Mum,

Dear Mrs Goff and children of 1/2G,

Thank you so much for asking me to come to your classroom this afternoon. I really enjoyed talking to you all: you were exceptionally well behaved, asked lots of great questions and listened carefully to learn more about all the toys. It was lovely to meet you all and see your enthusiasm for my old treasures. I hope you enjoyed playing with them too!

From Bennie's Grandma 🍷

### Mary Poppins Pantomime at The Joseph Rowntree School



Y4/5/6 have been lucky to be invited, by The Joseph Rowntree School, to watch the dress rehearsal of their Mary Poppins Pantomime on 3rd February.

It will take place in the afternoon and, whilst we do not expect it should have any bearing on the end of the day finish time, there is a small chance that we may be a few minutes late returning to school.

Consent for this visit is not required as you have consented previously on the 'Parental Consent Form for School Activities Outside of the Classroom'. However, if you are available to help on this afternoon and would like to be involved in walking this large group of children up to high school, watching the performance and walking them back, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Seesaw and they will respond as soon as they know the numbers required.



Has your child tried our school dinners? Our kitchen staff work so hard, producing a wide range choice for the pupils, and also sandwiches and jacket potatoes each day. Take a look at our menu:

<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/school-dinners-information-menus/>

### Collection 4 Clothes

We are still collecting unwanted clothing, toys and other items for our regular collections. If you have had a new year clear out, please consider donating any unwanted items to this collection. 100% of the money raised goes directly back into school funds to further enhance your child's education and experiences at school.

The box is situated near the school entrance so bags can be dropped off at the office or your child can bring them into school and deposit them into the box.

Thank you for your support!



### **\*\*NUT FREE SCHOOL\*\***

Please can we ensure that any food brought into school does not contain ANY nut products. This includes hazelnut spreads, confectionary containing nut products and obviously peanut butter. We have children in school who have a nut allergy. Thank you.

### *Cool Milk*

School food standards state that **children of all ages should have easy access to milk each day, should they require it.** Luckily with Cool Milk, this couldn't be easier! *Register your child for school milk. Simply visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register) it's super easy and your child can benefit from a nutritious drink of milk to keep them hydrated until lunch.*

### **Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons- Summer 2025**



Thank you to those of you who have signed your child up for swimming lessons in the Summer term. In order for the swimming lessons to go ahead we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £9.00 per lesson per pupil (£72 for 8 lessons). Please appreciate that a third of the cost of transport and lessons will be subsidised by the school budget and that we could not run the programme without your voluntary contributions. There is no obligation to contribute and no pupil will be omitted from the swimming lessons because they do not pay or do not pay in full. **But please be aware, the lessons may still not go ahead if the school does not receive sufficient parental contributions.** Therefore we kindly request you pay the outstanding voluntary contribution, of £47.00 for your child via your ParentPay account **by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**, as well as the initial £25 contribution if you have still to do so.



### **RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE DALES 2025**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025- Year 6 pupils**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025- Year 5 pupils**

**Parents/ Carers of pupils in Year 5 & Year 6-** Please remember, for any child attending this residential, the final balance is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Details can be found here:

<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/y56-dales-residential-june-2025/>

# Governor News

In a previous newsletter, we gave an overview of the role of the governing body at Wigginton Primary School. One of the key ways in which we fulfil our duties as governors is through Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings. There are 5 FGB meetings throughout the academic year. For each of these there is an agenda which is put together by the clerk to the governing body, the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors well in advance of the meeting. Agendas and meeting items vary over the course of the year, but certain items are presented and/or discussed at every meeting:

- The last FGB meeting's minutes - these are formally agreed by the governing body
- Action points for the the previous meeting - to ensure identified actions have been completed
- Headteacher's report - this is one of the main ways the Headteacher informs governors of what is happening in school and includes items such as staffing, pupil numbers, absence rates, staff training, behaviour and safeguarding
- Committee reports - all governor meetings are minuted; these minutes are then approved by the FGB so that all governors are aware of the work of all committees
- Governor training - this is to ensure governors have the necessary training, the right skills and up to date knowledge
- Governor of the Month reports- all governors are expected to visit the school during the working day with an agreed focus and to then report back to the FGB on this
- The School improvement Plan - this outlines the key priorities for the school for the academic year and the FGB monitor and evaluate this.

Other topics that may be discussed at various points during the year include:

- Strategic planning, including our four year vision
- Budget and financial reports
- Analysis of pupil/parent/staff surveys
- Attainment and progress data
- School self-evaluation.

Staff also regularly attend FGB meetings to present updates and to outline future plans and priorities for their area of responsibility.

Each FGB meeting is around 2 hours in duration and, as you can see, is very busy!



Thank you for your support

To Wigginton School  
Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
Your collection total £184.49  
District total \_\_\_\_\_



## Thank you

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community.

Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)

Royal British Legion  
199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA

Registered charity number: 219279



### Play Team Member Vacancy (required as soon as possible)



Permanent – Part-time (6.25 hours per week) Term Time Only

Salary range: £22,183 to £22,352 pro rata (equivalent to £11.63 to £11.75 per hour)

We are offering one Play Team Member (Midday Supervisor Assistant) post, 6.25 hours per week during term time. The hours are Monday to Friday one and a quarter hours cover over the lunch time period.

The successful candidate would be expected to carry out duties during the children's lunchtime break including supervising in the playground and the dining hall, taking care of all their needs including the minor injuries, falls and their general welfare during the lunch break. You will provide play, direction and supervision of activities in the playground to ensure that the whole lunchtime experience can be enjoyed in a safe and calm environment.

The successful candidate will be part of large hardworking team who will enjoy working with children.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We will require the successful applicant to undertake an ENHANCED criminal record check via the DBS.

More details and application form can be found on our website [here](#).

**CLOSING DATE: Monday 10 February 2025**

# Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Wed	29 Jan	All day	Pupils in Rowntree House ONLY- Non School Uniform Day	Newsletter 9
Mon	3 Feb	Pm	Y4/5/6 Visit to The Joseph Rowntree School- Mary Poppins Pantomime.	Newsletter 9
Fri	7 Feb	All day	NSPCC - Number day	To follow
Mon	10 Feb	5:30 to 6:30pm	PTA disco for Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3 pupils (£3 per pupil on entry, which includes sweets & a drink) No pre-booking required! Pupils only.	
Mon	10 Feb	6:45 to 7:45pm	PTA disco for Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils (£3 per pupil on entry, which includes sweets & a drink) No pre-booking required! Pupils only.	
Fri	14 Feb	<b>School closes at normal time for the February half term holidays</b>		
Mon	24 Feb	<b>School opens to pupils for Spring 2 2025 Term</b>		
Tues	25 Feb	7pm	PTA Meeting	
Tues	4 Mar	AM only	Individual and Siblings Photos	
Thurs	6 Mar	5:30 to 7:15pm	PTA Film Night	To follow
Thurs	6 Mar	All day	World Book Day	To follow
Fri	21 Mar	All day	Comic Relief	To follow
Fri	4 Apr	<b>School closes at normal time for Easter holidays</b>		
Tues	22 April	<b>School opens to pupils for Summer 1 2025 Term</b>		
Mon-Wed	16 to 18 Jun	Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 6 pupils		<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 Jun	Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils		<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Mon-Wed	22 to 24 Sept	Y6 Kingswood Residential <a href="https://...year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/">https://...year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/</a>		

Going to school **every day** can help your child experience new things.



## WIGGINTON SQUASH CLUB OPEN DAY - JUNIORS

Saturday 1st February



### ALL WELCOME

Contact the club to arrange a suitable session.



Equipment provided



10am - 1pm



Games and coaching



[enquiries@wiggintonsquash.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wiggintonsquash.co.uk)



Wigginton Squash Club

## THE WONDER YEARS FEB HALF TERM

MONDAY 17TH FEB - THURSDAY 20TH FEB 2025

OPEN 8AM-6PM

**Monday:** Kings and Queens  
AM: King of card games  
PM: Queen of tarts

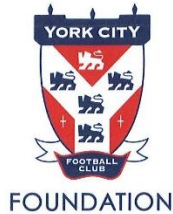
**Tuesday:** The 90's  
AM: Tie Dye Fun!  
PM: Retro games

**Wednesday:** Dinosaurs  
AM: Salt dough Fossil creations  
PM: Become a palaeontologist

**Thursday:** Ice age  
AM: Ice exploration  
PM: Make your own Slush puppies and Ice age the Movie!

**Friday:** CLOSED

Contact us on:  
TEL: 01904758717  
EMAIL: [enquiries@the-wonder-years.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@the-wonder-years.co.uk)



## York City FC Foundation Poster Competition



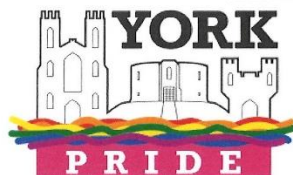
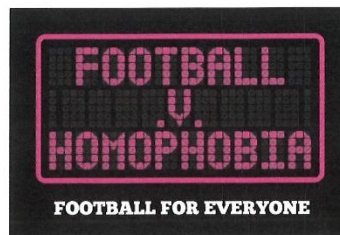
We are absolutely delighted to announce that we will be supporting the Football v Homophobia (FvH) campaign as part of the FvH Month of Action in February.

As part of the build up to the campaign, the Foundation team are running a competition through schools to spread the word that football should be for everyone and enjoyed by everyone!

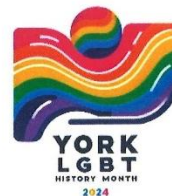
**Design a poster to tell your friends how and/or why football is for everybody.**

We will be selecting the top three poster designs. The winner will receive a family ticket (up to 5 people) and have their poster featured in the matchday programme for our Football v Homophobia fixture: York City FC vs. Woking FC on Saturday, 8th February, with kick-off at 3 PM at the LNER York Community Stadium (YO32 9AF). The two runners-up will each receive two tickets and a smaller feature in the programme.

Please send your entries to [inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk](mailto:inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk) or deliver your completed poster to the club office at the LNER Community Stadium, by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.**



York City FC  
Foundation Poster



A pdf version of the competition poster template will be made available here: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/other-whole-school-letters/>