



The Hayfield Herald

York Residential 2022

On the last day of term Year 4 returned tired and full of great memories from their first school residential to York. It was so good to be able to go on residential again and they had a marvellous time. It is the biggest group we have ever taken to York as both Year 4 classes went together. They stayed at a new venue to us by the Racecourse and had 3 days of amazing adventures.

They started off visiting the Jorvik Viking Centre where their learning last term about the Vikings was brought to life visiting a reconstructed life size replica of parts of York and a range of Viking artefacts. They went to The Dig and became archaeologists discovering evidence from York's past through Roman, Viking and Victorian times. They had a wonderful morning exploring the National Railway Museum and finding out all about rail travel over time. As a Church school one of the most important parts of the residential is the visit to York Minster, an iconic cathedral and important part of the Christian ministry. The children got to explore the historic cathedral with its breath-taking chapels and stained glass windows. They also went into the undercroft where there is evidence of the sites Roman and Viking past before it became the Minster it is today. They also spent time walking around the city and city wall seeing it's wonderful buildings and history including the Shambles Medieval Street. A new addition to the itinerary was the York Chocolate Story which we haven't visited before but is definitely a favourite of the children and staff!

Thank you for all the lovely comments and feedback we have had from parents and a huge thank you to our staff who gave up their time to make this wonderful experience possible for the children. My favourite feedback though was when Miss Vincitore called me to update me how they were doing and told me a member of the public had actually stopped them to say how exceptionally polite and well-behaved our children are – how wonderful ☺

This week we are encouraging our budding scientists to investigate and experiment at home as part of our (hopefully annual again) Science Fair. The Hub is already looking great with lots of different presentations and experiments on display from the work that the children have done. Well done to all who have contributed and I'm looking forward to reading them all when they are in.

We were super pleased to return to a face to face parent's evenings this week. The hybrid phone calls/ in person meetings has worked really well and we know has made it much easier for everyone if they couldn't make it in. It was lovely to see lots of you back in school, and for some of you the first time actually in the building. Thank you for making it all run so smoothly and for understanding when timings went a bit awry at times – we are a bit out of practice!

Over the Easter holidays there has been a lot of work going on around the school. You will probably have seen the entrance has finally been finished with the generator compound now removed. Reception Team have also been in during the holidays doing an amazing job of planting up the new sensory garden which looks great. Around the back by Y6 you probably won't have seen but Persimmon Homes have very kindly installed 3 raised garden beds for our eco-committee to start planting. We are hoping that the children will start using these for gardening and possibly even grow our own fruit and veg.

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go³ (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship