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A wonderful world

Tony

The snow had fallen and most schools had fallen victim, but not mine! Heworth school was one of the few that remained open as Siberia paid a visit to York. March the 1st, World Book Day, and a day that I aimed to help create a book in a day.

'We love having Tony come into our schools to inspire us. From literally the first minute our children were performing poems and loving it!' Michael Carr, head teacher.

It was a privilege and joy teaching the whole school, five Bible stories that looked at the big story of the fall of mankind, and how God sent Jesus to rescue us and make our hearts whiter than snow! Some of the key stories were on the cross and resurrection. I know some of those amazing poems were going to be used in the school's Easter Service. Here is one by Isobel Coulthard:

*I watch,
I watch him get arrested,
I watch him get whipped,
I watch my Lord in pain,
I watch the people laughing,
I watch the shaking earth,
I watch the dark sky,
I watch Jesus cry,
I watch*

Look for the book coming out soon...



Trustee Update

Cathy Roberts (Chair)

2018 is bringing a time of change for YoYo. In the last newsletter you saw that Carol, our administrator will be leaving her post this month. We are so grateful to Carol for all that she has brought to YoYo over the last 8 ½ years. We wish Carol and her family every blessing as they move to Oxfordshire in August. In this newsletter, we welcome Marion Barella and Amy Hoskin to the YoYo team. Marion is joining the schools team and Amy will take up her post as administration and communications officer. Both begin their new roles this term and introduce themselves below.

The YoYo week of prayer will take place beginning on 30th April. Please join us in prayer as we thank God for His provision and seek Him for continued guidance for the future. Thank you for your support.



Hello, my name is Marion Barella and I am married to Nic and we have 2 lovely daughters who attend secondary school here in York. As a family we have lived in York for 7 years, and I initially moved here to serve as pioneering community evangelist with Youth with a Mission. Before that I served internationally with Youth with a Mission and lived in

Romania, Hungary, Philippines and Egypt. As well as working part-time with YoYo I also have the privilege of working as the Children and Family Outreach Worker for Clifton Parish Churches, where our family also worship and serve.

Hi I'm Amy, I moved to York in 2013, all the way from Sydney Australia. Soon after I moved here I completed my Masters in Communication, and have since been volunteering my time designing communications strategies in the not-for-profit sector. I attend Gateway church in Acomb with my family. I help to run the Woodthorpe York Community Group, volunteer at York Parkrun even though I can't quite run the full 5k yet, and in my spare time I like to keep up to date with technology and current affairs online. I also must confess to being a huge Eurovision fan, which seems to be a controversial topic in the UK! I am very much looking forward to joining the team at YoYo and getting to know everyone.



Andy meets George - a volunteer with YoYo

How did you first get involved with YoYo?

I had been volunteering with children and youth in my church and a local school then met Andy at a youth worship event, we had a chat and I found that I was able to volunteer with YoYo so I started with 2 primary schools and then loved it so much that I added another 2 and it fits around my paid work at church so I knew Gods' hand was in everything.

What do you help with?

I help Andy on a regular basis in Acomb, Dringhouses, Hob Moor and Woodthorpe primary schools which includes assemblies, lunchtime and after school clubs and the It's Your programmes and help out with one off events such as prayer spaces.

What do you enjoy about volunteering with YoYo?

I love being able to help and feel part of an amazing team and have an opportunity to share my Christian faith with the young people I meet. There's never any pressure to help, whatever anyone can do, whether it is on a one off basis or regularly, everything is a help and a blessing to the members of the paid team. The variety of activities to take part in is great and can range from dramas and games to songs in assemblies. I have also enjoyed stepping out and being challenged to take a lead in some activities but again no pressure on anyone.

What three words would you use to describe working with YoYo?

Exciting. Inspiring. Rewarding.

If you would like to discuss volunteering options with YoYo then please get in touch with the office or complete our online volunteering form on our website.

Story Keepers

It's been a real privilege to help pioneer a new club in Lakeside this term. Alongside Tony and one of our Trustees Paul, we've set up Storykeepers, an afterschool club that runs each Wednesday. Each week we play games, get the children involved in drama, do a reflection activity and finish with a song. This term we've been looking at some of the amazing things Jesus said and did, and will finish by exploring the most wonderful thing that Jesus did at that very first Easter. One activity this term was exploring the story of Jesus being anointed with perfume. As a reflection, I gave each child some plasticine and encouraged them to make a pot and think about their gifts and how they could use these for Jesus. It was incredible to see how different each finished pot was; what an amazing illustration about each of us has been created as unique and how we each have our gifts that we can use for God's glory. *'We are like jars of clay in which this treasure is stored'* 2 Corinthians 4:7a.

Suze Newton



Taste and see

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die"

During our It's Your Easter programme we have taught children this Bible verse in assembly. Our Easter programme had a food theme this year. We looked at the bread and wine of the Last Supper, the wine vinegar offered to Jesus on the cross, and the fish he ate to prove to his disciples that he really was alive. We used the hot cross bun to link these three events together; the bread of the bun pointing to the Last Supper, the cross a symbol of Jesus' death, and the bun rising in the oven, a reminder that Jesus rose again. We had the privilege of visiting 10,000 children and teachers this Easter in 45 schools. We pray that when they ate their hot cross buns they remembered the hope and joy of the Easter message from our assembly.



Jen Dring

Prayer Spaces

We left school on the Tuesday evening having set up our Prayer Space exploring the story of Easter. Waking up on the Wednesday morning, however, plans changed with volunteers stuck in various parts of the city, and then the school being shut - the Beast from the East put a halt to our Prayer Spaces for 2 days, but we managed to make use of it for one day at least. The response from the Year 8 pupils who had an opportunity to engage with the space was encouraging, with excellent conversations taking place between pupils and our team of volunteers, seeing the story of Easter in a new light.

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