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Dear Parent/Carer,

I thought that I would start today with a bit of feedback following our Local Authority visit last week. The purpose of the visit was to establish how effectively we teach reading at Fishergate, with a particular focus on the teaching of early reading and phonics and how well our lowest attaining readers are supported. I am really pleased to be able to share some of the many strengths with you. The comment that made me the proudest is how happy our children are to be at school; their security and positivity is the bedrock that everything else builds on. Behaviour for learning was also judged as being excellent - our children are great at listening, contributing, persisting and collaborating! We have got a very effective reading culture in school, it is apparent everywhere in the building. Finally, our children are overwhelmingly positive about reading and feel confident about what they can do. Of course, we have been left with a few things to work on to make our provision even better. We will be concentrating on developing self-correction skills and making sure that our teaching is really allowing all learning to be embedded. The second part of the Local Authority visit (looking at the effectiveness of our Curriculum) had to be moved to next Friday due to Covid. I will let you know how that goes in my next newsletter.

One of our parents has asked us to let you know about a Trashion Train that Fulford School are organising. It looks like a great thing to do and might inspire a new generation of textile students. We will have the trails on sale in the school office if you would like to buy one.

All Trashion garments made by Fulford School GCSE, A level and lunch club Textiles students!

All proceeds go to St Nicks

Trail sheets £1 – and a prize to be won!

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**Trail sheets available to buy from Fulford School reception 9am-3pm/ your local primary school/ Savannah Travel
Sat 9th April 9am-1pm and Tues 12th- Thurs 14th April 9:30am -5pm**

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I have also been made award of a parenting course that some of you might be interested in. It will help you to support your child as they start to find out how the world works and learn to manage their feelings. It runs from 9:30 - 11:30 on Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks, starting 27 April at Cornerstone at St. Georges, Millfield Lane, Osbaldwick YO10 3AL. To book a place or for further information contact Helen Atkinson - 07393 [147259](tel:147259147259)/helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or visit <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

Finally, a message from Flora's Mum about the The Walk For Freedom that they did at the weekend: Some Fishergate families joined up with lots of families from York and beyond to walk 25km along the Yorkshire Coast. [We have raised 3.5k and rising](#) with offline pledges still coming in for Choose Love and the Red Cross Ukraine fund. I am so, so proud of all the children that took part and walked with minimal moaning, It was a very positive way to talk and share stories whilst thinking about the families in Ukraine and other refugees too. And the sun came out and gave us all the blue and yellow colours. We plan on walking along that coastline over the next few weekends to keep the positivity and donations coming in. Maybe we can do the whole 120km with the children, still finalising the plans for that!

Thanks so much

Ruth

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine,

Tina Clarke

