



**Filey Junior School Celebrates the Winning Trophy in  
North Yorkshire Coast Rocks Competition  
And just may have boosted students' life chances as well...**



**Ian Grice - Assistant Head Teacher  
and Maths Lead  
Filey Junior School**

**Fact File**

**School:** Filey Junior School

**Ages:** 7-11 years

**Where?** North Yorkshire  
coast, England

**Size:** approx 250 children

Rock Stars users since 2017

**Coastal Disadvantage is a Well-known Barrier to Future Prospects**

Ian Grice, Assistant Head Teacher, and maths subject lead at Filey Junior School was crying out for something to engage students in learning their times tables.

Although confidence in maths among students was fairly high, automaticity and speed were not as high as Ian and his colleagues wanted.

Unfortunately, Ian also knew that children in coastal schools have potentially further barriers to their learning and aspirations as they grow up.

"I'm sure that our school faces many typical challenges that others in locations of relative deprivation do," Ian said.

But Ian was determined to not let his students' life chances slip away from them...

## Rock Heroes

Ian snapped up the chance of getting Times Tables Rock Stars!

"It looked exciting and fun for the pupils to use. Earning coins to customise the avatars looked like a nice incentive for the children. Although we use other methods to help the children learn the tables conceptually, Times Tables Rock Stars is a great way to help test what they already know."

Ian uses Times Tables Rock Stars as part of their daily maths lessons and was impressed by how easy it was to upload and edit pupil details.

"We encourage its use to get quicker when they have got to grips with the basic facts of a table. Recent developments such as Automatic Training Mode and Jamming have made me even more confident in asking children to use TT Rock Stars, as it enables children to work at a level that is suitable for them."

Ian is so proud of how his students are succeeding...

"Children who regularly score 25/25 get awarded a special star badge! This has really encouraged children to succeed. We also purchase Rock Hero badges from you to reward those who are super-fast! We use Class Dojo to celebrate these achievements."

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## A Stunning Achievement

Filey Junior School's achievements don't stop there.

Class 11 came a triumphant **1st** in North Yorkshire Coast Rocks.

"Class 11 really acted as a team and were absolutely determined from the start that they would win. They all wanted to be in at break times to top up their scores and also worked hard at home."

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Ian is well aware of how his students' rocketing confidence will shape their future opportunities...

"It makes a huge difference. Higher confidence helps to lead to higher attainment. This will have a massive impact on life chances," Ian smiled.

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### **North Yorkshire Coast Rocks Stats:**

**CLASS AVERAGE PER USER:**

**10,850**

**CLASS 11 - FIRST PLACE**

**CLASS TOTAL:**

**227,842**

**CLASS 11 - SECOND PLACE**

**SCHOOL AVERAGE PER USER:**

**2,165**

**FOURTH PLACE**

**SCHOOL TOTAL:**

**506,547**

**SECOND PLACE**

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