



November 2018

New York Primary School

We have had a very busy few weeks and have been pleased to welcome parents in to school for various events including Book Look, Parents Evenings, Assemblies and a Wellie Waddle. We attended a thought provoking Remembrance assembly lead by Year 6 and our beautiful artwork is on display in Reception. New York pupils have attended a number of sporting events and music events and we are very proud of their achievements. I have been particularly proud of how well supported our pupils are by parents and families and I would like to thank all of those who have attended book looks, football matches, the Ceilidh, Engineering for Families and the Whitley Bay Playhouse.

Our outdoor area continues to develop as new and interesting items are introduced to promote safe, imaginative and creative play. Thank you for all your donations. Please remember to provide your child with wellies and waterproofs to enable them to choose to play out in damp weather without getting their uniform muddy.

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher to Year 5. Mrs Davidson has joined the team!

We have a spectacular few weeks to look forward to and I hope you have dates in your diaries to attend the many festive events we hold. Dates are on the back page of the newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.1% which is slightly below our target of 96.5%

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
1/10/2018	93.7%	IKR	100%
8/10/2018	95.3%	RSH 2AR	99.2%
15/10/2018	96.5%	2LM	99.6%
22/10/2018	96.1%	IBK/ IKR	100%
5/11/2018	97.6%	5JG	100%
12/11/2018	97%	IKR	100%

Year 5 Class Assembly

On Wednesday 17th November, Year 5 had a class assembly about the ancient Greeks. The rehearsals clearly paid off as it was an exciting assembly with lots of facts, acting and singing which was performed in front of lots of family members. Highlights included rapping by Greek Gods, a drama production of Theseus and the Minotaur and amazing singing and dancing.

We hope to see you all for our Greek Day on Thursday 29th November, where we will enjoy Greek food and dancing as part of our Greek Week.

School Council @ Quadrant

On Wednesday 17th October our School Councillors from Yr2-Yr6 attended a Local Democracy Event at the Quadrant. We met lots of children from other schools and listened to what they do to make their school a better place. As a School Council we spoke about improving behaviour on the yard at break times and lunch time. From this we came up with a set of rules which are going to be displayed on our yard. Keep your eyes peeled for them.

Harvest Assemblies

We had a fantastic turnout for each of our Harvest Festivals this year, standing room only! We are very proud of all the hard work that the children put into these performances and wish to thank you all for your generous food donations for the People's kitchen.



ROBINWOOD

On Wednesday 10th October 40 adventurous children and 6 brave teachers headed off for our annual visit to Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in Alston. Throughout their 3 days the children proved themselves to be a credit to their families and school, tackling challenges with communication, teamwork and respect of their friends feelings.



Remembrance Assembly

On Friday 9th November Year 6 lead a poignant Remembrance assembly to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. Each class contributed to a poppy display which can be found in the school main reception.

AntiBullying Week

This week we have taken part in Anti-bullying week. We kicked off the week by wearing odd socks to school to promote difference. The theme this year was #ChooseRespect and each class has spent time this week discussing this, producing some fantastic work.



Reception Magnets Workshop

On Tuesday 16th October our Reception Classes were treated to a Magnets masterclass from the NU STEM team. We had lots of fun exploring different types of magnets, finding objects that attract and objects that repel.



HotPotz Tile Wall -

On Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October, we received a special prize that we had won during the previous Summer Term. All children took part in creating a tile which will be part of a Tile Wall provided by HotPotz in North Shields. We are really looking forward to receiving the finished tiles so look out for the wall taking shape in the next few weeks! Thank you to all parents, family members and friends who voted in the competition on social media to support us in winning this fantastic prize.

Year 2 NUSTEM Marble Run Workshop

On Friday 12th October our Year 2 Classes enjoyed a session from the NUSTEM team where they had the opportunity to become engineers and build their own marble runs. The children had a fantastic time and showed some great teamwork skills!

RNLI

On Wednesday 14th November, the RNLI came to teach us all about staying safe in the water and at the beach. We learned a lot and had great fun too!



OPAL Update

As part of our continuing journey to becoming an OPAL Accredited School all children will have access to the school field no matter what the weather! Children will need either a pair of wellies or a spare pair of shoes (trainers etc) to play on the field.

Donations have been coming in thick and fast from local businesses, Mrs Hubbard & Steve our caretaker went to the Tyne Tunnel this week to collect a whole carload of equipment. If you have any links to local businesses that may be interested in supporting us, please get in touch.

Year 5 @ The Great North Museum.

On Tuesday 6th November Year 5 went to the Great North Museum to take part in a mission to Mars workshop as part of their Science—Earth & Space topic.

The children learnt all about the Solar System and the progressions in Science that have allowed astronauts to travel to Mars. We were very excited to get to hold a 3 Billion Year old piece of the planet!

The classes then went off to explore the other exhibitions, including the Greeks in preparation for their History & Geography focus.

During the afternoon the children took part in a Scavenger Hunt around the museum.



Ceilidh

On Tuesday 20th November, Year 4 pupils attended a Ceilidh event at the Exchange in North Shields. Pupils rehearsed all day and learnt new songs on their recorders and drums. We enjoyed singing, dancing and performing with many other talented musicians from across North Tyne-side. As a celebration, at the end of the day the children performed for parents who joined us in the Ceilidh dancing. Thank you to all parents and families who supported this event and well done to all pupils who were well behaved, motivated and remained positive throughout the day.

Choir @ STEAM Recording Studio

Last week our choir attended the Y Studio in North Shields to record and produce a CD of songs. We have such a strong repertoire and we wanted to capture just how great we sound. We were surprised at how hard it was and what a lot of effort goes into the quality recording of just one song. As ever our pupils behaved beautifully. Choir members give up part of their lunchtime each week to rehearse, so this event was a treat to thank them for their commitment. CDs will be available to order from 1st December.

The Whitley Bay Playhouse

Once again our school choir made us all extremely proud when they performed three songs at a charity concert in aid of North Shields Rotary Club. Lots of rehearsals in school made for an outstanding performance from all the pupils, thank you to everyone who came to support such a worthy cause and our wonderful choir!



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New York Sporting News

Littleton League

On Thursday the 15th November The U11 football team competed in the Littleton League. They represented the school with the utmost pride and they performed very well despite being narrowly beaten in both games. New York now sit fourth in the Littleton League table with the next round of fixtures due in January next year.

Girls Football at Valley Gardens

On Tuesday 23rd October our Girls Football Team were invited to play in a round robin tournament with 3 other schools. We showed great determination and effort (even against the wind!), playing as a team for the first time this season.



Handball

Year 5 have been lucky enough to have a coach from Tyne Met college come into school to teach 4 handball lessons, in preparation for a festival in December. All pupils have enjoyed learning new skills for a brand new sport. We are learning the different rules and different tactics.

Miss Gladstone and Mrs Potter are extremely impressed with the pupils attitude towards the lessons and the resilience shown.



Sports Leaders

A group of Year 5 Sports Leaders attended Sports Leader training at Langdale a few weeks ago and have been putting their new skills into practice, leading lunch time activities for their peers. So far they have mainly focused on skipping to support Year 4 with their skipping festival practice. The children have excellent ideas for the upcoming months and are currently sorting out equipment into bags that can be used for different games and activities at break and lunch time!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to report any incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour to Police or North Tyneside Council. Please call Northumbria Police on 101 for any non-urgent incidents. Information can be passed to North Shields Neighbourhood Policing Team via e-mail at northshields.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk or to North Tyneside Council on Community.Protection@northtyneside.gov.uk or call 0191 643 7710.

Reminders

Skipping Ropes

Skipping ropes are available at the office for Year 4 children to purchase if they would like to practice for the Skipping Festival. They are £5 and your child will know which colour is correct according to their height.

Book Fair

A huge thank to you all who were able to visit our Book Fair this year. Thanks to your generous support we sold £640 worth of books giving us a fantastic £320 to spend on new books for our school!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents Evening this term. We hope you are as proud of your children as we are. If you've not yet had your appointment please catch up with your child's teacher.

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November we donned our spots for the Annual Children in Need Spotacular. The day saw us raise £324.79 through non uniform and spotty cake sales!



Christmas Performance Tickets

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday 4th December. Tickets will be on a first come first served basis for £2.00 each. Which will include entry into a prize draw.



St Oswald's Festive Friends

Once again we will be selling these Festive Friends for £2.00 each to raise funds for St Oswald's Hospice. We have only 2 boxes so get yourself along to the Office and get one quick as these usually fly out of the door!



As the Christmas fayre looms we would welcome donations for our various stalls including bottles, gifts, toys, raffle prizes etc. You are always so generous and all funds raised are used to benefit children in school.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 29th November - Flu Immunisations—Nasal Spray
- Thursday 29th November - Year 5 Greek Afternoon
- Thursday 6th December - Year 5 Handball festival
- Friday 7th December - Christmas Fayre - 2:00pm
- Tuesday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Performance 1:30pm & 6:00pm
- Wednesday 12th December - EYFS & KSI Christmas Performance 1:30pm & 6:00pm
- Thursday 13th December - Christmas Jumper & Lunch day. Christmas Scene in a box judging day.
- Friday 14th December - Family Christmas Crafts am & pm
- Monday 17th December - Year 1&2 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 18th December - EYFS Christmas Party
- Wednesday 19th December - Carols in the Yard 9:15am
- Wednesday 19th December - Year 5&6 Christmas Party
- Thursday 20th December - Year 3&4 Christmas Party
- Friday 21st December - Children finish for Christmas
- Monday 7th January - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 8th January - Children return back to school.

Litter

There is an increasing amount of litter around the perimeter of school. We are in touch with the council to support us in keeping our area clean and pupils have volunteered to do a supervised litter pick. I have also requested bins to be placed along the path. Please ensure that you do not drop or leave litter and keep New York clean and tidy. We also would like to remind parents not to smoke in front of the school gates. Thank You

Pre Christmas Toy Sort Out.

If you are having a sort out of toys before Santa arrives, please think of the Christmas Fayre. Foundation Stage are also looking for sets on small characters for storytelling. Please send them along to the Unit.



Foundation Stage Requests

Foundation Stage are running very low on socks, boys underpants and trousers aged 3-4/5-6. If you have any that have been borrowed from school please can you return. Or if you are having a clear out please can you think of us and send them into school
Many Thanks