



May 2019

New York Primary School

This was a short half term but no less important than previous, with both Year 6 pupils and Year 2 pupils completing their SATS. This has been particularly challenging time for many of our Year 6 pupils who face the transition to different high schools and for some the uncertainty of which high school they will attend due to excessive numbers of Year 6 students this year. Appeals panels run into mid June so it is a waiting game. Despite this, our pupils were outstanding in their attitude to SATS and were a credit to their families and school for their mature and determined approach. I would also like to thank the rest of school for respecting this time and remaining calm and peaceful around test times. Thank you to all families for ensuring that their child arrived at school promptly, in time for breakfast and ready to face each SATS day. Year 2 pupils completed their SATS over a two week period and quite rightly celebrated with a well deserved ice cream at the end of the fortnight. Thank you all.

Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.7% which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
06/05/19	95.8%	4BD	99.4%
13/05/19	96.3%	6RB and 1BK	100%
20/5/19	94.7%	1BK	100%



Elmer Day

Thank you to every one of you that contributed to our Elmer day—it really was ‘elefantastic!’ with so much going on! It was lovely to see so many parents coming to our coffee morning with many cakes proving to be incredibly popular (Mrs Shaw needs to change her career—her orange and poppy seed cake was a winner!).



The children looked fantastic in their bright and colourful Elmer colours enabling us to pull off our huge ‘human Elmer’ in style and in the afternoon

we all got creative, making our very own Elmer herds. The lucky winners of our school competition were also announced and will be drawing their pictures onto our Elmer to be painted. Well done everyone and thank you to Chris Felton, Metro Radio DJ, who had the hard job of choosing those winners. All proceeds raised by our events will all be going to St Oswald’s Hospice. Please follow our school Elmer on Twitter, if you don’t already! **@nypselmer**. We still have many amazing activities up our sleeve - you may even be the first to see our Elmer when she is revealed!

Reception- Miss Hollywood - Olly

Reception- Miss Eiles - Alicja

Year 1 - Miss Ransome - Esmae

Year 1 - Miss Keay - Shania and Ved

Year 2 - Miss Middleton - Erin

Year 2 - Mrs Prince - Sai

Year 3 - Mr Lisle - Lexi

Year 4 - Miss Drake - PeiBi

Year 4 - Mrs Middleton - Daniel

Year 5 - Mrs Davidson/Mrs Potter - Macey

Year 5 - Miss Gladstone - Youseff

Year 6 - Mr Howard - Andy

Year 6 - Mrs Blakey - Holly



Who Helps Us?

The children in Foundation Stage have been learning all about the people who help us in our school and the wider community. We have had visits from Nurse Jackie, the police and a fire engine. Each time we have had a visitor the children have learnt about how they keep us safe and asked some very well thought out questions. We look forward to meeting more people who help us as part of STEM week activities before the end of this term.

OPAL Update

We are always very grateful for any contributions of unwanted toys or dressing up clothes so that our playtimes are as fun as possible!

We are excited to invite all parents into school to learn more about OPAL and enjoy an OPAL playtime with your child. More information coming soon!

Year 5 Snappy Opera

Year 5 have recently started workshops to create their own 'Snappy Opera'. This is a fantastic project where Year 5 pupils work alongside professionals from a London based performance company, Mahogany Opera, to create a modern, 10-minute operatic piece. We will even be making our own costumes, props and scenery ready for a performance at Whitley Bay Playhouse on 3rd July. Although it is early days, it is already looking amazing!

Year 4 Samba

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 4 Samba performance on Friday 24th May. All pupils in Year 4 performed a variety of music, showcasing the rhythmic skills on djembes and samba instruments. With support from Elliot Rush from the Music services, they had learnt how to remember different beats using songs and rhymes. We are very proud of the brilliant effort and excellent show produced by our Year 4s.

Community Events

New York is proud to host half termly community meetings which provide the opportunity for residents, parents, police, school and community protection teams to come together to celebrate what is going well among our community and to discuss any causes for concern. Discussions at the last meeting involved concerns about motorbike riding along pathways. There is an ongoing issue with litter and although this has noticeably improved we were pleased and proud to join with the local police and residents in a community litter pick on Wednesday June 5th.

The next community meeting is on 9th July at 6.00pm in the school hall. Please come along and have a cuppa and discuss any concerns or positives you have.

Nursery Zoo trip

On Wednesday 22nd May, Nursery visited Northumberland Zoo, where we found out all about the role of a zoo keeper. During our time exploring the zoo, we were so lucky to have close encounters with Lemurs and wallabies, as well as touching stick insects, giant snails and a skink! We had a fantastic day and the children were all a credit to New York Primary School.



Staff Changes

As you may be aware Miss Ransome will be commencing her maternity after phonics week. For the remainder of the summer term, Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Potter. Mrs Bourne will be teaching in Year 5. She has taught this class before and is looking forward to working with them again. Mrs Potter will commence her maternity leave in September. I will notify parents of the staff structure for September towards the end of the summer term.

Year 1 Phonics Screeners

Just a friendly reminder that all children in Year 1 will be completing the phonics screener checks the week beginning 10th June. This is nothing for children to worry about and lots of practice has been taking place in school all year, however, please can you ensure that your child is in school promptly during this week. Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask Miss Ransome or Miss Keay.

Book Look

We had another super turnout at our Summer Book Look at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Thank you to those of you who were able to come and discuss learning with your child and celebrate the achievements evidenced in their work. I enjoy reading your feedback and I know that our children are thrilled to chat about their learning. School governors attend these sessions and always remark on how well our pupils are able to describe and evaluate their successes.

New York Sporting News

St James Park trip

To celebrate the upcoming Women's World Cup we were invited to St James Park for a stadium tour on Wednesday 22nd May. Two lucky girls from Year 3 and Miss Eiles went along for the afternoon. As part of the tour we went up to Level 7, the highest point of the stadium and then pitch side. We were even allowed to sit in Rafa's chair! We had a quick peek in the changing rooms before finding out that we will represent Australia at a tournament in July.



Year 3/4 Rugby Fan Zone

On Thursday 9th May, pupils from Year 3 and 4 attended a Rugby Fan Zone on the Newcastle/ Gateshead Quayside. The fan zone was part of city-wide celebrations for the European Rugby Challenge Cup and the Champions Cup which took place over the weekend of the 10-11th May.

Pupils enjoyed participating in mini tag-rugby games, launched themselves into the tackle bag and gave their best shot at throwing the rugby ball. We would like to thank the Falcons for supporting these fantastic opportunities which pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

Girls' Football

We have trained and had lots of practice matches and now our Littleton League has begun at John Spence High School. We played the first 2 matches before half term, winning both! The girls showed excellent teamwork and commitment throughout both matches and are looking forward to the next few games.

Year 6 Athletics

On the 22nd May, 16 Year 6 children took part in an athletics competition at Churchill Playing Fields. Cricket balls were thrown, hurdles were leapt over, batons were passed and races were run. All of our New York children who took part showed bundles of determination, resilience and team spirit. We are incredibly proud of them and hope they continue to be inspiring athletes as they make the move to high school!



Dates for your diary

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June - Year One Phonics Screening Week

Wednesday 12th June - Reception Trip to Rising Sun - Pirate Map Day

Thursday 13th June - Nursery New Starters' Meeting

Monday 17th - Friday 21st June - STEM Week

Thursday 20th June - Reception New Starters Meeting

Thursday 20th June—NUSTEM Family Session

Friday 21st June - STEM Fair pm

Monday 24th June - Nursery & 2YO Sports morning (10:00 - 11:00) afternoon (2:00 - 3:00)

Tuesday 25th June - Reception & Key Stage One Sports afternoon 1:30

Wednesday 26th June—Sponsored Sports Run for Elmer!

Thursday 27th June - Key Stage Two Sports Afternoon

Thursday 27th June - LEGO League Event @ SAGE

Friday 28th June - Summer Fayre 2:00pm (No After School Clubs)

Monday 1st July - Y5 That History Bloke Workshop

Wednesday 3rd July - Y1/2 Able Writers Day

Wednesday 3rd July - Snappy Opera

Wednesday 3rd July - Y3/4 Girls Football@ Northumbria University

Friday 5th July - WW2 Day

Saturday 6th July - Shiremoor Treat

Monday 8th July - Y6 Mission to Mars Workshop

Tuesday 9th July - Y3/4 Beach Trip

Tuesday 9th July - Reception New Starters Lunch

Wednesday 10th July - Year 1/2 Beach Trip

Wednesday 10th July - Reception New Starters Lunch

Thursday 11th July - Y5/6 Beach Trip

Friday 12th July - Summer Festival

Friday 12th July - Clubs finish for Summer Term

Saturday 13th July - Mouth of the Tyne Festival

Tuesday 16th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 16th July—Enterprise Fair pm

Wednesday 17th July - Foundation Stage & 2YO Beach Trip

Thursday 18th July - Last Day for pupils