



October 2019

New York Primary School

This has been a very busy half term at New York. We do not have many 8 week half terms in a school year, but we needed this one as there has been so much to fit in. Teachers have organised educational visits, sporting events and visitors into school. We have enjoyed trialling new IT equipment, new OPAL equipment and new sports equipment as well as lots of new reading books. There have also been lots of opportunities to welcome families into school including the wonderful 'reading with your child' sessions. There will be more of these over the year to look forward to. The science, engineering and maths for families will continue throughout the year and thanks to all who have supported this with Mr Lisle. Please follow us on Twitter and have a look at our informative website. Happy half term holiday everyone - enjoy your week off!

Mrs Shaw

School Telephone Number

As of next half term, our school telephone number will have changed. The new number is:

0191 8141788

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94% which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
30/09/19	91.9%	Y5 ED/JB	98.6%
07/10/19	93%	Y3 DA	98.5%
14/10/19	96.2%	Rec RE, Y4 BD, Y5 ED	100%





Reception Visit to the Seven Stories Elmer...Strut Your Stuff!



On Tuesday 8th October, both Reception classes headed out on their first visit of the year. We boarded the bus to Seven Stories in Ouseburn to take part in an Elmer Strut your Stuff workshop to round off our learning about 'Our Colourful World'. We listened to many stories, explored the exhibitions for popular David McKee characters, looking for our favourite pieces of artwork and then took part in a workshop based on Elmer's Special Day. We strutted our stuff on the red carpet before lunch and then climbed the Seven Stories to the attic for a fantastic story session before heading back to school.



Sports Day Fun Day Lunch



Our October Fun Day lunch was a great success with prizes galore won after finding the golden tickets. All children were invited to wear sports clothing or to come dressed as their favourite sporting hero or heroine. We loved having this opportunity to celebrate inspirational people in the sporting world!



Harvest Festivals



As always we had a fabulous turnout for the EYFS and KS1 and KS2 Harvest Assemblies. We are extremely proud of the beautiful singing, clear speaking and stunning artwork that our children produced. Thank you to all of the families who provided donations for our harvest table, all of these will be given to the Bay Food Bank to provide essentials for families in North Tyneside.

Online Safety Day

On Monday 14th October, Mr Bailey from Animate2Educate came to school for an Online Safety day. All classes from Nursery to Year 6 participated in workshops and information sessions. We learnt a lot about how to stay safe online, including advice on keeping our personal information private and top tips for creating a secure online password.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the parent sessions and the NSPCC coffee morning, we will be regularly tweeting and adding a



page to our website with further information on how to keep your child safe online and how to talk to them about what they are doing with their digital technologies.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and all pupils must be in school at this time. So far this term there have been 146 occasions of lateness amounting to 37 hours (a week's worth) of lost learning. Green letters have been sent out to parents where their child has been late on more than 2 occasions in the last 4 weeks. If punctuality is an issue for you please come in to school to seek support to improve it. Our whole school attendance target is 96.5% and we are currently at 96.2%. It is your parental responsibility to ensure that your child attends school.



Reading Bingo



Starting over the half term and running until Christmas, we will be holding a Reading Bingo for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Each phase will have a number of tasks to carry out. When complete, bring your bingo card back into school and you will be entered into a prize draw to win something exciting! The closing date for entries is Friday 13th December. Don't forget to tweet us with #NYPsreading so we can see you completing the challenges!

Book Look

After a busy half term the Book Look has been a moment of reflection to look back over all of the impressive work that your children have produced this half term. We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's work and sharing their reading book with them. After consultation with parents, we slightly tweaked our sessions, giving you the chance to spend time 1:1 with your children and spending some quality time sharing a book with your child. Please let us know how this worked for you.

Robinwood

On October 9th, our Year 6 classes headed off for their annual visit to Robinwood with all children very excited for the three days of adventure that lay ahead! After a short hike to Barhaugh Hall, the activities began. Flying out of trees, tackling the piranhas, completing the Knight's Quest and the Giant Swing to name but a few!

The children developed so many of our PROUD characteristics including teamwork and determination. They challenged themselves and overcame their fears on land, water and in the air!

We are awaiting delivery of team photos and certificates then we will be holding a photo presentation afternoon. Further details after half term.



Year 5/6 Dodgeball



A selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a dodgeball competition against other local schools at the Evolution Sports Centre. They played 8 games in total and won 6 of these. All participants displayed a fantastic attitude and represented the school wonderfully.

Parents Evening

We are holding our Autumn Term Parents' Evening on Wednesday 6th November. Please make sure that you have got your appointments booked in; time slips have been sent out this week.

Year 4 Housesteads Trip

On Monday 21st October, Year 4 visited Housesteads Roman Fort to immerse themselves in the history and geography of Romans. Pupils



enjoyed a murder mystery workshop where they used evidence to solve the mystery of two skeletons that were found at Housesteads before World War II. Everyone explored the Fort to collect clues and then presented their ideas to the rest of the class. All pupils behaved impeccably and represented school with pride and respect.

Safeguarding Update

Please note that from Monday 4th November 2019 the double gates at the front of school will be locked during the day. They will be open as usual at the start and end of the school day but in between these times the gates will be locked. Visitors who need access to school outside of these times can do so by entering via the single gate situated next to the Early Years fence further along the path. This is to increase safeguarding of pupils, particularly when on the school yard.

Community News

Our next community meeting will be held in school on Thursday 21st November at 6.00pm.

Fliers will go out nearer the time but put this date in your diary and come along for a cuppa and a chat with other residents of New York and the professional bodies that serve our community including Police, Housing, the Safer Estates team and Local Councillors. We discuss the positives within our area, highlight the areas that need to improve and support each other in what action needs to be taken to make it all happen.



Halloween Discos



On Thursday 24th October a very spooky scene was found in the KS2 hall! EYFS, KS1 & KS2 children all enjoyed their Halloween discos with games and dancing a plenty. All funds raised at these events go towards buying resources to enhance your child's school experiences.

Community Litter Pick

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who participated in the community litter pick on Tuesday 22nd October. We were very proud of the fantastic turnout and many passers-by commented on the difference that we were making!



Year 5/6 Athletics

On Tuesday 22nd October, 18 Year 5/6s attended the North Tyneside Indoor Athletics Competition. They each had 2 field events and 2 track events to complete and we are so proud of the attitude and commitment from all of the pupils.

OPAL Platinum Presentation

Many of you will recall that we were proud to be awarded the Platinum level for our Outdoor Play and Learning. The Assessor stated that this is one of the best outdoor provisions in the country. OPAL promotes richer and more satisfying playtimes where pupils are able to use their imaginations, problem solve, build and design through play. On Friday 4th October, we were presented with the plaque confirming our Platinum and were pleased to welcome parents to join pupils and staff on a rainy OPAL afternoon. We continue to build our store of toys and parts for OPAL play and gratefully receive anything you think would be useful.

Old pans for the mud kitchen is on the list.

Please remember wellies and waterproofs to access wet and muddy areas. We do our best to wash and dry particularly muddy clothes and have a stock of spare waterproof trousers for pupils to use.

Thank you.

Year 4 Great North Museum Trip

On Thursday 17th October, Year 4 visited the Great North



Museum to support their learning in Science. Pupils enjoyed a workshop about skeletons which helped them to think about the ways in which animals' teeth can help us to learn about what they eat. After that, we explored the museum and worked in the galleries to complete food chains.