



September 2019

New York Primary School

As ever at New York, it has been a busy few weeks and pupils have made positive transitions into their new year groups.

We have welcomed visitors in and attended educational visits out of school. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our Polar Explorer and RNLI Lifeguard into our school and Year 2 made us very proud at the Multi-skills Fitness morning they attended. Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and Year 4 eagerly await their turn!

We have changed our curriculum this year -please look on the website to see what new topics your child is learning. All classes are reading a whole class text and these texts link to the learning over the Autumn term.

From my office, I have heard one or two Harvest songs being practised - make sure you have the date in your diary for our festivals (see back of newsletter).

We want this to be a year where all pupils 'Come as you are. Leave at your best' and staff will continue to work tirelessly to support your children.

Mrs Shaw

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 97.1% which is slightly above our target of 96.5%

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
02.09.19	94.9%	Y1 BK	99.1%
09.09.19	95.9%	Y2 LS, Y1 BK, RRE	100%
16.09.19	97.4%	Y5 JM	100%
23.09.19	97.1%	Y5 ED/JB	100%

## Roald Dahl Day



On Friday 13th September we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Pupils enjoyed a range of learning through the stories of Roald Dahl with lots of exciting activities occurring throughout school to acknowledge the day.



## Coming Soon!

Parents of Year 6 pupils can soon look forward to some healthy and delicious home cooked meals through our veggie bag scheme! Don't forget to share your creations on Twitter—we love to see what you all make together!



## Lego League

In PLZ on Fridays, Year 5 and 6 pupils have begun to prepare for the City Shaper Lego League challenge. They have displayed great teamwork skills by building the models and we are now beginning to build the robot that will guide us through each mission. Look out for updates on our progress on Twitter!

## School Council Elections

On Monday 23rd September, we held our School Council Elections. Those who wanted to be elected made a speech in front of their year group, explaining why they should be voted in. Once the speeches were made, the ballot was open and the votes were cast. Our fantastic Year Six School Councillors ran the morning and helped to count the votes. We are proud to announce that our School Council members this year will be:



Year 1	Elle and Olly
Year 2	Kai and Ruby
Year 3	Zak and Lili
Year 4	Caydon and Bethany
Year 5	Josh and Layla
Year 6	Amy and Ethan

## RNLI

On Thursday 26th September, we welcomed the RNLI lifeguard service into school. They provided workshops for all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, giving advice on how to stay safe near water. The lifeguards told us some very interesting facts and some of us even got to be lifeguards for the day! Ask your child to tell you some of the facts that they learned!



## OPAL Updates

Our OPAL scheme continues to thrive with children loving the latest additions to their outdoor areas! In order to ensure that we continue to provide children with the best possible OPAL experience we would be grateful for donations of any of the following:

- Toy cars of all sizes
- Dolls
- Sheets/blankets
- Plastic toys
- Scooters
- Sandpit toys (buckets, spades, plastic bowls, plastic measuring jugs etc.)
- Dressy up clothes (including unwanted adult clothes, such as skirts, dresses, shirts, jumpers, coats, hats and bags)



Any items can be given to Mrs Smith, Miss Hubbard or to the office.  
Thank you!

## Thank you!

After more than 20 years service serving as a school governor and 17 years holding the position of Chair of Governors, Mrs K Simmonds has resigned from her post. School governors are the largest voluntary group in the country and the role is demanding, accountable and challenging. I am sure that you would wish to join me, staff and pupils of New York in thanking Mrs Simmonds for her hard work and dedication to New York Primary School and in giving so generously of her time over the years.

## Lighthouse Art

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September, New York took part in a pop-up Art Gallery at the Low Light's Art Gallery on the North Shield's Fish Quay. Our artwork celebrated 'The Coast' and we took inspiration from the St Mary's Lighthouse. Thank you to those parents and children who visited the gallery; we hope you felt as proud as us about the artwork that was created by our pupils!



## Tour of Britain



On Monday 9th September, our KS2 children lined up outside The Parks Sports Centre to watch some of the world's best cyclists race through North Shields for Stage Three of the 2019 Ovo Energy Tour of Britain race.

Cyclists started their day at Berwick-upon-Tweed and after passing through Whitley Bay, Tynemouth and North Shields they ended in Newcastle City Centre. We couldn't believe how fast the cyclists were as we waved our flags and shouted encouragement!

KS1 children celebrated the event by bringing bikes and scooters into school and spending part of the afternoon whizzing around our school yard. What a fantastic occasion for us all to have been a part of!

## Be On Time Please!



A number of pupils are late for school. May I remind parents that the school start time is 8.55 am. Since September 3rd there have been 89 occasions where pupils have been late for school. The average number of minutes late is 12. That equates to more than 17 hours of lost learning. It is essential that your child is on time for school. It is parents responsibility to ensure that your child is in school on time. We need this to improve and letters will be sent out to parents where pupils are regularly late.

## Wildside Nature Workshops

On Monday 23rd September, our Year 2 and Year 4 pupils each participated in a nature workshop provided by a worldwide explorer.



Year 2 pupils enjoyed learning more about different polar animals as a part of their current Arctic topic. They examined photographs, feathers and fossils belonging to a variety of polar animals before acting out the behaviour of these wonderful creatures.

Year 4 gained a sneak peak into their future South America topic through a Rainforest workshop! They learnt about animals that might be found in rainforests located throughout the world and participated in different activities which helped them to imagine what it would be like to live in a Rainforest tribe. They thoroughly enjoyed hunting for food by berry foraging, fishing and searching for insects in the undergrowth.

## Year 2 Multi-skills Festival

On Thursday 26th September, our Year 2 pupils participated in a Multi-skills Festival at the Evolution Football Centre. The children threw themselves into every sporting activity with huge enthusiasm and made us all very proud with their fantastic behaviour and attitudes!



## Elmer Updates

A lot of children and adults have been very busy over the summer holidays, taking part in the Elmer Great North Trail. Some of us have been very lucky to have been able to follow the clues given and find our very own Enya! In case you don't know she is situated in Wallsend Library — if you haven't already please go down to see her. We are very proud to announce that, thanks to the kindness of everybody involved with our Elmer activities and fundraising events, we managed to raise a massive £1584.90 for St Oswald's Hospice!



## School Calendar

Did you know you can now add our school calendar to your phone or tablet?

Visit the school website and click here:

### Upcoming Events

SEP 23 Mon 9:30 am School Council Elections

SEP 24 Tue 10:00 am Robinwood Parents Meeting 2pm an...

SEP 25 Wed 9:30 am EYFS Woods sessions begin

OCT 3 Thu all-day Sports Day Fun Day Lunch

OCT 8 Tue 9:30 am Reception visit to Seven Stories

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the children and adults who contributed to our Macmillan coffee morning!

## Uniform

It is great to see so many pupils looking smart in their New York uniform. May I remind you that footwear should be black shoes or trainers (completely black). Please ensure that your child has the required PE kit in school. All pupils must access PE and without the correct kit this can be difficult and causes a delay to the start of lessons.

Thank you.

## Sharing Success!

A number of pupils have shared their successes over the holidays in various clubs that they attend. These include football, karate and crafts.



Please let us know of any more 'out of school' clubs that your child attends as we would like to produce a school display celebrating them.

## County Football Trials

Two of our children, McKenzie and Finley, were selected to attend county football trials for North Tyneside! Both boys represented the school very well displaying a mature and competitive attitude.



## Dates for your diary



Tuesday 1st October - School Photographer

Thursday 3rd October - National Poetry Day

Thursday 3rd October - Sporting Heroes Lunch day.

Friday 4th October - OPAL Platinum Presentation Day

Tuesday 6th October - Reception Trip to Seven Stories

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th October - Year 6 trip to Robinwood

Monday 14th October - Online Safety Day - Parents session 9:00am & 2:40pm

Monday 14th October - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thursday 17th October- Year 4 visit to Great North Museum

Monday 21st October- Year 4 visit to Housesteads Roman Fort

Wednesday 23rd October - EYFS & KSI Harvest Assembly 9:15am

Thursday 24th October - KS2 Harvest Assembly 9:15am

Thursday 24th October - Halloween Disco

Friday 25th October - Book Look 9:15am - 10:45am and 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Friday 25th October - Finish for Half Term

Monday 4th November - Return to school

Wednesday 6th November - 3:30 - 6:00 - Parents Evening

Friday 8th November - Friendship Friday

Friday 8th November - Remembrance Assembly (children only)

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 14th November - Year 6 Parents' Robinwood Slideshow



## Dates for your diary



Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November - World Nursery Rhyme Week (EYFS)

Tuesday 19th November - Reception & Year 6 Immunisations

Thursday 21st November - EYFS Welly Waddle

Thursday 5th December - After School Clubs finish

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 10th December - KS2 Christmas Performances 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Wednesday 11th December - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper, Lunch & Scene in a Box Day

Friday 13th December - Family Christmas Crafts

Monday 16th December - Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December - 2YO & Nursery Christmas Party am  
Reception Christmas Party - pm

Wednesday 18th December - Carols on the Yard - 9:00am

Wednesday 18th December - Year 1 / 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December - Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December - School finishes for Christmas

Monday 6th January 2020 - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school.