



November 2019

New York Primary School

As we approach the end of this Autumn term we can reflect upon the many positives of life at New York. We are proud of all our sporting successes in recent weeks including Littleton League Football results and our wonderful achievements at the North Tyneside athletics event. We are delighted to have been re-accredited with the prestigious Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). One quote in the assessors report states; *New York Primary School offers incredibly high inclusive provision where learners are well supported, engaged and happy and outcomes, in turn, are high. #PROUD.*

Another proud moment that many of you shared this month was the performance of our school choir at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. We were invited to open the show and open it we did with a fantastic performance. Our 'Keep Singing' by Rick Astley was so impressive that we are one of only two primary schools in North Tyneside to be nominated to represent our local area in the North East Choir of the Year 2020. We are hugely proud and cannot wait! I look forward to seeing you at our various Festive events over the next few weeks. Please check the calendar for dates and times.

Mrs Shaw

Attendance

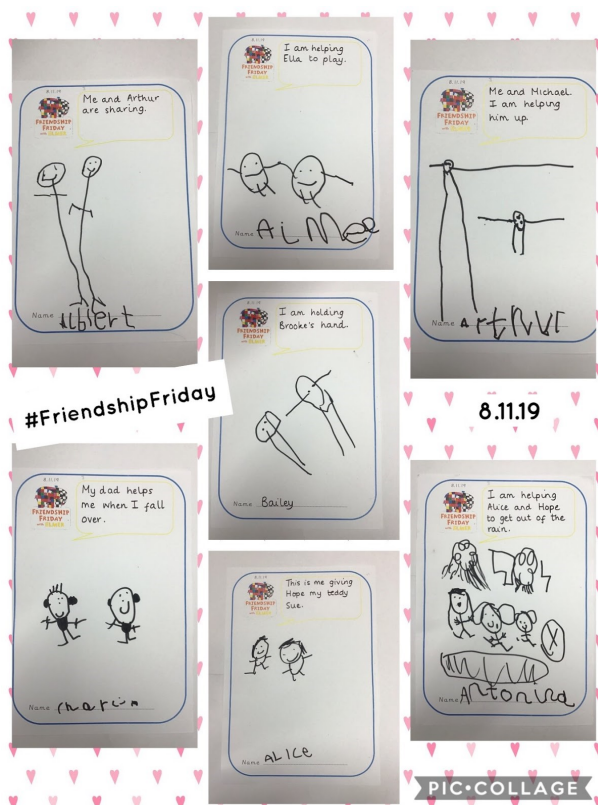
Our current whole school attendance is % which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
04/11/19	96.2%	Year 1 RB	100%
11/11/19	96.1%	Year 6 RB	99.1%
18/10/19	87.9%	Year 5 JM	96%



Anti-bullying Week

As a whole school we took part in #Antibullyingweek2019. Over the course of the week each class spent time discussing issues around friendship and how to be a good friend. Some classes discussed the importance of being a good friend and how it feels to have friends. It was great to see so many different activities going on around school.



Stay Healthy and Bug Free

We would like all our pupils and families to stay well and avoid the various bugs and viruses that are going around. Please see the information and guidance document issued from Public Health England.

Year 5 Class Assembly



Our Year 5 Class Assembly was a great opportunity for both classes to show off everything that we have been learning about Greece this term, from myths to facts and Art to Geography. We sang two songs superbly and some of our parents could not believe that our pupils could manage to remember such complicated lyrics. Thank you to all of the families who joined us to celebrate. Mrs Middleton, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Bourne were so proud of all the children.

CPR Workshops

On Wednesday 13th November, trainee doctors, Andrew, Alistair and Charlotte visited us as part of our STEM work. They presented a whole school assembly, talking about choosing future careers and then worked in Key Stage 1 to present workshops to the children about life saving advice. The children learned how to recognise what is and isn't an emergency and were taught the steps that they should follow if they ever find somebody unconscious! Andrew, Alistair and Charlotte will be visiting other year groups throughout the year and will be joining us for our STEM Fair in June - we can't wait to learn more about CPR and how to save lives!





Phunky Foods

Our Year 5 Phunky Food Ambassadors have been working hard with Mrs Cole to help to promote healthy eating. They have carried out a school survey on pupil diet and recently presented their very first assembly! They spoke clearly and confidently to their peers about the importance of a balanced diet. Well done!

Welly Waddle

On Thursday 21st November, 2Y0, Nursery, 30 hour and Reception went on their annual welly waddle up to Hilltop. We had been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week so we dressed up as our favourite nursery rhyme characters and followed clues all of the way. We had to sing some of our favourite rhymes as we walked. Once back at school we performed some of the rhymes we had been learning for our grown ups. Thank you to all who came along and walked with us, we really enjoyed it and we hope you did too!





Year 5 'Music and You' Workshop

Year 5 were invited to Newcastle University to take part in a 'Music & You' workshop. The University Symphony Orchestra welcomed us by playing the overture to The Lion King, followed by excerpts from Jaws, Titanic and Toy Story and discussed how different types of music make us feel. There was a very energetic game of Guess the Genre, followed by an explanation of all of the instruments that make up the orchestra. Finally, we learned about the job of the conductor, after which one of our very own New Yorkers, Joshua Ubah, had a go at conducting Bizet's Carmen! He did an amazing job and we were all very proud.

Littleton League

The Year 5 and 6 boys' football team played their first fixtures in the Littleton League playing four games, winning three and drawing one. All of the team displayed fantastic attitudes and worked together brilliantly, encouraging each other in every single game.

Choir at the Playhouse

On Wednesday 20th November, our 40 member strong choir went to Whitley Bay Playhouse to perform in the Music Education Hub's annual Charity Concert. First, we had a rehearsal on the stage to get us used to the lights (which



were really bright!).

We played some games in our dressing room backstage before we were called as the show was about to start! We opened the show, which was a scary but exciting privilege!

Everyone performed

brilliantly - we are so proud of all the pupils for their hard work in rehearsals and for absolutely shining on that stage in front of hundreds of people.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Are you having a sort out before Christmas? We are looking for donations of toys, books and teddies for our Christmas Fayre.

Please send any clean and saleable donations into school before Thursday 5th December.

In a bid to lessen the queue at the Face Painting, Nails and Hairspray stall we are going to start face painting in the morning. If your child would like to have their face painted or hair sprayed on Fayre Day please send their money into school in the run up to the fair in a named envelope.

Face Painting £1.50

Hairspray £1.00

Tattoo 50p

Nails Painted 50p



Do you have a couple of hours to spare? We need some raffle prizes and tombola prizes wrapping. Or why not come and help on the Fayre afternoon - we can always use volunteers to man a stall, sell raffle tickets, set up etc.

Thank you!

Peter Pan Pantomime

On Tuesday 19th, the school enjoyed a performance of Peter Pan by a visiting stage company. The children loved shouting out all the classic pantomime lines (oh no they didn't!) and some members of staff even got to join in too! It really got us in the Christmas spirit and very excited for our own Christmas performances in a few weeks time.

Year 4 Dance

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November, Year 4 pupils took part in a Dance project linked to the Stephenson Railway Museum. Through dance and



movement, they told the story of Georges Stephenson's journey towards creating Britain's first train. On Monday, we visited the museum in order to immerse ourselves in trains; thinking about

the sounds, smells and sights we may have seen on the very first train ride. It was wonderful to be able to ride on a steam train and we even watched the engine being changed. Back at school, we worked with 'Made by Katie Green' Dance Company in order to create a performance to share our learning. Thank you to the parents who came to watch our performance; we feel so proud of what our pupils achieved in such a short space of time.

Requests

Foundation Stage are running short on spare underwear and socks to change children. If your child has brought a pair home, please return to school or, if your child has grown out of some, please send any donations into school.

Many Thanks



Dates for your diary



- 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 & KSI 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 - Y1 / 2 Christmas Party
- Thursday 19th December - Christingle (children only) and Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party pm
- Friday 19th December - School finishes for Christmas
- Monday 6th January 2020 - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school.
- Friday 10th January - Theatre Royal Pantomime afternoon.
- Monday 20th January - Year 6 Safetyworks trip PM
- Thursday 13th February - Valentines Disco
- Friday 15th February - Break up for Half Term

Community Update

We continue to host community meetings each term and welcomed regular residents and some new faces to our Autumn meeting last week. The meeting was well attended and included contributions from police, Safer Communities and our local councillors. The meeting highlighted many positive actions including a reduction in motor bikes around footpaths on the estate. There are some concerns about increased fly tipping and other rubbish being dumped around the streets of the estate. The Safer Estates team are to take action on this.

There was time at the end for people to speak privately with police and councillors and the next meeting will be advertised in the New Year.