



Message from Mrs Shaw

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into the New Year. I am sure like us you feel that we are on a bit of a COVID treadmill with continuing positive cases and changes to guidance. I am pleased that we have been able to continue with a fully open school despite staff and pupil absences. At the start of term all staff attended training in school on updates to our phonics program, before pupils returned on 6th January. This was the first whole school face to face training we had attended since the pandemic began and we enjoyed it despite keeping our coats on as all windows and doors were open. Again this is a period of school full of learning and activity. You will read on for the celebrations and opportunities our pupils have experienced so far this term. I am particularly proud of the Lego League team for not only looking amazing at the competition but for winning the judges award - which is special! Also our Basketball squad playing their final at the Eagles home venue - what an honour!

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.5% which is slightly below our target of 96.5%.

W/C	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
07/02/22	94.3%	Year 3 KR	99.6%
31/01/22	93.9%	Year 4 BD	98.9%
24/01/22	93.9%	Year 4 BD	99.4%



STEM Hub progress

You cannot help but notice the super progress being made in building the new STEM Hub. We are very excited to use it and await doors and windows. We have plans for a solar panel to generate enough power to source a number of sockets. We also have plans for a wind turbine.

Recent weather has slowed the build down a bit but we are still very proud of the progress and very grateful to Nick from Branch and Bone for his dedication and determination in continuing to work on it.



Thank you to those parents who completed the school survey. This provides valuable information to us about your views and enables us to speak with you to discuss how we could improve or continue to do what works well. I know many of you access the school website for various pieces of information including uniforms, lunches, curriculum etc. If you have not yet accessed the website - it is worth a look newyorkprimaryschool.org. You can also follow us on Twitter which is a very active way of seeing what learning is taking place in school. ...you can also follow your child's class. Just ask the class teacher for the twitter 'handle'.



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After school clubs

Reception have been enjoying their new after school clubs that started running this term. We have loved the story craft club and our Monday night Fun Fitness club.

Most parents who access school by car are parking responsibly and the number of complaints we receive from residents has reduced.

Thanks for showing courtesy to our neighbours.

Recent dog fouling complaints in the area. Dog Warden patrolling. There is an increase in dog fouling on the path. If you have any information as to who is responsible please call envirolink on 03452000103.

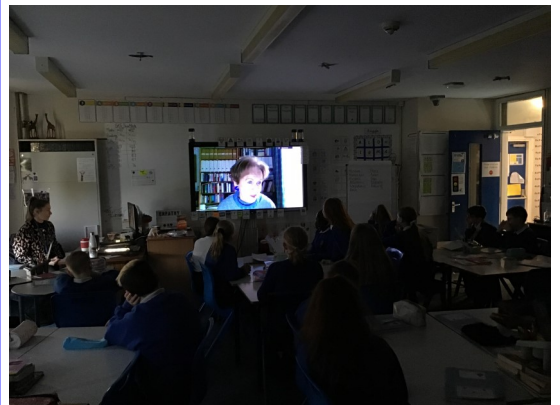
Holocaust Memorial Day - North Tyneside Event

We are incredibly proud of the Year 6 pupils, who took part in a Holocaust Memorial Day event organised by North Tyneside. The theme for this year's annual Holocaust Memorial event was, "One Day", reminding us each day is a single moment in time and how life changes from one to another. Our pupils recorded a video about the events of 'Kristallnacht' and spoke clearly and with excellent fluency. You can watch our presentation along with other schools by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsah5TRJkRH6Ou7MSfgImsQ>

Year 5 & 6 Author Event - Tom Palmer

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, year 5 and 6 participated in an online author event with Tom Palmer. We listened as he talked about his book 'After the War' which is a story about three teenage boys who were rescued from Auschwitz and rehoused near lake Windermere in the Lake District. We then listened to Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich, who told us what life was like as a Jew living in Poland during World War 2.



Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Assembly

Year 6 hosted a KS2 assembly on the 27th January to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. The children researched facts and information about the horrifying events of the Holocaust and presented these in assembly with empathy and understanding. All children listened with respect and asked questions sensitively.

Year 4 Skipping

Throughout the Spring term, Year 4 have been participating in skipping workshops with Skip4Fit. They have worked on a variety of skills including double bounce, side swing and long rope games! We are really looking forward to the competition at the end of the half term where the Year 4 Tigers and Zebras will compete against each other!

Skipping mania has truly hit school and it is lovely to see so many children enjoying practicing their new skills at break times and lunchtimes!



Hoops4Health Year 5

Year 5 attended Hoops 4 Health during the spring term. The three teams showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and respect when competing against other schools. We are looking forward to the finals on the 11th of February!

Lego League tournament

On 1st February the Year 5 and 6 Lego League team attended the North Tyneside regional First Lego League Final. They competed against 23 other school teams from primary, middle and high schools in a variety of activities including a project presentation and robot missions where they scored an impressive 225 points! Finally, we are extremely proud to share that they were awarded the Judges award. This was for all of their hard work; it was clear to the judges that the team had shared so many of the Core Values in their work over the last few months. Excellent teamwork, inclusion and most of all.. Fun!



Safer Internet Day

On 8th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. At New York we have a strong focus on online safety throughout the academic year with children using our SMART rules to stay safe when working online. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. All children completed different activities in their classes to help us to think more deeply about our behaviour online and how we can work together to keep ourselves and others safe.

Year 6 Safety Works Trip

On Tuesday 18th January, Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Safety-Works. We participated in 4 different activities in realistic situations illustrating every day hazards and how to prevent them. They included kitchen safety, metro safety, safety in the home and peer pressure. Did you know that there you can be arrested at 10 years old!



Eco Update

We are working hard behind the scenes with a small nature group to set up our pond and get a lovely seating area made with plants and a bird table, a place for pupils to sit and watch pond life or just take some quiet time out themselves. We were very lucky to have received a grant to help with these changes from the Ernest Cook Trust and have been able to spend it to make a difference in school. As soon as we have made progress we will post some photos over on our Twitter page.

Litter Pick

We had a fantastic response from our whole school litter pick, thank you to everyone who attended and made such a difference to the outside of school, it looks much better, we are looking to do this every half term with families we will keep you updated with flyers and dates for your diary we appreciate all of the support. We have children in school who have been asking to keep the school grounds clean, we have litter picks and gloves for children to use and help keep our school a tidy clean place to enjoy.



Hoops4Health Year 2

Year 2 were delighted to welcome Newcastle Eagles into school for a special Hoops 4 Health workshop. We loved learning different basketball skills and working together as a team!

Robin Wood

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip away to Robin-wood and we are extremely proud of each and every child. They demonstrated excellent determination and resilience to face challenges and overcome fears from climbing to the top of the trapeze to jumping off the platform on the zip wire. Each group worked well as a team to communicate and encourage each other and everyone came out of the Piranha Pool unscathed!

If any year 5 children are interested in booking up for next year, please email your teacher to let us know.



Netball

On Tuesday 8th February our Year 5 and 6 netball team attended the Bee Netball Tournament at Blue Flames. We played against two other schools and showed fantastic team-work, resilience and determination to achieve two wins in the two matches we played! Our first game was a 2-0 win before we were losing 0-2 in our second game, however we made an impressive comeback to achieve a 5-2 win!



Basketball

On Friday 11th February, 8 of our Year 5 basketball players went to the Eagles Arena to play in the final during half time of the Newcastle Eagles match! The stadium was full of spectators for the game and families of Year 5 came along in the evening to cheer them on. The team won their first match but were beaten in the final. We are all so proud of the team for coming second in the North Tyneside tournament and they showed such brilliant teamwork and resilience throughout the evening. What a fantastic experience for our players!



Children's mental health week

During the week of 7th-11th February each class took part in Children's Mental Health during their PSHE lessons.

In Year 1 we became 'Be Kind Spys'. We all chose a friend's name out of a pot and we had to secretly do kind things for that person without being found out! Some of us drew them pictures and left them in their drawers, some of us picked up their coats if it had fallen off their pegs and some of us even let our 'Be kind friend' in front of them in the line.

In Reception we have been talking about how we can grow and change over time. Thinking about what we can now do that we couldn't when we started in Reception just 6 months ago. Many of us can now write our names and read lots of words and simple sentences.

Dates for your Diary

- Spring half term—children break up Friday 18th February and re- turn to school on Monday 28th February
- Wednesday 2nd March—Brush up dental visitors to EYFS
- Wednesday 2nd March—Year 3/4 Quickstick Hockey tournament
- Wednesday 2nd March—Year 3 Road Safety begins
- 3rd March—World Book Day
- 9th March—Road safety EYFS
- 15th March—Virtual Dance Festival
- 18th March—Comic relief Red Nose Day
- 8th April—Children break up for Easter holidays
- 11th—22nd April—Easter holidays
- 25th April—Children return back to school
- Monday 2nd May—bank holiday
- Monday 9th May— Friday 13th May—KS2 SATS week
- 27th May—last day before half term
- 30th May—3rd June—half term holiday
- 6th June—teacher training day—school closed to pupils
- 7th June—Return to school
- 20th—24th June—STEM week
- 19th July—pupils last day of term

School times

We are delighted with how punctual the vast majority of pupils are arriving in school on time with a smile and a greeting. We continue to slightly stagger the start and end of school times for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Please see table below.

Anyone finding this a challenge is more than welcome to use our Breakfast Club provision from 8.00am -8.30am each morning. Please note that 30 hour pupils finish at 3.00pm.

Year Groups	Start Time	End Time
Nursery and 2 Year Offer	Morning: 8.30 Afternoon: 12.30	11.30 3.30
Reception	8.50	3.10
Year 1	8.50	3.10
Year 2	8.55	3.15
Year 3,4,5,6	8.55	3.15