



## Message from Mrs Shaw

This has been a very active half term with some super learning from pupils who have been proud to show and talk about their work. Our pupils have shown empathy and an appreciation of the situation in Ukraine and the support of families making donations has been wonderful: and typical of the kindness and generosity of New Yorkers. Our dance squad worked hard to master a very challenging dance routine paying homage to the artist Frida Kahlo and the school choir impressed us all with the quality of their 3 song performance. Both were performed at the Whitley Bay Playhouse and will be available as a video link soon. As ever our sports teams have been active representing New York well and showing respect and sportsmanship. We are continuing to focus upon reading and reading for pleasure. Your child should be reading at home every day and changing their reading book regularly. We hosted our popular Book Look to end the term—thank you to all who supported this.

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 91.7% which is below our target of 96.5%.

W/C	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
7/3/22	93.2%	Y2 LS	99%
14/3/22	92.5%	Y4 CD	98.8%
21/3/22	90.7%	Y4 BD	98%
28/3/22	91.7%	Y3 KR	97.6%



### Attendance - important please read.

Please note that the school attendance target is 96.5%. Once a child drops below this figure it is statistically proven that their learning is negatively impacted. Progress is weakened and gaps start to appear. Pupils with an attendance record of between 90% and 96.5% are categorised as 'cause for concern' and school will contact parents to discuss attendance and closely monitor ongoing attendance for that pupil. Any child with attendance below 90% is known as 'persistent absence' and a 'serious cause for concern.' Learning is adversely impacted upon and statistically pupils struggle to make up this lost learning during their entire education.

90% attendance is a loss of 19 days of learning. At parent consultations during the first week back all teachers have been asked to discuss attendance with parents. Jackie is on hand to support anyone who is struggling to bring their child into school.

Ofsted will analyse school attendance and from March 2021 will not take COVID into account.

### Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that we are looking forward to seeing you at parent consultations on 26th and 27th April 2022. This will provide an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and look at work and progress - even if you did come to Book Look!

### Book Look

Children shared their learning with their grandparents, parents, carers and even our school governors at our busy Book Look in April. Thank you to everyone who joined us - we hope you enjoyed doing this as much as our children did!

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## Ukraine

As you are aware we are collecting resources to send to Ukraine. You have all been very supportive and your donations continue to come into school. The charity collectors have been overwhelmed with your generosity. Please continue to send what you can to support this cause. On Wednesday 16th March we supported the national 'Day for Ukraine' by holding a special outdoor whole school assembly. Pupils had been invited to bring in silver coins to donate. We drew an outline of the map of Ukraine and pupils placed their coins around the outline and then filled the shape. It was a lovely event and we are delighted to announce that your kindness generated just over £400. This has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Thank you.



## STEM Hub Progress

Thank goodness for some better weather. The roof is nearly complete and lighting is installed. The solar panels and windmill have also been attached to supply the power. We are in the process of designing the interior to allow a flexible room which will have many uses and layouts. We are involving pupils in the interior design.





### Brush Up Visit EYFS

Reception were very excited to have a visit from the Dental Students from Newcastle University this half term. They came to talk to us about how to keep our teeth healthy. We visited four different stations and learnt about tooth brushing, visiting the dentist, sugar bugs and dental decay, and what foods we can eat to look after our teeth. Ask your Busy Bee or Dragonfly what they need to do to take care of their teeth.

### Catering

A reminder that we will be changing catering providers from 1st April and will be offering packed lunches for the first week whilst kitchen equipment is sorted.

Sandwich choices have been made and submitted to Caterlink. You should have received menus going forward from Caterlink so you can discuss with your child what food choices are coming up.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

### National Careers Week

In March we celebrated National Careers Week in classes by looking at aspirations and different careers that we may grow up to have. As part of the week, children in Nursery right up to Year 6 met two engineers from Freudenberg. All children heard about their roles and had the chance to ask them questions. Mrs Bourne heard some brilliant questions including "Who or what inspired you to become an engineer?" and "What does a normal day look like for you?"

### Year 5 Synagogue Zoom

Year five enjoyed an informative zoom call about the Newcastle Reform Synagogue. We learned some Hebrew phrases as well as learning about the layout of a Synagogue. We asked some great questions about Synagogues and Rabbis and were read parts of the Torah in Hebrew. What a fascinating experience!



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2022 by bringing in our favourite books to share in school.

The whole school wrote a clue about a character from a book and we spent the day guessing who everybody was.

### Reception

To celebrate World Book Day we all brought in our favourite books to share with our friends.

Miss Hollywood & Miss Keay gave us all a spot the character picture who we had to guess who it was - then we showed our friends around school and they had to guess who we were. At the end of the day we shared a hot chocolate and a story around the fire before we went home. What a wonderful day of reading we had #IAMAREADER

### Year 2

We created our own book inspired by Roald Dahl. First, we designed our own character in the style of Quentin Blake's illustrations.

Then, we wrote a blurb and our own warning story. Finally we created a front cover in the style of Roald Dahl!

### Nursery

Nursery really enjoyed taking part in World Book Day. Each child brought in their favourite book from home and took some time reading/sharing them with their friends on the carpet.

During Learning Time Miss Tully and Miss Baxter read with every child individually. It was lovely to see what they enjoy reading at home and being able to discuss the different events in the story.

### Year 1

In Year 1 we spent time sharing our favourite stories with our friends, talking about why we chose each book as our favourite. We then completed a scavenger hunt, looking for certain items in the books we brought in from home.





### Year 3

In Year 3, we shared 'The Worst Class in the World' by Joanna Nadin. We wrote a blurb summarising what the story was about, measured the class to find the 'biscuit king' and created artwork in the style of Rikin Parekh- the book's illustrator. In the afternoon, we completed a Commando Joe mission where we had to work as a team and show determination!



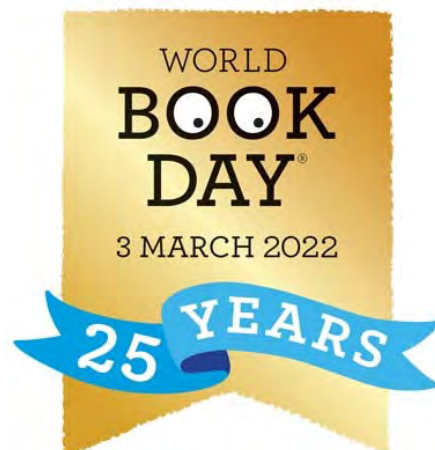
### Year 4

In Year 4, we visited a book tasting café, where we sampled different genres of books. We read a variety of books, including adventure, comedy, non-fiction and even some poetry books! After this we created book reviews for our favourite book from the café. In Maths, we used our statistics skills and created graphs which showed the most popular genre of book in Year 4, based on the genres we read in English.



Thank you to our families for supporting this and bringing in their favourite book!

### World Book Day 2022





## Year 5

In Year 5 we did a 'Book in a Day' and explored the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. The book is set during World War Two and follows the lives of two friends who are evacuated to Devon. During the day, we read the book and completed tasks after each chapter. We wrote diary entries, letters home and designed a new front cover for the book. We had to use our skills of empathy to think about how the characters would be feeling.



## Year 6

In year 6 we linked our topic of World War 2 with the current situation in Europe and read the poem 'The Day War Came'. The book is about a young refugee girl who finds refuge in a new country but when she starts school the teachers refuse due to there not being enough chairs. There is a boy in the end of the story who takes a chair to the girl to allow her to attend the school. We used the book as inspiration for a television news report, and then joined the #3000chairs campaign and drew our own

Look at our reading crowns and favourite books in Reception!



## Road Safety - EYFS

As part of our learning about how to keep ourselves safe we had a visit from Lynn from North Tyneside Council who taught us how we can keep ourselves safe around the roads.



## Year 3 - Church Visit

Year 3 visited St Aidan's Church as part of their Christianity unit. Whilst there we were able to look around the inside of a church and investigate objects found in a church and their purpose. We met with the Reverend who was able to answer questions all about Palm Sunday and why it is important to Christians. They told us about the importance of Holy Week and how Christians feel at different points throughout the week.

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to all our families for supporting this special cause. Children dressed in non-uniform and we had a cake sale in school, raising £400.58 for this charity.



A great achievement!







**Bikeability**  
Year 6 took part in a Bikeability course over two days where all children successfully passed their Level 2. Children mastered their skills out and about safely on the local road. Well done to all!



### Road Safety Event

Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have completed a road safety course where we have gone out into our local area and learnt how to safely cross roads independently. We looked at junctions and how to use these safely and how to behave around parked cars.

### Nursery Have Caterpillars!

This half term Nursery has been learning about Growing and Changing. The story we have been focusing on is The very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We have used makaton to act out the story and used the fruit to help us with our counting. We have also looked at the life cycle of a Caterpillar. We know that they start as eggs turning into caterpillars and next they make a cocoon and they become a butterfly. We have enjoyed observing caterpillars in the classroom and seeing how they change.



## Dance Festival

Our KS2 dance group took part in the North Tyneside dance festival. Every year it is based on a theme and this years theme was 'ICONS'. We decided to do a routine based on the artist Frida Kahlo. The children worked extremely hard dancing a Mexican party style dance, with samba influences. They performed the routine on the stage with joy and behaved impeccably when watching the other schools. The dance was recorded and will be sent out as a link.



## Choir

It was so fantastic to be back on stage at Whitley Bay Playhouse this term with our wonderful school choir 'raising the roof'. Choir performed three songs in front of an audience of schools from North Tyneside who clapped and cheered enthusiastically. The choir were then excited to share their songs with the whole school at Friday's singing on the yard.





### Quicksticks Hockey Tournament year 3/4

On Wednesday 2nd March, a group of Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Hockey tournament at The Parks. Despite the drizzly conditions, all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the games they played and it was brilliant to have the opportunity to put our PE learning into practice. Our Challenge team were delighted to win two of their games. Everyone showed lots of resilience, determination and good sportsmanship to cheer each other on and shake hands with the opposition at the end of each match.



### Netball finals

Before half term our year 5 and 6 netball team took part in north Tyneside regionals. They won their heat and qualified to the North Tyneside finals with 7 other schools. On 1st March we went to the finals and the children represented New York amazingly! They were competitive, determined, resilient and most importantly showed the highest level of sportsmanship. We are so proud of them and to top it off we came 5th!



Follow all of our sporting events with our NYPS Sport Twitter!

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## Easter Assemblies

On Thursday 7th April we held Easter assemblies across school to share the message of Easter. Children spoke clearly and sang beautifully.



## Easter Competitions

We were blown away by the fantastic entries for the decorated egg competition. Children have worked hard with their families on their entries and everyone across school enjoyed looking at all of the entries in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who supported and well done to the worthy winners!





# Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May—Children return

26th and 27th April—Parent Consultations

9th May—11th May—SATS week

Thursday 9th June—Nursery trip to the Zoo

Monday 20th June—Friday 24th June—STEM week