



Message from Mrs Shaw

Well what a jam packed Autumn term this has been. Teaching and Learning has continued right up to Christmas and we still managed to entertain and impress our families with 6 fabulous Christmas Performances. If you were lucky enough to attend all 3 phase productions you will have been delighted with the progress from EYFS to KS1 to KS2. This half term we have included a focus upon outdoor learning including Firepit days. Year 6 have experienced the wonderful Robinwood in some very wet weather and our Bikes4Health is now an established part of the Year 5 curriculum. Year 1 and Year 4 have taken part in a Christingle in local churches and we have relished being able to work collaboratively with other schools once again. We are delighted to welcome families back into school to support our pupils in various events including Parent Consultations, Book Looks, Christmas Crafts, Science for families, Bedtime Reading and a super Year 3 assembly. Our pupils have represented school at various sporting and music events in and out of school. Choir singing at Newcastle Cathedral was very special.

Thank you all for your support and positive feedback this term.

On behalf of staff and governors of New York Primary School I wish you a very Happy Christmas and holiday season. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year on January 9th 2023.

Mrs J Shaw



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 92.6%
which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
31/10/22	96.6%	11ED	100%
7/11/22	94.7%	12NS	100%
14/11/22	95.5%	5LS 6CD	100%
21/11/22	94.5%	7RH 8KR 11ED	100%
28/11/22	94.3%	5LM	100%
5/12/22	83.5%	11ED	100%
12/12/22	89.7	12NS	97.5%

Halloween Crafts

Nursery

We enjoyed getting messy, making pumpkin plate masks and spooky ghost decorations. We ended the session with some Halloween dancing and treats.



Reception

Reception had a spooky afternoon making lanterns, pumpkin faces, spider webs and turning ourselves into skeletons! Followed by snacks and a trick or treat



Year 1

We enjoyed making lots of Halloween crafts - we made cotton wool ghosts, paper chain pumpkins and witches and we did some printing with apples to make pumpkin wrapping paper!



Year 2

In Year 2, we were busy making pumpkin wreaths, floating ghosts and spooky hand-shaped creatures! We really enjoyed spending time with our friends, listening to music and eating snacks whilst we made our creations!

Halloween Crafts



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed a range of different crafts this Halloween! We created ghosts using cotton wool, spider webs with lollipop sticks and wool and pumpkins using the pointilism technique!

Year 4

We had lots of fun at Halloween crafts and enjoyed making spooky skeletons using cotton buds and googly eyes. We also made bat silhouette pictures using black paper and pastels whilst listening to music, eating snacks and laughing with our friends.



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed making spider webs using wool and lollipop sticks, which we painted. We made our own spiders using pom poms, pipe cleaners and googly eyes and sat them on top of the web. We also made some spooky ghosts to hang in our homes!

Halloween Crafts

Year 6

In Year 6 we enjoyed crafts with both classes together and spooky music. We created bubble pictures and paper bats, before enjoying snacks and sweets with our friends.



Outdoor Classroom Day

NUSTEM - Year 1

On Thursday 3rd November Mel from NUSTEM visited school and we became Naval Architects. We made boats out of tin foil before testing them to see if they floated or sunk. We used metal washers to see whose boat could hold the most weight - the winning boat held 24 washers before sinking!



Year 3 - Stephenson Railway Museum

On Thursday 3rd November, Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Stephenson Railway Museum as part of our North East Engineering unit in science. We learnt the story of Robert and George Stephenson and their invention of the first steam locomotives. We undertook a range of activities including designing our own trains, explored the museum and completed a practical investigation where we explored which shaped wheel works best on a track.



Technology Tom - Year 4

On Wednesday 2nd November, Technology Tom visited Year 4 to work on our topic of The Romans. Using technology skills, children were able to make Roman siege machines with paper, wooden sticks and an elastic band.

Children worked so hard to solve problems and showed such determination - we were extremely impressed.



Technology Tom - Year 6

On Wednesday 2nd November we had a workshop with Technology Tom as part of our Electricity science topic. We created our own torches and had to work as a class to create a large one.

Technology Tom had extremely positive praise for our pupils due to their respect and hard work.

Reception visit to Seven Stories

On Wednesday 23rd November Reception boarded a bus for our first visit of the year. Our destination ... the Seven Stories for a workshop on 'The Case of the Missing Nursery Rhymes' We had to find the clues to solve the missing nursery rhymes. Even with the missing clues we still hadn't completed the case so then we had to perform one of the missing rhymes before finally checking to see if all of the rhymes were back in the book. They were! So we got to listen to some of our favourite rhymes as well as learning some new ones.



We have a number of new starters into school this term, across all phases of school. We are delighted with how they have all settled in to New York so well at such a busy time of year and joined in our various events. Welcome to New York Primary everyone!

Remembrance Assembly

Year 5 worked really hard to deliver a Remembrance Assembly to the rest of school. We practised reading our lines in loud, clear, confident voices and enjoyed singing Thank You Lord. We wrote poems which were read during the assembly to show our respect and appreciation of those who gave their lives for others. Each year group placed their wreaths and poppies on the cenotaph and a 2 minute silence was held.

Anti-Bullying Week

We started the week by wearing odd socks to school. We spoke about how we are all different and how being kind to ourselves and others is important.



Reception

Reception read the story 'Kind' by Alison Green and set up a kindness jar in our classroom. Every time we spotted a kind act we popped a pom pom into the jar, and then talked about why the pom pom was in the jar.



Year 1

In Year 1 we thought about how kind words can affect our friends mood. We stuck kind words onto our friends photographs before reading these out. The smiles on our faces as we listened to what our friends said about us was lovely!

Year 2

In Year 2 we saw the effect that unkind words can have on somebody; we also know that reaching out to somebody can really help them. Even if we only greet them with a smile and ask them 'are you okay'? We looked at different scenarios and thought about the best thing we could do to help our friend.

Year 3

As part of anti-bullying week, we shared the story Kind by Alex Schleffer. We investigated a range of different scenarios and how we can share kindness in different ways.

Anti-Bullying Week

Year 4

In Year 4, we identified the range of roles associated with bullying and highlighted these in different scenarios. We then discussed who you can reach out to if you are ever involved, in any role, in bullying whether that was at home, school or in public.

Year 5

In Year 5, we looked at the different roles that can arise when bullying takes place. We talked about what it means to be a bystander, a ringleader and an assistant and how best we could help someone who is a target of such behaviours. We talked about who we can reach out to for help in school before finally writing our thoughts on the leaves of a tree to represent togetherness.

Year 6

As part of anti bullying week in year 6 we thought about the theme 'Reach out'. We discussed why that is important for not only those children who might get bullied but for those who witness it. We spoke about how not to be a bystander and to be someone who reaches out to help.

We read a poem about a girl called Samantha Jayne and drew our interpretations of her from the words in the poem. We then thought about how she would feel, and following this we wrote how we could help her to 'reach out'

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we supported Children In Need by decorating biscuits to look like Pudsey. Thank you very much for your kind donations, we raised a grand total of £126 for the charity.



Robinwood - Year 6

On 16th November 2022, Year 6 pupils travelled to Robinwood in Cumbria. After a surprisingly fast journey, we set off on our walk up the hill to the Robinwood Centre. Little did we know of the amazing adventure that was waiting for us! Over the next three days, all pupils challenged themselves to complete a variety of activities including Zipwire, Giant Swing and Trapeze. All New York staff were so proud of the resilience and determination shown by all pupils who faced their fears and supported their teammates throughout our time. Pupils behaved impeccably and showed fantastic independence in packing their kit bags, tidying their bedrooms and getting dressed and prepared each morning, ready for the day ahead. Memories to last a lifetime; well done Year 6.



Bedtime Stories

On Wednesday 23rd November we held a bedtime story and hot chocolate night. Lots of us came back to school with a grown up, dressed in pjs, ready for a story or 3! We snuggled down with the warm glow of a fire and listened to our teachers read their favourite stories to us. We enjoyed a hot chocolate as a treat! Thank you to everybody who came, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



School Council

School councillors have made a positive and enthusiastic start to their role at New York. At our latest school council meeting we had a thoughtful discussion about how parliament is a bit like our very own New York council. We discussed how important our school council is by allowing the views and suggestions of our peers to be heard at regular school council meetings. Additionally, Mrs Shaw tasked school councillors to come up with new PROUD word for school. After a long collective discussion councillors had decided that the new PROUD word would be sportsmanship. School Council also had the pleasure to meet Gillian Bell as part of a Parliament Outreach Visit. Gillian tested school councillors on their knowledge about parliament and was impressed at how much councillors knew!



Christmas Crafts

It was so lovely to host our annual Christmas Craft event with families again! We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers back into school to make crafts with their children. We made cards, wrapping paper, reindeer candy canes, lollipop tree decorations, paper chains, baubles and angels. Everybody had a smile on their face and it was such a great start to our Christmassy week.



Christmas Fayre

We were very pleased to be able to hold our Christmas Fayre this year. Thank you to all for making donations but equally for staying and supporting the event. Every penny that we make from the fayre is invested back to support our pupils in many, various ways. We hope you enjoyed it. Pupils and staff were delighted that Santa could bring his reindeer with him this year and we hope he will make time to drop in and see us again next year. This year the fayre made a profit of £2000!



Christmas Performances

There was a time when we performed one whole school production and classes entered the stage to sing a song and then left again. How far we have come that each phase of school can perform their own Christmas production and all include clear and expressive speaking, great acting and wonderful singing. What a brilliant opportunity for our pupils and how proud we all are of them.



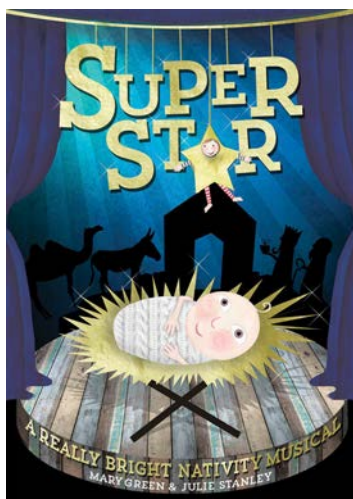
EYFS

On Tuesday 15th December EYFS kick started the week of performances with a beautiful First Nativity performance. Reception children spoke loudly and clearly and sang beautifully. Nursery added a new song to their repertoire and our 2YO children twinkled on stage! We were very proud of them all. We have already chosen next year's production ... The Wiggly Nativity will be hitting the stage in December 2023!

KS1

On Wednesday 14th December our families were welcomed into school to see not 1 but 2 performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Our Year 2 children have worked really hard during this half term to practise their lines, learn words for songs and to be ready to perform on stage! The last time Year 2 children were on the stage for a real audience was in Nursery!

Our Year 1 children dressed as Kings and Angels and wowed us with their beautiful singing - only last week they performed a Christingle in St Aidans Church so they have been extra busy! Thank you to all of our families who came to our show - we hoped you enjoyed it!



KS2

Finishing off the week of productions was KS2 with their performance 'Superstar'. The Year 6 children were so excited to show the audience all the hard work they had put in; learning their lines and the words to the songs. What a fantastic show it was - with all year groups coming together with songs to tell the story of baby Jesus with the added appearances from Abba and not forgetting Elvis Presley! A proper New York Christmas production!

Sporting News

Bike4Health

Our Year 5 children have been enjoying weekly rides as part of their PE learning. Each week, each group is pedalling further - developing their stamina for riding. 2 groups have cycled to 'The Spoon' in Cramlington. This ride was a 17 mile round trip! Can you believe we had a group of non riders who can now confidently complete a ride of 4 miles.



Year 5 Rugby Festival

This half term, year 5 put their rugby skills to practise in tournament against other schools. Despite the cold and the mud, they showed great determination and resilience as well as displaying fantastic sportsmanship. They made us very proud!



Year 5/6 Indoor athletics

On Friday 4th November, we took a small team of 23 pupils to the Parks for an indoor sportshall athletics competition. We competed against 3 other schools in running, jumping, throwing and agility events. Children demonstrated excellent skills getting great results in the races, but most importantly all children showed respect and support towards each other and the other competitors.

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



Music @ New York



Choir Autumn Sing

On Tuesday 15th November, choir performed a medley of old and new Autumn songs to a busy audience! It was fantastic to see so many parents joining us to enjoy our wonderful choir. The commitment shown by pupils from Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at rehearsals reflects the true enjoyment they share for singing and performing to an audience whether this may be at Whitley Bay Playhouse or in school! Well done everyone, now Christmas singing begins!

Choir at Christmas!

On 10th December 2022, choir performed at the North Shields Victorian Christmas Market. An ever popular event, it was so wonderful to see so many pupils in festive clothes and hats, joining us on modern bandstand. We sang a variety of traditional carols and even gave the audience a preview of some of our KS1 and KS2 production songs!

On 20th December, choir travelled to Newcastle Cathedral to perform in a Christmas Sing. This was such a special experience for pupils to sing in a beautiful venue for parents, family and members of the public. We performed some traditional carols before sharing a new song that we have been working really hard on: Midnight Mass by Tom Chaplin.



Carols on the Yard

Many of you know that we sing on the yard every Friday. We all really enjoy this, as do many of our neighbours who listen from the path or their homes. Carols on the yard is an annual event where we sing various carols and songs from our productions. Thank you to those who were able to join us ...and join in the singing.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 9th January 2023 - Children return to school
- Thursday 19th January - Year 6 SafetyWorks Trip
- Monday 23rd/ Tuesday 24th January - Year 4 Bikeability
- Friday 27th January - Year 5 basketball festival
- Tuesday 14th February - Year 4 Rugby Festival (1-3pm)
- Friday 17th February - Children finish for half term
- Monday 27th February - Children return to school
- Tuesday 28th March - Year 3 Rugby Festival (1-3pm)
- Friday 31st March - Finish for Easter
- Monday 17th April - Children return to school
- Friday 26th May - Children finish for half term
- Monday 5th June - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 6th June - Children return to school
- Thursday 20th July - Children finish for Summer
- Friday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Parking on Phoenix Chase

I regularly receive complaints from nearby residents and some parents about the parking at the beginning and the end of the school day. I have mentioned this in newsletters before. We did agree to start the School Street Programme and you will have noticed caretakers with cones at the start and end of the day. We will not be continuing with this, however responsible parking is still very important in keeping children safe.

- Please watch your speed along Phoenix.
- Please do not block any access when parking - it is disrespectful
- Do not park outside the double gates of school as this requires access at all times.
- Be aware that children will be walking along the pathway so do not block it
- Please do not be unpleasant towards residents.

TOP TIP

Did you know you can add our calendar to your mobile? Log into the school website, find the calendar and click on this symbol then add to your calendar - all our important dates will now appear on your mobile calendar.

