



## Message from Mrs Shaw

This has been a short half term of only 5 weeks yet we have still managed to pack as much in as we can to ensure our pupils receive quality teaching and learning with lots of interesting and exciting learning opportunities. Despite the disappointment of High Borrans being postponed Year 4 pupils were delighted with their outdoor New York Borrans day. Huge thanks to parents for supporting with this and allowing their children to get wet and muddy as pupils relished every challenge in the snow. As ever pupils have taken part in a variety of sporting festivals and competitions including hockey, skipping, football, rugby and gymnastics. Our school choir opened the show at the Whitley Bay Playhouse for the North Tyneside Schools Spring Sing. Thanks to the many parents who attended to support. Our Phunky Food team of pupils presented to a panel of visitors and received excellent feedback. Year 3 have received the recipe bags this term and have been busy cooking at home. Year 4 completed their Sounds of the Tyne project with their own animations and shanties. Please look on the school website to see the brilliant animation of the Fish Quay. We entered 3 teams in the lego League competition which took place at the Village Hotel. I am beyond proud that one of our teams won the competition and has qualified for the national championships in Harrogate. Our careers week was a great success with visiting Vets, Engineers and a Lieutenant from the Royal Navy in school to speak to pupils about their career. Thank you to those parents who have been able to attend parent consultation meetings. If you have not yet managed to meet the teacher please get in touch to arrange an appointment. All the above events take place due to the hard work and dedication of school staff and the support and engagement from parents.

Thank you families for your support this term.  
Happy Easter Everyone. See you on 17th April



## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.6% which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
27th Feb	96%	5LM	99.2%
6th March	96.1%	9DC	100%
13th March	94.6	4RE	97.8%
20th March	94.1%	2BK & 5LM	98.3%



# High Borrans Wood

After a disappointing phone call postponing our trip to High Borrans with Year 4, staff sprang into action to put together our own version of High Borrans right outside the classroom door. All of Year 4 were then treated to a team building outdoor day where the PROUD words of New York were put into action. There was snow sledging, Nightline, Challenge Course, Hot Chocolate, Smores, Team Challenge, Escape room and A Water challenge. We are very proud of the resilience showed by our children and know that when we do get to go to High Borrans, these skills will only improve.





# World Book Day

## EYFS

On World Book day we celebrated our love of books! There was a comforting fire where we shared our favourite books with our friends and then played a game of Guess Who ... is hiding behind their favourite book!

After school we invited parents in for Cosy Book Club and loved sharing stories together,



## Year 1

We shared our favourite stories from home with our friends. We made book marks and completed a 'Reading Book Scavenger Hunt'.



## Year 2

We loved sharing our favourite books with our friends! We also created a book in the style of Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake. We created a front cover, blurb and warning tale.

## Year 3

Year 3 read part of *The Worst Class in the World* and enjoyed creating illustrations in the style of Rikin Parekh.



## Year 4

We visited a Book Taster Cafe where we looked through a range of books before selecting a favourite to write a book review about.



## Year 6

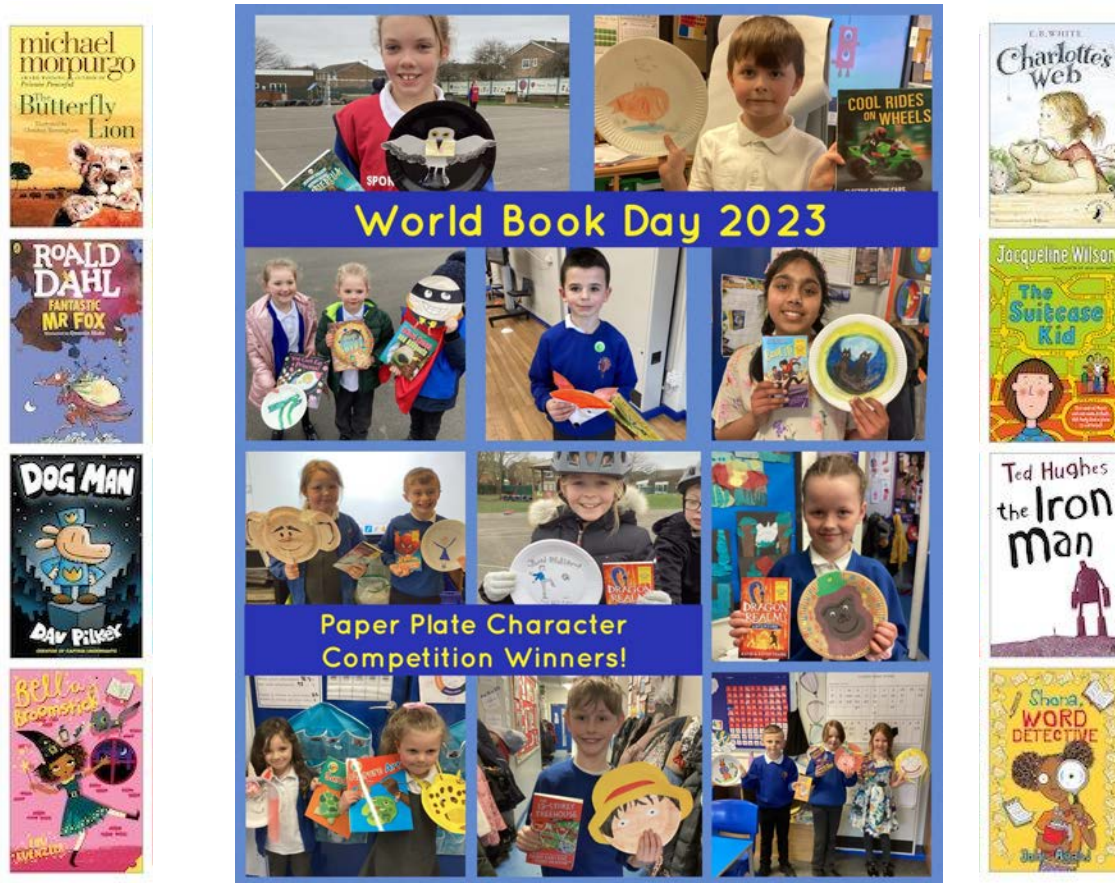
In year 6 we read the poem 'The Day War Came'. Children were empathetic when learning about the effect war can have to children in other countries. As part of the book Nicola Davies drew a chair, which led to a viral campaign of people illustrating chairs to show solidarity to refugees. As a year group we created our own gallery of chairs.

## Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed sharing our favourite books with each other and giving recommendations to our peers. We read a variety of different poems and spent time exploring our reading for pleasure books.

# Competition Winners!

To celebrate World Book Day, we invited children to take part in a paper plate character competition. There were some fantastic entries and it was difficult to choose but here are our winners...



# Dance Festival

On Tuesday 7th March, a group of 30 KS2 children showcased a wonderful performance in the North Tyneside Dance Festival. Children have spent a lot of time and effort practising to produce a fantastic energetic dance to meet the theme of 'New Beginnings'. It was lovely to perform on the stage and demonstrate a mix of dance styles celebrating growth and change.





# Road Safety

## EYFS

On Tuesday 28th February EYFS had a visit from Lynn from the Go Smarter team to talk about the different ways we can keep ourselves safe when we are out walking with our grown ups. We learnt about the different types of crossing place that we might see and how we cross a road safely as pedestrians.



## KS1 Workshops

On Wednesday 15th March we had a visitor into our classrooms who taught us all about road safety and how important it is to be alert next to a road. She told us all about the Green Cross Code and we remembered this with a song. Why not ask your child if they can remember how to be safe next to the road?

## Year 3

In Year 3, we completed a Road Safety course which was made up of weekly sessions which taught us how to cross the road safely. We learnt the Green Cross Code, how to find a safe place to cross, crossing safely at a T junction and crossing between parked cars.





# Careers Week

At New York we talk about careers regularly and encourage pupils from Nursery up to Year 6 to think about what they would like to do when they grow up. We celebrated careers week during the week beginning 20th March.

As part of the week we had Veterinary Surgeons Megan and Joe, visit us to talk about their career and journey from school and university. We also welcomed a software engineer, Nicole, from Freudenberg to talk about her career. We were able to compare this to our Lego teams. We were very lucky to have a visit from Lieutenant Kieran Horvath of the Royal Navy who inspired us with his talk about his career and his route into this service.



## Phunky Food Ambassadors

Our Eat Well Live Well Ambassadors delivered a presentation to a panel of judges to share their ideas on what we could do at school to create a positive difference to families in our local community. Their ideas include setting up care packages for families and offering a uniform Swap Shop. The judges were really impressed with our suggestions and have shared these with local council employees and councillors to see if they can help our ideas come to life!



## International Maths Day

Tuesday 14th March was International Maths Day and we celebrated this during our Maths lessons. On this day, we completed puzzles and played games - using lots of our Maths skills in an exciting and engaging way!



# First Lego League Regional Final

Two teams from Year 6 and one team from Year 5 have represented New York at the regional finals of the Lego League. They've worked collaboratively to create projects to solve issues surrounding energy. They had to identify solutions to problems, interview people to research the problem and use their coding and robotics skills to try to find solutions. We are delighted that one of the teams was announced as the overall winners and won the award for attaining the most points in the robot games too. This means a trip to Harrogate to take part in the national championships. Brilliant!



## STEM Hub

We were thrilled to invite Gill Hogarth, our Freudenberg Friend, into school to announce the winner of our STEM Hub design competition that ran last summer. The team at Freudenberg were impressed with all of the designs that were submitted and chose a winner from Year 6. She was thrilled to receive a book voucher and certificate and we look forward to using her ideas within the Hub.



## Eco Trip to Low Hauxley

We were invited to visit Low Hauxley Nature Reserve from the team we work with, Northumberland Wildlife Trust. Some of our current Eco members from after school club and past members were invited along for a day filled with outdoor activities such as; bird watching, red squirrel hunting, a beach walk alongside a nice nature walk looking at all of the wildlife on the nature reserve.



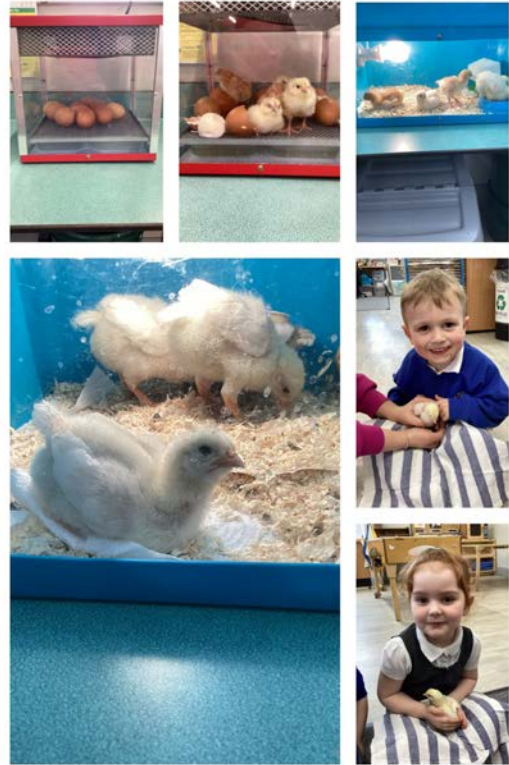
## Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March we held a non uniform day in aid of Comic Relief. We managed to raise £257 for this charity that does so much to help people across the U.K and beyond.

# COMIC RELIEF

### Chicks

Nursery received a special delivery of 10 eggs. We were very lucky to watch 6 of the eggs hatch, and observe the chicks grow. We learnt how to look after them and what they needed to grow. We can now tell you all about the life cycle of a chick.



## Decorated Egg Competition

Thank you to all those pupils who entered our decorated egg competition. There were some really creative and artistic entries. There were lots of sports themed displays, some clever curriculum connections and some beautiful colourful celebrations of Easter. All entries received an Easter lolly and first and second places for each year group went home with a chocolate egg.





# Music @ New York



## Choir Spring Sing

On Wednesday 22nd March, our wonderful choir performed at the Whitley Bay Playhouse for the Spring Sing. We performed Xanadu by Olivia Newton-John, How Beautiful Life Can Be by The Lathums and Union of Different Kinds by Fisherman's Friends. It was wonderful to see so many of our New York families at the Playhouse to watch the show. The choir has worked so hard over the last few weeks, attending practice at lunchtimes to prepare for the performance. Well done everyone!



## Year 4 Sounds of the Tyne

Year 4 have been working on a very exciting project called Sounds of the Tyne alongside artist Ed Carter and our Music teacher, Mrs Vasey. The project began with a sound walk along the North Shields Fish Quay where children recorded different sounds. These were then used to inspire artwork, poetry and composing songs. We shared the final project with our families during a class assembly on the 20th March. We are so proud of what the children have created!



## Free Music opportunities at North Tyneside Music Education Hub!

Click the link below to find out about the variety of free lessons and activities that are on offer including instrument lessons and singing!

<https://ntmeh.org.uk/events/photo/>



# Sporting News

## Girl's Football

Our Girls team have played their penultimate game of our current league at St Bartholomew's Primary School. We are currently top of the league with one game left to play. We are so proud of how our girls have played as a team, showing sportsmanship to others and respecting all decisions made by the referee! We are looking forward to our final league at John Spence in the Summer term before we play again at the Shiremoor Treat.

## Flag Bearing Sunderland vs Stoke

On Saturday 4th March we had the opportunity to be flag bearers at Sunderland's home game against Stoke. We enjoyed a game of football at the Beacon of Light before heading across to the stadium just before the game.

We stood on the touch line as the players warmed up and even had our photograph taken with Sunderland goalkeeper Anthony Patterson. We waved our flags in front of 43,000 fans as Sunderland and Stoke were welcomed onto the pitch. It was a disappointing result for Sunderland but we had a great day.



## Year 6 In2 Hockey Festival

On Friday 24th March, 8 year 6 children attending an In2 hockey festival. They played matches against 6 other schools, developing their hockey skills- and were undefeated! Well done year 6.

## Year 3 Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 28th March, Year 3 took part in an annual rugby festival held at Percy Park Rugby Club. Year 3 participated in lots of competitive games against King's Priory School. Even on a wet, windy and cold day children showed excellent resilience, determination and sportsmanship during the festival. Some children enjoyed the muddy conditions more than others!





# Community News

Northumbria Connected is an easy way for individuals to send and receive messages to and from Northumbria Police. It will allow you to share your concerns, views and priorities with the team at Northumbria Police. Register for this service on:

<https://www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk>



## **PRIME Hydration drinks.**

Please do not send pupils into school with the expensive PRIME drinks. Pupils are permitted to drink water to stay hydrated and school provides water bottles for those who require one.

## **Loan Sharks.**

A Loan Shark is someone who lends money to people without the correct permission as required by the Financial Services and Markets Act. There is a penalty of up to 2 years in prison or a £5000 fine for loan sharking. If you would like to know more or seek advice, see the contact details below.

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## Any questions?

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# Community News

## Food Bank.

Our main reception area has a plentiful supply of food and items. We have received generous donations from members of the community, Bay Food Bank and Feeding Families. Please also remember you can register for the Bread and Butter Thing. Bring a carrier bag and help yourself to pasta, beans, soup, spaghetti and much more.

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There is something for everyone. We all need a bit of head space and thinking time occasionally!

Look out for some family learning sessions during April and May with different craft activities for families run by the Northern Learning Trust.

## Community Litter Pick

NEW DATE- Monday 17th April

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our last litter pick due to snow however a new date is now in the diary and we can not wait to get litter picking. I hope to see you there 3:30-4:00 PM.

Litter Picks, Bin Bags and Gloves all provided.

# Dates for your diary

- Monday 17th April - Children return to school
- Monday 17th April- Community Litter Pick
- Thursday 20th April - Active mile day
- 22nd April - Lego League Nationals
- Monday 1st May - Bank holiday
- Wednesday 3rd May - Year 3 Rising Sun visit
- Monday 8th May - Bank holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- Week beginning Monday 8th May - KS2 SATS
- Week beginning Monday 15th/22nd May - KS1 SATS
- Monday 22nd May - Technology Tom EYFS
- Week beginning 29th May - half term
- Monday 5th June Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 6th June - children return to school
- Friday 9th June - Non uniform day
- Week beginning 12th June - Year 1 Phonics screener
- Tuesday 13th June - Year 3 Mandir Visit
- Week beginning 19th June - STEM week
- Friday 23rd June - STEM fayre
- Tuesday 27th June - Book look
- Friday 30th June - Summer fayre
- Saturday 1st July - Shiremoor treat
- Wednesday 5th July Big Sing at the Sage
- Week beginning Monday 3rd July - Sports Week
- Week beginning Monday 10th July - Beach visits
- Friday 14th July - Summer Festival
- Monday 17th July & Tuesday 18th July - Transition days
- Thursday 20th July - Children break up for summer holidays
- Friday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

## 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.

