



Message from Mrs Shaw

What a fantastic half term it has been, starting back to school after the summer holidays. It has been an 8 week term so children will be tired but we have packed in so much quality learning with excellent experiences across the curriculum for our pupils. We have continued to focus upon our school PROUD words, supporting our school vision to ensure that every pupil knows what to do to be the best version of themselves. We have ensured that we focus upon current affairs, looking at events occurring in different countries - showing empathy for others. We have followed our sporting heroes and take inspiration from the PROUD words demonstrated across different sports. Our pupils have impressed and entertained you with some wonderful Harvest Assemblies where we reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our 'Book Look' and I always enjoy watching your children bursting with pride as they share their learning with you, who in turn burst with pride back at them! There have been a large number of visitors into school this half term and a large number of educational visits out too. These are detailed throughout this newsletter. Enjoy half term week everyone, Stay Safe on November 5th and we will see you soon on Monday 6th November

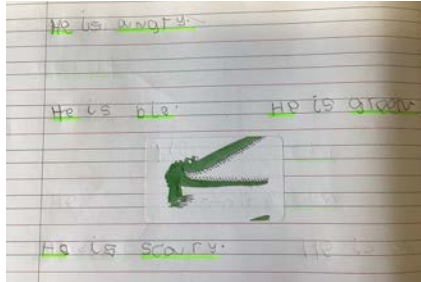
Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.2% which is slightly below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
5/9/23	97%	1SH 2BK 7RH 13JG	100%
11/9/23	96.7%	5LM 8KR	100%
18/9/23	95.9%	3GL	99.6%
25/9/23	95.4%	1SH	98.7%
2/10/23	96.1%	5LM	99.2%
9/10/23	97.2%	1SH 5LM	99.6%
16/10/23	96.4%	5LM	100%

Roald Dahl Day

In Year 1 we listened to the story of the Enormous Crocodile. We made a list of adjectives to describe him. We also completed our first Commando Joe mission - having to work together to get across the river as quickly and as quietly as we could without waking the crocodile!



In Reception we looked at some of Roald Dahl's books and talked about the titles we knew. Lots of us had heard of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, so we decided to design our very own chocolate bars!

In Year 4 we read about Augustus Gloop and how Roald Dahl carefully chose names that suited his characters. Then we created our own characters with a variety of interesting names and characteristics!

In Year 6 we read an extract from 'The Twits' and watched a video of Mr and Mrs Twit. We spoke about the type of language we would use to describe them before writing our own character description.

In Year 5 we read an extract from 'The Witches' and then wrote our own character description of the Grand High Witch.

In Year 3 we wrote cinquain poems based on characters from Roald Dahl's stories.

National Poetry Day



The theme for this year's National Poetry Day was refuge. In Year 4, we listened to Joseph Coelho read his poem 'Home Is' and then wrote our own poems about what home means to us.

In Year 5, we read the poem 'My Treasures' by Kate Wakeling and then wrote about treasures that we hold close. We also linked this to our Harvest Festival work, thinking about what we are grateful for in life.

Year 6 thought about how special home is to us and the terrible reasons someone would have to leave their home. We then used metaphorical language to create our own poems about fleeing home to get to a safe place.

Year 2 read a poem all about a snowball, linking to our Arctic topic. We noticed that there were rhyming couplets! Finally, we appraised the poem.

Year 3 learnt a poem for our Harvest Assembly. We also wrote our own free verse poems based around Autumn changes and harvest.

EYFS Harvest Festival

Reception & Nursery finished the Harvest Festivals in style. Lovely loud speaking, clear singing and beautiful poetry performances. What wonderful scarecrows we had join us too!



KS1 Harvest Festival

Year 1 and 2 started the show with a song called 'Wake Up', they also performed The Vegetable Song, A Picture of Autumn and finally Dance of the Leaves. They really enjoyed sharing their art and science work as well as showing their poetry skills!



LKS2 Harvest Festival

Year 3 and 4 performed in the Harvest Festival on Wednesday 18th October. We sang Let's Harvest and Harvest Rock and Roll, including part singing and a super dance routine!

We spoke about Harvest traditions and what happens in Autumn due to the changing seasons. We also looked at Harvest celebrations around the world. Finally, we prayed and gave thanks for all of the Harvest Donations before finishing with Dance of the Leaves.

It was wonderful to see so many of our New York families enjoying our assembly, thank you so much for coming.



UKS2 Harvest Festival

Year 5 and 6 performed in the Harvest Festival on Friday 20th October. Year 5 sang Harvest Song and Year 6 sang Belle Mama - mastering a very complicated round of singing.

Both classes spoke about Harvest traditions and we talked about the generous donations to the Bay Foodbank that have been gratefully received. Both classes shared poems that they had written and Year 5 shared their artwork.

Finally, we prayed and gave thanks for what we have before singing Dance of the Leaves. It was wonderful to see the room filled with our families and friends - thank you for joining us.



Year 3 Lowlights Visit

On Monday 16th October, Year 3 visited the Old Low Lights Heritage Centre to complete a Tudor Tyne workshop as part of Local Heritage Week. We completed a Tudor writing workshop where we practised our calligraphy skills using swan feather quills, visited the RNLI who taught us about different boats which access the River Tyne and compared these with ships from Tudor times. We also had the chance to participate in a Red Coat reenactment.



Year 2 Local Area Fieldwork Walk

Year 2 have been busy learning about our local area this year in Geography. We went on a fieldwork walk around our local area to help us spot human and physical features that we might not have noticed before!





Please stay safe around fireworks and bonfires on November 5th. Children have all received a safety awareness lesson. You must be 18 to buy or possess fireworks.

Fire Safety Assembly

On Wednesday 20th September, Year 4 were visited by the Fire Service to learn about fire safety. This linked in with our PSHE learning from this half term which is about Personal Safety.

We learnt that fires need 3 factors for them to start: oxygen, heat and fuel. We identified hazards around the home and talked about how these can start a fire. We were shocked to find out how fast fire can spread through a room; as quickly as 30 seconds!

We really appreciated the visit from the Fire Service and we could remember lots of information when we discussed this in our PSHE lesson the following week.

Eco Club - Stephenson Railway Museum Project

We were invited to Washington Wetlands to go and have a look at some of their sensory equipment and attend a workshop all about plastic pollution and global warming. We had a fantastic day and even got to see some Otters and Flamingos, which were fabulous.

We are continuing to work with Stephenson Railway on their project, developing a sensory garden in their woodlands walk. We are very grateful for the opportunity, allowing our children to have their say in plans for the project.



Year 5 History Project

North Shields Heritology Project

As part of our History curriculum, members of the North Shields Heritology project came into our classrooms at the end of September to share some inspiring stories of people who played a role in the abolition of slavery. We were inspired to hear the stories of Mary Ann Macham and Charles Minto who lived in North Shields.

In October, we then visited the Fish Quay and North Shields to learn more about our local area and heritage. We visited an art studio to listen to a local sculptor who is creating a 10ft high sculpture of Mary Ann Macham! We also visited North Shields Library to see the Wooden Dolly and ended at the Baptist Church on Howard Street where Frederick Douglass (who was friends with Abraham Lincoln) gave two speeches.



School Council Elections

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September we held our School Council Election. We had so many children delivering speeches to their year group to set out how they would represent their class in school. Voting was extremely close and we are delighted to announce our members for this school year are

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Year 1 - Heidi and Reyansh

Year 2 - Freya, Holly and Alex

Year 3 - Freya and Edward

Year 4 - Daisy and Harrison

Year 5 - Alicja and Tommy

Year 6 - Shania and Divine

Miss Tully and Miss Eiles are looking forward to our first meeting and hearing the views and ideas from our members. Follow us on Twitter to see our positive impact upon New York Primary School.

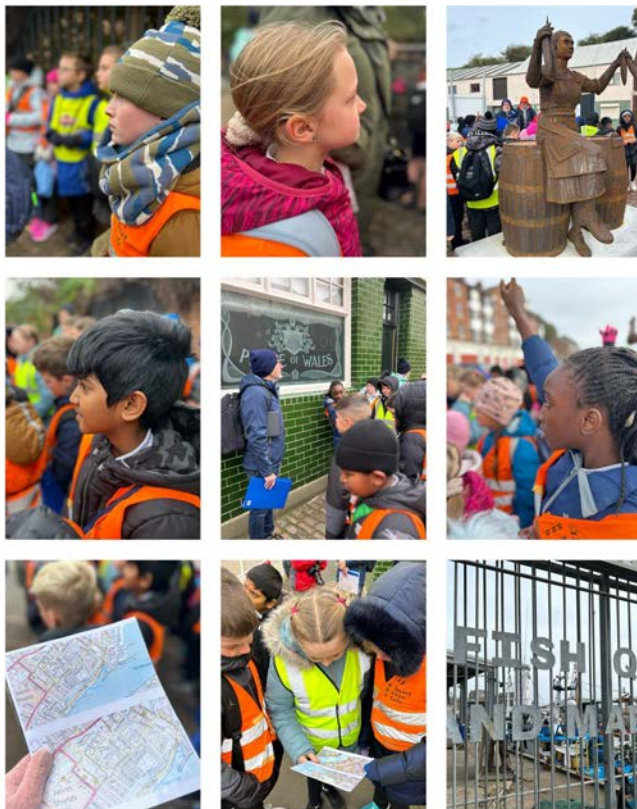
Local Heritage Week

This year we hosted our first Local Heritage Week where each year group completed an in depth study of our local area within their current history topic.



Heritologist Visit

As part of our History topic and Local Heritage Week, Year 5 went on a tour of North Shields with the Heritologists and learnt about our local history as we walked through the streets and visited significant buildings. We were inspired to visit the Baptist Church where Frederick Douglass had addressed the people of North Shields and we saw the entry in the book where Mary Ann Macham had been baptised. We also visited an artist studio where we met Keith Barratt who is currently making a statue of Mary Ann Macham that will be based on the Fish Quay.



Champion Heritage School Status

We are extremely proud to announce that we have just been awarded with Champion Heritage School Status from Historic England. Only the second school in the North East to hold this status! Keep your eyes peeled for our shiny new plaque which will join our Heritage School plaque in the main reception.



Music @ New York



Swing Band

On Tuesday 3rd October, KS1 and KS2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic performance from the East Coast Swing Band! It was incredible for pupils to experience live music including saxophones, drums and trombones! We answered questions about our Music knowledge and the band were impressed by our definitions for music key words.



Year 6 Singing Day

On Wednesday 27th September, year 6 attended the North Tyneside singing event day at Christ Church. We had 5 songs we learnt and performed alongside other schools. We received amazing feedback from the organisers who even asked us to perform the harmonies as a demonstration to the other schools! We are waiting for the recording of the songs which we will share with you when we get it.

Herring Girl Unveiling

On 22nd September, our wonderful choir were invited to the opening of the new Herring Girl statue on North Shields Fish Quay. We sang 'Cullercoats Fish Lass' for hundreds of gathered spectators including the Lord Mayor and Brenda Blethen AKA Vera! Thank you so much to the North Shields Fishermen's Heritage Project for funding the statue and our visit.



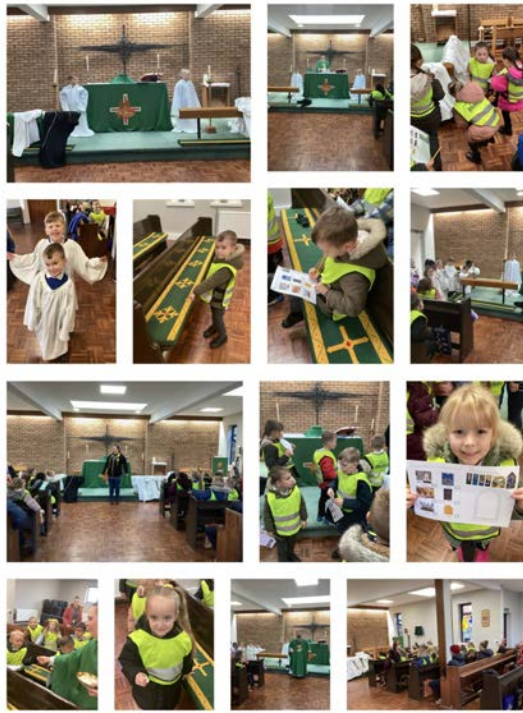
Balance Bikes - Reception

Resilience was key for our Reception children during their Balance Bikeability week. The instructors were so impressed with their balance skills that many of the children were able to take off their stabilisers and were quickly flying around the yard, being able to ride on two wheels. Those who needed a little extra time persisted over the next week at home and many are now confident riders.



Year 1 Church Visit

During RE we have been learning all about the religion of Christianity. We made links with our local Church - St Aidan's and arranged a visit. Once we arrived we had a look around the Church, looking for signs and symbols that represent Christianity. We then listened to a story from the Bible and sang a hymn. Thank you to Reverend Stephanie for hosting a mini service for us.



Year 6 Mosque Trip

On Tuesday 17th October, Year 6 visited the Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural centre as part of our RE topic of diversity. We felt so lucky as we were able to observe a true Islamic call to prayer as well as a congregational prayer.

We were able to ask questions and learnt all about the culture and beliefs of Islam. We were then able to have a look at the washroom that Muslims will use before they prayer and all the other rooms around the Mosque.



EYFS REQUESTS

If you have any of the following please can you hand them in to Miss Hollywood



Our supplies of socks and spare underwear, leggings and joggers have dwindled - if your child has brought some home please can you return them or if you are having a 'grown out of clearout' please think of us for any donations. Thank you!

Nursery

What a fantastic half term in Nursery! We have welcomed lots of new friends, established good rules and routines and the children have enjoyed accessing all areas of Nursery and taking part in different activities.

Phunky Food Ambassadors

Please welcome our new Phunky Food Ambassadors who will be helping to share the importance of being active and staying healthy.



Year 5 Bikes 4 Health

After a highly successful year of Bike4Health we are pleased that our current Year 5 classes continue to enjoy taking part in our exciting cycling lessons. We are so proud that all children are now riding independently and each group has managed to leave the school grounds to cycle to the Royal Quays, the Cobalt and the Rising Sun. They have been learning how to ride safely as part of a group and some children have been practising using their gears when going up hills.



Sporting News

Girls Football

On Tuesday 26th September we had our first game of the school year against Valley Gardens. We welcomed new players into our team who showed skill and determination when training. We all played with resilience and sportsmanship - and even though the result didn't go our way, we can't wait for our next fixture!

QuickSticks Hockey

On Tuesday 17th October, pupils from Year 4 attended a Hockey Festival at The Parks. All pupils had a fantastic time showing off their attacking and defending skills which we have been learning in PE this half term, focusing on Hockey.

Our pupils showed all of the School Games traits including Self Belief, Determination and Resilience.



Year 6 Gymnastics session

On Friday 13th October, pupils participated in a gymnastics taster session at the City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy. All pupils demonstrated the skills they have been developing during our PE lessons. Pupils were able to use specialised equipment such as springboards, bars and the foam pits, a great opportunity for pupils to enhance their experience of gymnastics! Pupils showed vast amounts of determination to push outside of their comfort zones!



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



Platinum Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the School Games award for our engagement in school sports and physical activity. We were awarded at the highest level of **PLATINUM!**



General Information

Punctuality

It is essential that pupils arrive to school on time. Lessons begin promptly at 9.00am and if a child is not sat at their table ready to learn at this time they will miss learning. The KS2 school gate opens at 8.45am for pupils to access school, hang up coats and bag and head into class. The gate shuts at 8.55am to enable teacher to get to class for 9.00am

The KS1 gate opens at 8.50 and closes just before 9.00am. This ensures that KS1 teachers are ready to start their lessons at 9.00am.

Reception class gate opens at 8.50am.

All pupils finish the school day at 3.30pm. Learning continues until the last minute of the day and we do not waste a moment.

Taking a pupil out of school early will also mean that they are missing learning. At the end of the day this is likely to be reading that they miss.



Appointments



I am aware that doctor and dentist appointments can be difficult to secure out of school hours and I am confident that parents do try to get appointments after school. Where this is not possible and there is a request to take a pupil out of school for an appointment, please be aware that office staff will ask for evidence such as an appointment card or confirmation text. I know that this might not always be available but if you can supply this it will be helpful to us. Where there is a hospital appointment we can take a copy of the appointment letter.

For something a little different on the run up to Christmas we are hosting an evening **Christmas Market** on Thursday 7th December 5-7pm. Tickets will be £2.00 for entry and this will entitle you to a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and a raffle ticket. There will be various stalls selling gifts including perfume, skin care products, jewellery, crafts and many more interesting stalls. Our tea and coffee stall will be open too. I am told there will be some lovely raffle prizes donated by stall holders. A flier with more detail will be sent out after half term.



Dates for your diary

- Friday 27th October - Finish for half term
- Monday 6th November - Children return to school
- Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th November - Parent Consultation appointments
- Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day / Anti Bullying Week
- Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th November - Robinwood Year 6
- Friday 24th November - Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 28th November - Book Fayre Week.
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 5th December Y4 Christingle at Christchurch - times TBC
- Thursday 7th December - Year 1 Christingle at St Aidan's Church 10am
- Thursday 7th December - ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH
- Thursday 7th December - *new event* Evening Christmas Market 5pm -7pm
- Week commencing 11th December - Christmas Performances
- Monday 11th December EYFS Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm
- Tuesday 12th December KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm and 4:30pm
- Wednesday 13th December KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm and 4:30pm
- Thursday 14th December - Pantomime at the Theatre Royal
- Friday 15th December - EYFS Christmas Party
- Monday 18th December - Christmas Crafts
- Tuesday 19th December - Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20th December - Carols on the Yard - Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December - Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Party.
- Friday 22nd December - Finish for Christmas
- Monday 8th January - Children return to school.
- Monday 22nd January - Year 6 Safetyworks trip
- Friday 16th February - Finish for half term
- Monday 26th February - children return to school
- Thursday 28th March - Finish for Easter
- Monday 15th April - Children return to school
- Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May th KS2 SATS - Year 6
- Friday 24th May - Finish for Half term
- Monday 3rd June - Teacher training day
- Tuesday 4th June - Children return to school
- Thursday 18th July - Finish for Summer holidays
- Friday 19th 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.

