



Message from Mrs Shaw

It seems a long time since I was wishing you all Happy New Year. In school we all agree that this has been a fast 6 weeks. Pupils have returned from Christmas ready to learn and get back into routines. They have not disappointed us and we are seeing some very pleasing movement across RWInc groups with some super progress evident in early reading. We have continued to invest heavily in new, quality texts and I know many of you have taken advantage of the many 'free to good home' books in the trolleys over recent weeks. Reading remains a consistently vital part of all pupil development. Pupils read in school every day and we urge families to support daily reading at home. We have listened to pupil reading preferences and have bought books that pupils tell us they would like to read. Funds raised with your support have been used to purchase new books. A team of Year 6 pupils have worked hard to re-organise the school library, removing old books and re-stocking with new ones. All classes display their current quality reading and topic books on a shelf outside the classroom to announce and celebrate the class texts for the half term. Ask your child what is on their shelf. Have a great half term week and when we return, hopefully the weather will feel more like Spring.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 93.9%
which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
08.01.24	97.41%	Miss Ransome & Miss Turner	100%
15.01.24	95.12%	Miss Hollywood	99.13%
22.01.24	94.55%	Mr Lisle, Mr Hadfield & Mr Smart	97%
29.01.24	93.72%	Mr Hadfield	96.51%
05.02.24	92.68%	Mr Hadfield	98.7%

Book Look

We enjoyed welcoming in our families to share what we have been learning about in lessons! It was fantastic to see the children sharing their successes and showing the progress that they have made so far this academic year.



Eco Club Cake Sale



As part of our eco club we had discussed raising money for a local charity. We had a vote and agreed that our chosen charity would be Newcastle Cat and Dog Shelter in Benton. We received some fantastic baked goods from eco team and from staff. We would like to thank you for the fantastic contribution, as we have raised a fantastic total of £210.

Safety works

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to SafetyWorks on the 22nd January 2024. We participated in 5 different activities in realistic situations illustrating every day hazards and how to prevent them. They included antisocial fires, mindfulness, peer pressure and online safety and water safety.



OPAL

We are approaching the reaccreditation of our OPAL platinum award. Outdoor Play and Learning is a huge asset to school and pupils have a large variety of activities to choose from at breaks and lunchtimes. Over time items become worn and broken. We are asking if anyone has any contacts who might have access to crates, drain pipes and general loose parts that children can construct and build with.

You have been very generous in helping us stock up our OPAL supplies in the past so we are hoping you can help again or maybe know someone who can.

NUSTEM Freezing and Melting Workshop

This half term one of our Nursery topics was freezing and melting. To help support this we had a visit from our friends at NUSTEM who planned a lovely activity for us all! To start we read the story The Not So Perfect Penguin. This was about a penguin called Percy who was lost in the cold and was warmed up in huddle with all of his friends. Nursery then took turns exploring blocks of ice, trying to melt it with warm water and salt to try and free the penguins. At the end of our session our grown ups were invited to join in. Nursery were fantastic scientists!



Bedtime Stories KS1

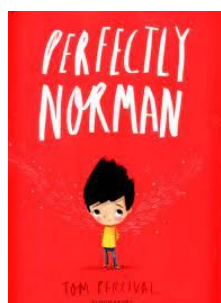
We enjoyed sharing books with our adults at bedtime stories in Key Stage 1, showing off our impressive reading skills! We listened to books read by teachers including 'Winter Sleep' and 'Dare We Be Dragons'. We finished our evening by enjoying a cup of delicious hot chocolate.



Bedtime Stories KS2

We loved opening our classroom doors to families for our Bedtime Stories in Key Stage 2. We listened to books read by our teachers including "The Pandas Who Promised", "Perfectly Norman" and "Winnie the Pooh".

While families sat together enjoying the stories, we enjoyed a hot chocolate. Thank you to families who supported the event.



YR5 & 6

Hot chocolate and bedtime story.



Valentines Disco

We had a great time dancing with our friends!
We enjoyed the treats from tuck shop and had a wonderful time.



School Council

This half term our School Council met to discuss our new Trim Trail project. They considered what they liked about our trim trail, what worked well and what they thought could be made even better. They shared their findings in a whole school assembly and asked their fellow students to share any other ideas they had to improve the trim trail. Ideas were also gathered for school council to discuss at their next meeting.



Pre-Order Lunches

Pupils are really enjoying the school lunches provided by our new catering provider Hutchisons. Thank you to those using the [Appetite App](#) and pre-ordering their child's lunch. This ensures a speedy service at lunchtimes and guarantees your child has the lunch of their choice every time. If you need support in downloading the app to access pre-ordering please pop to the school office.

Year 3 Hindu Temple Visit

On Thursday 8th February, Year 3 visited the ISKCON Temple as part of their Hinduism topic. Children came up with a range of thoughtful questions that they were able to ask the pujari, which is a Hindu temple priest. We enjoyed wearing some traditional clothing and using instruments that are used during Hindu worship.



Lunar New Year

Children across EYFS celebrated Lunar New Year with a day of festivities. We visited a Chinese restaurant for a banquet with chopsticks, spring cleaned our classrooms and spent some time in Chinese school practising our writing! We even had time to create a lion dance and play in the marching band.



Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February 2024

Year 1

In Year 1 we listened to the story of The Invisible String. We then thought about who we can talk to and what we can do to help our mental health. We drew images and then joined them up using 'invisible' string'.



Year 2

In Year 2, we explored how music can impact on your mental health! We listened to different types of music and explained how they all made us feel. We drew what the music reminded us about.



Year 3

In Year 3, we looked at the theme which is 'My Voice Matters' and clarified the meaning of empowerment. We then recapped on prior learning of why our mental health is important. We also discussed and reflected on what we do if we are worried and to ensure our voice is heard and shared some of our proud moments.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been looking at how we can look after our physical health and our mental health, discussing different ideas. We created a comic strip, showing how somebody who was suffering with their mental health could use strategies and feel better. We know different things that can help our mental health: exercise, fresh air, singing and talking with a friend.

Reception

In Reception we thought about how our voice matters, we talked about our own likes and dislikes before making picture lists of our favourite things'.

Year 4

In Year 4 we thought about how we can look after our mental health. Thinking about 'My Voice Matters' we wrote things that we like about ourselves. Then our friends wrote kind words for us too. When we read them, it made us feel so appreciated and loved to know that our friends thought this about us!



Music @ New York

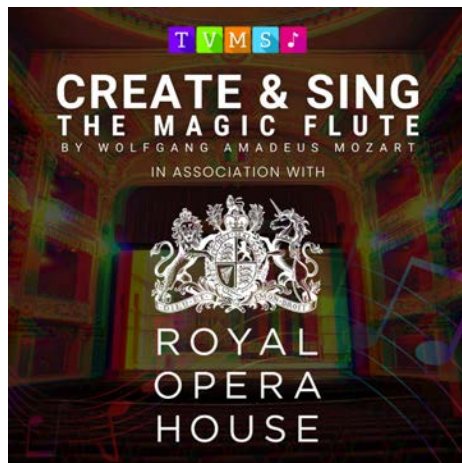


Three Little Mammoths

On Wednesday 7th February, pupils from Year 3 and 4 attended a performance of Three Little Mammoths at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. We learnt about the musicians on the stage and heard about the countries they had travelled from; as far as Australia!

Then we listened to the story with musical accompaniment from a cello, flute and piano.

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Choir News

Over the last few weeks, choir have been preparing for two events, Magic Flute Opera Celebration and the annual Spring Sing. It has been fantastic to see so many children committing to attend practice every Friday. We have worked on a variety of songs from opera to folk and pop! We look forward to sharing our hard work with you after the half term holidays.

NTMEH Saturday sessions

Don't forget that the North Tyneside Music Education Hub offer free sessions for pupils aged 4-11 on Saturday mornings.

Click on the link to find out more about the sessions:

<https://ntmeh.org.uk/activities-for-young-people/>



Sporting News

Sports Leaders

Sports Leaders attended the Primary Leadership Event through North Tyneside School Sports Programme at the Linskill Centre on Tuesday 9th January. Sports Leaders participated in activities when leading sports and discussed the qualities that make a great sports leader. Our sports leaders are now fully prepared to lead activities with other children across school..



Littleton League

The under 11 football team played their 3rd round of fixtures in The Littleton League, winning 1 game and losing 1. The team displayed tremendous character and endeavour in both games.

Gymnastics

On Thursday 25th January, 6 children from years 5 and 6 took part in the Key Step Gymnastics finals.

The children had to learn a short gymnastics routine which they performed in front of the judges. Children were then able to tryout all of the fantastic gymnastics equipment such as the beam and bars.

We have received the results of this competition and the team placed a fantastic 5th place out of 21 teams!



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



Dates for your diary

- Friday 16th February - Finish for half term
- Monday 26th February - Children return to school
- Monday 4th March - Dance Festival
- Tuesday 5th March - Choir Spring Sing
- Friday 8th March - Enterprise Fayre
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March - Parents Evening
- Monday 25th March - Year 1 Parent Phonic Meeting 9am and 2.45pm
- Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March - Easter Assemblies
- Thursday 28th March - Finish for Easter
- Monday 15th April - Children return to school
- Thursday 18th April - Active Mile Day
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th May - KS2 SATS - Year 6
- Friday 24th May - Finish for half term
- Monday 3rd June - Teacher training day
- Tuesday 4th June - Children return to school
- Monday 10th - Friday 15th June - Year 1 Phonics Screener
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st June - STEM Week
- Friday 21st June - STEM Fair
- Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day
- Wednesday 26th June - Book Look
- Friday 28th June - Non-uniform day for Summer Fayre
- Friday 5th July - Summer Fayre
- Saturday 6th July - Shiremoor Treat
- w/c Monday 8th July - Beach trips
- Friday 12th July - Summer Festival
- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th - Meet the Teacher Transition Days
- Thursday 18th July - Finish for Summer holidays
- Friday 19th July - Teacher training day

Parking

Please ensure that if driving to and from school you take care to drive slowly around school roads and park responsibly. No cars should access the raised area immediately in front of the school double gates. This is dangerous as pupils and adults will be stood there. I note this has happened a couple of times recently.

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.

