



## Message from Mrs Shaw

Well what a fantastic half term it has been with New York's usual packed diary of events and activities. We began the half term with Year 4 X Tables testing and Year 1 Phonics testing. Along with Year 6 SATS, these are statutory national tests. Our own predictions of results are very positive and we will share the actual results with you when they are published. A huge well done to all pupils who have worked hard and had a positive attitude to their learning. The sun has shone (after the rain) and we enjoyed welcoming parents and families into school to support pupils with STEM Fair, School Fayre, Sports Day events and various assemblies. As ever, our summer Book Look proved popular and there was a charity cake stall organised by our School Council. We are thrilled with our new outdoor stage. Huge thanks to our afternoon caretaker, Graham, for his skill and dedication to this project - we love it! Our Beach Visits were enjoyed by nearly all with some very creative sand sculptures and castle building. We were brilliantly represented at the Shiremoor Treat and Mouth of the Tyne this year. Thanks to those families who supported these events and enabled their children to take part the local events. I hope the sun keeps shining over the holidays and that you have a wonderful summer. Thanks for all your support - as ever.

Mrs J Shaw

### 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
3/6/24	93.6%	Year 3 RH	98.6%
10/6/24	93%	Year 3 RH	98.8%
17/6/24	92.3%	Reception SH	97.8%
23/6/24	94.4%	Reception SH	98.7%
1/7/24	95.8%	Reception BK	99.1%

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The New York Times



## Year 1 Visit to Scotswood Garden

Year 1 visited Scotswood Garden as part of their Science learning all about Plants. We had a tour of the gardens before looking at and naming the plants we found. We wowed the staff with our knowledge of the different parts of plants before planting our very own seed to bring back to school.

We can't wait to see how our seeds grow.



## Year 4 Visit to Newcastle Cathedral

On Thursday 13th June, Year 4 visited Newcastle Cathedral as part of our RE learning. We looked around the cathedral, identifying each of the features that we had learnt about at school. Next we began to look more deeply at our big question 'Why do people visit Cathedrals today?'



## Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 welcomed their families to an assembly all about Ancient Greece.

Children shared their learning about what life was like in Ancient Greece linking it to their work in English, History, Geography and Art. They spoke loudly and clearly to an audience and sang beautifully! The children then invited their families to complete a range of activities including guessing the ancient Greek artefacts, playing an ancient Greek board game and tasting Greek food!



## Year 3 Visit to the Rising Sun

On Friday 14th June, Year 3 enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Rising Sun Country Park. We completed an orienteering task in the park and created a simple map and key, linking with our geographical knowledge. We also learnt about the process of harvesting wheat and how this was done during the Stone Age. We

created our own bread around a campfire, linking to our DT topic around cooking and nutrition.



# Amber Photography

Year 5 have been taking part in a photography project with Amber called 'Postcode Explorers'. Over the last few weeks, we have been learning how to use DSLR cameras to take pictures of buildings and portrait of people.

We then walked around our local community, taking pictures of residents outside of their homes. We also photographed significant buildings including Murton House, Moor Park Cottages and The Old Forge on Brookland Terrace. On 11th July, we invited parents in for a preview before our exhibition will be available to the public in the Autumn Term.



## Year 6 Project

Year 6 have participated in a project related to their career aspirations. They have been focussing on how to capture portrait photographs and the different effects you can use to emphasise specific aspects of portraits. Year 6 considered how they could capture a portrait that represented their career aspiration in school. The portraits were then displayed in a virtual gallery online.



## NUStem Workshop

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th Reception classes were visited by Mel from NU STEM for a Robotic Engineers Workshop - Robots, Robots Everywhere! We read a story then got busy learning how to code different robots including Cubetto and our friends! We also designed our own robots. We were then lucky to be joined by our families who came and shared our story then we created our own code to move our robots. Thank you all of our families who came and supported us - we are already looking forward to next year!

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## Cake Sale

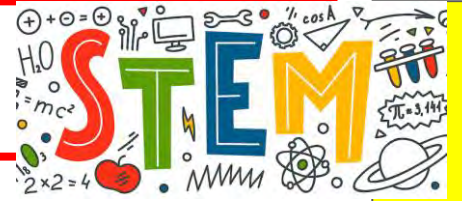
School Council held a cake sale during our Summer term book look. Due to the kind donations of staff, parents and School Council members, we managed to raise £150. This money has been spent on two new giant balance spinning tops for the children to enjoy on the yard.



## Eco News

We want to start with some fantastic news that we have been awarded our Green Flag Eco Schools Status with merit for the second time around! We are very proud of all of the Eco Team and pupils for all of their involvement. The team have been working hard on looking after our planters at the back of school and we have been looking at ways we can use our produce, once it is grown.

# STEM WEEK



## Bubbles - Year 1

On Tuesday 18th June Year 1 welcomed Mel from NU STEM. We took part in a bubble workshop, working together to make our own bubble potions before testing the mixture to see if it worked. We blew bubbles on our tables before heading outside to create giant bubbles.



## Amber Workshop - Year 2 and 3

On Wednesday 18th June, Year 2 and 3 worked with Amber to find out more about our local heritage. We looked at pictures and had to be detectives to identify what we could see and predict what was happening. We found out that the pictures were related to a ship launch in Wallsend and that they smash a bottle of champagne on the outside of the ship for good luck.

# STEM WEEK

## Green Skills Workshops - Year 5 and 6

Dan from Newcastle College visited Year 5 and 6 to teach them about the importance of renewable energy. In teams, children had to build mini wind turbines and find out how much energy they could generate. They then needed to work together as teams to improve their design.



## EYFS Visits to Stephenson

Nursery and Reception took trips along to the Stephenson Railway Museum during STEM week to pilot a brand new workshop entitled 'All Aboard'

We were learning all about the different jobs people had on the railway.

We spent our time exploring the museum - looking at all of the trains before listening to the story 'And the Train goes...' acting out the characters. Before we left we had the opportunity to get crafty in the classroom, creating a giant collage to bring back to school.



# STEM WEEK

In Year 4, as part of our Smashing Stereotypes day, we learnt about Katherine Johnson who worked for NASA. She smashed gender and race stereotypes to make incredible achievements! We created parachutes and used different materials to create air resistance which made the space capsules fall more slowly.



## Year 1 Bugs 'n' Stuff

During STEM week Year 1 took part in a Bugs n Stuff workshop. We saw lots of bugs including gekkos, tarantulas, snakes, stick insects, millipedes, scorpions and cockroaches. We got to touch, hold and stroke lots of different creatures. We were very brave and asked lots of questions.





# STEM WEEK

## Dogs Trust workshops - Y6 and Y2

Year 2 learnt about how they should stay safe around dogs, even if you know the dog really well. We found out we should give dogs space whilst they are eating or sleeping. We found it interesting that dogs don't understand hugs like humans do and sometimes become scared if we hug them. We found out that we should stroke them instead to show our affection.



## Agilio Assembly

Sharon from Agilio joined us for an interesting assembly about software and her role in the company. We learnt about what software is and the careers that you can go into. Sharon then joined us for our STEM Fair with the chance to design our own robots!



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# STEM Fair

On Friday 21st June we hosted our annual STEM Fair where we invite a range of companies and businesses into school to showcase what they do and speak to families. It was a brilliant afternoon and the weather was glorious! Children were so engaged with the stalls and learnt about what they may want to do when they grow up. Thank you to all of the families who supported the event.



# Beach Trips

On Thursday 27th June, Year 5 and 6 headed to the beach. We were lucky to have glorious sunshine all day. We had a great day building sandcastles, building tunnels and playing beach football. To cool down, we enjoyed our ice lollies.



On Thursday 4th July, it was Year 3 and 4's turn to go to the beach! We enjoyed building sand castles, playing cricket and finished the day off with a delicious ice lolly!



On Tuesday 9th July, the weather didn't play fair for the Year 1 & 2s visit to the beach. We decided to have a fun day in school instead as the rain poured and the wind howled. We enjoyed a morning of lego, colouring, building and board games before having our beach picnic in the hall. We then swapped our ice creams for popcorn and turned our classrooms in cinemas for the afternoon.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge is a celebration of the creative arts, inspiring children aged 3 to 11 to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and – of course – to read!

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is Marvellous Makers.

Children can sign up at any library and read their way through library books, collecting special stickers as they go.



## French Day

On Wednesday 10th July, the whole school enjoyed an early celebration of Bastille Day with a festival of all things French! Dressed in red, white and blue, the children learned lots of interesting facts about our Gallic neighbours, as well as sampling French food, singing songs, playing boules, creating art and constructing model Eiffel Towers. A wonderful day was had by all!



## Fun Fitness!

Following on from Nursery's successful Mini Movers session back in Autumn term, Miss Tully and Mrs Eccles ran their own Fun Fitness sessions this half term. This included taking part in variety of physical activities, such as go and stop games and practising our throwing and catching skills. We also enjoyed a healthy snack after each session.



## Year 4 Sounds of the Fish Quay Exhibition

On Thursday 27th June, Year 4 were proud to share their learning with parents and family. We worked with AMBER Education and Ed Carter to create an animation using sounds, sights and poetry linked to the Fish Quay. We invited parents to view our photography exhibition afterwards and we are so proud that our photographs will then be shared at North Shields Library over the Summer holidays.



## Year 6 New York Wood

Year 6 had a fun day of outdoor adventure in the beautiful sun shine at school. Pupils were in groups for the day, where they took part in a range of activities, including the Slip n' Slide and the obstacle challenge. After a barbecue lunch on the field, we gathered for some sporting activities in the afternoon.



# Opal OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

## Creative Construction



## We need your help!

Thank you for your continued support to help us replenish our OPAL toys.

This term, each class have been playing OPAL BINGO.

If you are getting rid of anything on the bingo grid, please donate to school and help your child's class win extra OPAL time!



We need your help!  
OPAL BINGO

Fill your class board and get OPAL PLZ




We play in all weathers! Please make sure that you child is prepared for rain or sunshine!

# Music @ New York

## Choir Big Sing

On Wednesday 3rd July, our dedicated choir members attended the Glasshouse in Gateshead as a reward for their commitment to choir for the year. These pupils have attended every practice and sang in the variety of events we have taken part in this year. We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the concert with the theme: Connections!



# SAGE Lego Project

On Tuesday 9th July, pupils from Year 3 and 4 attended the Explore Lego Festival at the Village Hotel. We spoke to judges about the work we had completed at school and shared how we had used the Core Values including teamwork, discovery and of course fun.

We also enjoyed the different activities on offer at the event including Lego Escape Rooms, Art challenges and a treasure hunt! We are looking forward to Year 5 and 6 when we can begin Lego League Challenge.



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# Sporting News

## Girls Football

On Wednesday 5th June we were invited to Newcastle United Academy to compete in a tournament with other schools. We had a great afternoon, playing with skill and determination and showing off our New York standards. Our goal keeper even won Player of the Tournament!

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## Girls Football - Littleton League

Our girls team were very busy on Wednesday 5th June with a visit to John Spence to play in the next round of the Littleton League. We played 3 games showing great communication and positivity. Our hard work paid off, we finished second in our group.

## Girls Football - Littleton League

On Wednesday 26th June our girls team played in the final round of the league. We played 2 final games at John Spence, the sun was shining and we were raring to go. Our first game ended in a 0-0 draw, we played with confidence and skill. After a motivating team talk (maybe the England team could have done with one!) from Miss Evans we started our second game quickly, going 2-0 up. We continued to show passion and determination and finished with a 3-1 win.

## North Tyneside Active Mile

On Thursday 18th April, we took part in the active mile. Incredibly, 66 schools took part accumulating 19,494 miles! New York amassed an amazing 424 miles!

Follow all of our sporting events with our NYPs Sport on X (Twitter!) @NYPsSport

# Sporting News

## Year 3 and 4 Boys Football

Over the past 4 weeks the Year 3/4 football team have been playing against 8 other schools in a competition at St Bart's Primary School. They have shown fantastic teamwork, resilience and potential which they demonstrated in the Shiremoor Treat too!



## Shiremoor Treat under 11 boys

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys football team who finished joint second. Winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1 before the last game was abandoned.

We showed fantastic endeavour, skill and hard work.



## Shiremoor Treat

Well done to our girls team who were overall winners at the Shiremoor Treat. We won 3 of our 4 games and drew our final game. We kept a clean sheet & scored some fantastic goals. We all played with skill and determination - retaining the trophy for the second year running!



## Year 5/6 Netball

After winning the qualifying tournament, our netball team played Shiremoor Primary in the finals at the Treat. We defeated them 6 - 2 to bring back the trophy for the 2nd year running! An amazing achievement!

You can admire our trophies from this years Treat in the cabinet in the school entrance.



# Sporting News

## KS1

Key Stage 1 enjoyed taking part in 9 different events in teams with our parents/carers cheering us on. We then held sprinting and relay races, showing fantastic sportsmanship. We finished the morning with an ice pop treat to cool down. Thank you to everybody who came along to join us.



## Early Years

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our sports day. We are so proud of our children. The races included egg and spoon, bean bag and sack. They were all eager to take part and showed good sportsmanship.



## KS2

The whole of KS2 showed great sportsmanship during Sports Day. We had a great afternoon taking part in the different activities such as the sack race, bean bag throw, hurdles, standing long jump and even an obstacle course. The teachers picked out 4 teams who best demonstrated these qualities:

- Self Belief - Canada
- Teamwork - Germany
- Determination - USA
- Respect - Italy

## County Trials

We are very proud that 4 of our Year 5 boys were nominated to attend North Tyneside County Football Trials for U11. Well done boys and thank your for representing New York so well. Congratulations to Carter who has been selected for the County squad.



# Dates for your diary

- Thursday 18th July - Finish for Summer holidays
- Friday 19th July - Teacher training day
- Monday 2nd September - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 3rd September - Children return to school.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

We are saying a fond farewell and thank you to two long serving and dedicated staff this year. It is a rarity for staff to leave New York and I know they do so with a heavy heart and mixed emotions.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Potter our super Inclusion Manager. Mrs Potter has been a New Yorker for 15 years, more recently working part time for the Local Authority. She has decided to accept a full time position with them. I know this has not been an easy decision for her but I also know she will keep in touch. Thank you Mrs Potter for your commitment to New York. Miss Eiles, who is known to you all will be taking over the Inclusion role in school.

Miss Drake will not be returning to New York in September as, after 7 years as a New Yorker, she is relocating to a different part of the country. Again I know this was not an easy decision for her to make but she leaves with our thanks for her contribution to our school. We have new teaching staff starting with us in September. Miss Leckie and Miss James. Pupils will have already met them as they attended our transition days.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Eccles who has worked with us for 3 years in our 2 Year offer and Mr Smart who worked with Year 5 and interventions this year. Good luck to you both and thank you.

## Parking on Phoenix Chase

We receive daily complaints from our neighbours about parking at key times of the school day. I have requested previously that parents park responsibly but I am asking once again. Please take care with speed on Phoenix Chase and please do not park across garages and driveways and please do not park in a way that causes any obstruction. Thank You.

## 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.

