



Message from Mrs Shaw

Thank you everyone for all your support over this busy half term. In addition to various sporting events including football and handball festivals our football teams have continued to play in the local Littleton League and are currently in joint first place. We have welcomed families into school for parent consultations during the first week back and then in the last 2 weeks for our Christmas performances, crafts and Carols on the Yard. Many of you have also been fortunate enough to attend a Christingle either at St Aidan's or Christchurch. Our choir opened the show at the Winter Sing at Whitley Bay playhouse and I am very proud of the skill and variety of disciplines they showed including; acapella round, harmony and singing in parts. Our Christmas grotto was a huge success and once again Father Christmas brought a reindeer for us to see. The Christmas Fair was very well supported so thank you to all those who spent some money on stalls, tombola and raffle tickets. Despite all this Christmas activity lessons and learning continue to take place and our structure and routines remain strong. This term we have been reassessed for our Inclusion Quality Mark (Flagship status) and I am delighted to announce that we were re-accredited. As we head into our 2 week Christmas break, on behalf of school governors and staff, I would like to wish you a lovely festive season with health, happiness and good cheer spending time with family and friends. Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94%
which is **below** our target of 96.5%.

| w/c | Whole school % | Winning class | % of winning class |
|----------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 4th Nov | 96.4% | 1SH | 99.5% |
| 11th Nov | 97.3% | 4RE | 100% |
| 18th Nov | 94.5% | 9GS | 100% |
| 25th Nov | 90.6% | 13LS | 97.2% |
| 2nd Dec | 89.2% | 9GS | 99.1% |
| 9th Dec | 95.1% | 5CD | 98.8% |



Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, Year 5 led a respectful assembly to remember, reflect and give thanks to those who have lost their lives during conflict. The whole school joined together in this reflection and each class lay a poppy wreath at the front of the assembly.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we came to school with crazy hair to raise money for Children in Need. We raised £255 for the charity. Thank you for all of the donations.



Elf Express

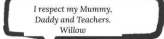
Afternoon Nursery and Reception were invited along to Stephenson Railway to trial the Elf express experience. What a fantastic time we had, we met the elves and went onto the train, sang songs and met Santa Claus. We were all kindly gifted a present, we are very grateful to Stephenson Railway Museum for the experience.



Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

To kick start Anti Bullying Week we all came to school wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. We celebrated our differences and similarities and talked about the need to treat everybody equally and fairly.



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Nursery

In Nursery we read the story 'This Is Our House', we talked about the little boy in the story and whether or not he was being kind and respectful to his friends.

Reception

In Reception we used the story of 'Kind' to talk about how we can be kind to others and have caring and respectful relationships with children in our class. We set up a kindness jar in our classroom to put in a pom pom when someone had been kind to us. We then talk about how they have been kind and respectful.

Year 1

In Year 1 we talked about how we show Respect to our friends, teachers and school. Some of our ideas included showing good listening, putting our hand up to share ideas, keeping our classroom tidy and holding the door open. We drew pictures of showing Respect to display around school.



Year 3

In Year 3 we explored the importance of respecting others. Firstly we discussed what respect is and how it relates to our British Values. We shared our ideas of how we should show respect to people with protected characteristics. We then read a story called we are all different following this we then played a game linked to respect

Anti-Bullying Week

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Year 2

In Year 2 we created a respect web by sharing respectful comments about our classmates. Then we looked at different scenarios and wrote down how we could show respect in each situation.

Year 5

In Year 5 we discussed how we can show respect to our friends, our work, adults around us and to ourselves. We then wrote our own acrostic poems on the word 'Respect' thinking about all the different ways that we can show this.

Year 6

In Year 6 we created Haiku poems showing ways that we could choose respect every day. We worked hard to make sure that each line of our poem had the right number of syllables.

HAF Celebration

Pupils have been fortunate enough to attend High Borrans activity centre over the last two summers. These visits were residential and fully funded by the Holiday Activities and Food programme, (HAF). A group of pupils were invited to speak at the HAF celebration event about their experiences. Our pupils chose to write a poem explaining the activities and how it made them feel. The Mayor of North Tyneside Dame Norma Redfearn said that it made her feel as though she had been there with them. The pupils spoke beautifully and also answered questions about their visit.

HAF Poem (extract)

Happy hiking, hard helmets and homely house,
helping others, hopeful...to come again.

Independence, impressive views, inspiring,
ideal but not for the idle!

Great food, gorgeous flapjack, ghyll
scrambling, glad I came, grateful for the
opportunity.

Helping hands, hot chocolate before bed, high
climbing, heat from the fire pit.



Medicine

Please collect any medicine from the office for over the Christmas Holidays.



Year 1 at the TVLB

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November Year 1 visited the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Museum. This linked to our History topic where we have been learning all about Grace Darling and the ship SS Stanley. During our visit to the museum we turned into Honorary Coastguards and completed a rescue mission with 2 teddies. We explored the museum, climbed the watchtowers and looked at how the equipment has changed over time.



Christmas Fayre

We hosted our ever popular Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December. Thank you to you all for making donations and staying to support this event. Every penny we made is invested back into school to support our pupils in many ways. The day was made even more special by the arrival of Santa and his reindeer.

Year 1 Christingle at St Aidan's Church

On Thursday 5th December our Year 1 children performed a Christingle at our local Church St Aidans. We invited our friends and family along to join us. We wowed them with our knowledge of Christianity and the Christmas story. We sang and spoke beautifully and got everybody into the Christmas spirit!



Christmas Crafts

On Monday 16th December we hosted our ever popular Christmas Craft sessions for families. It was lovely to see so many families join in making lots of different crafts. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Nursery Changes

After a leak caused damage to the Nursery area floor we have had to remove all floor covering to enable the concrete beneath to dry out and a new covering to be re-laid. During this time Nursery are sited in the EYFS Reception area of school. Pupils are to be dropped off and collected from there. Thanks to parents and families for their flexibility and support during this upheaval.

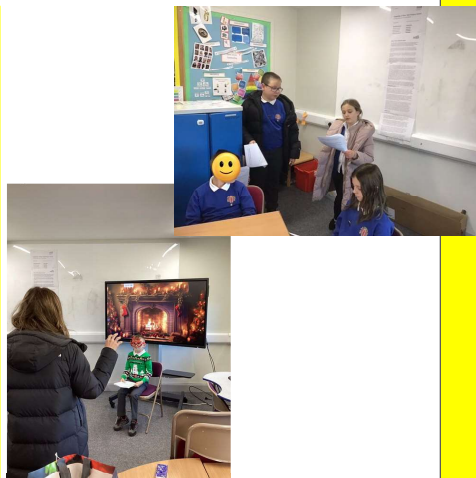
Reception visit to St Aidan's Church

On Wednesday 4th December Reception walked along to St Aidan's Church to learn all about how Christmas is celebrated in the Church. We listened to a Good News story by Rev'd Stephanie and then we sang her one of the songs from our Nativity. On the way to the Church we passed a post box so we posted our letters to Santa ... we hope that he got them in plenty of time and children get their replies soon!



School Council and ECO

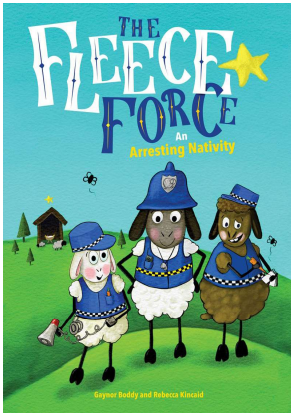
This half term School Council and ECO club took part in a very exciting project. We had a visit from North Tyneside Council to make a video to help promote recycling over Christmas. The video was called "The 12 Days of Recycling" We are so proud of our New Yorkers. They were all eager to take part, learn their script and spoke with confidence. Well done everyone! Check out the North Tyneside Council website to see our friends shine.



Christmas Shows

EYFS

In Early Years we welcomed our families and friends into school on Wednesday 11th December. We told the story of 'The First Christmas' with all children from 2YO - Reception singing on stage. The children in Reception performed their speaking parts with confidence and we are very proud of them all. We hope you all enjoyed the performances.

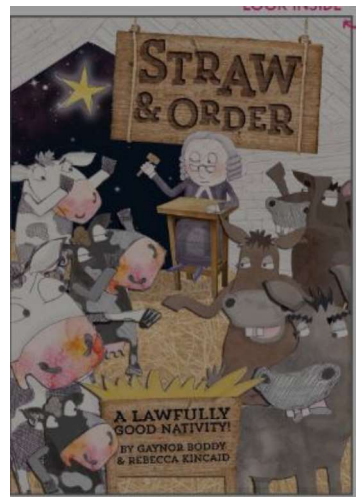


KS1 - The Fleece Force

On Tuesday 10th December our families were welcomed into school to see not 1 but 2 performances of 'The Fleece Force'. Our Year 2 children have worked really hard during this half term to practise their lines, learn new songs and be ready to perform on stage! 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. Thank you to all of our families who came to our shows - we really hope you enjoyed it.

KS2

On Thursday 12th December we took to the courtroom for our KS2 production of Straw and Order. The singing with echo and harmony from choir was excellent and we were thoroughly entertained with singing and dancing from years 3, 4, and 5. Year 6 took the lead with their speaking and singing parts with a couple of additional scenes including Mastermind for the Wise Men and Strictly for our all male dance team. As ever the 'lumi dance' was beautiful. The final 2 songs with all of KS2 made many members of the audience reach for their tissues. Thanks for all the positive feedback we received. Our pupils certainly enjoyed taking part but it is lovely to know that our audience enjoyed it too.



Christmas Parties

EYFS

On 18th December all of EYFS joined together in the hall for their annual Christmas party. There was some superb dancing, wonderful statues and the odd game of pass the parcel. Following that we devoured all of the party food kindly donated by our families. Thank you!



Year 1 and Year 2

Key Stage 1 had a fantastic Christmas party on Tuesday 17th December. We played musical bumps, pass the parcel and corners. Some of us even won prizes for our fabulous dancing! Then we went back to our classrooms to enjoy the party food our families had kindly donated. Thank you!

Year 3 and Year 4

On Friday 13th December, it was Year 3 and 4's turn for our Christmas party! We dressed in our best party clothes and danced the afternoon away with all of our friends. We enjoyed games such as pass the parcel, collect the snowballs and 4 corners before tucking into our delicious party food! Thank you for all of your generous donations of food.



Year 5 and Year 6

On Tuesday 17th December, Year 5 & 6 joined together for our Christmas Party!

Music @ New York



Choir – Winter Sing at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Choir had the honour of opening the Winter Sing at the Whitley Bay Playhouse on Wednesday 27th November. We impressed the audience by singing a four-part round called 'I Heard a Bird Sing' acapella and then went on to sing 'Winter Handclap', 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and 'Light it Up' by Will Young. The singing was full of confidence, enjoyment and joy. Well done, Choir! It really did get us in the festive spirit. Thank you to all parents who attended, it was a lovely event.

Carols on the Yard

One of our favourite events is our Carols on the Yard. Most of you will know that we love our Friday singing on the yard. Whole school were joined by friends and families as we sang some traditional favourites as well as some songs from our productions. Thank you for joining us - we hope this event put you in the Christmas Spirit.

Year 4 Christingle at Christ Church

One of the highlights of our Christmas calendar is working collaboratively with other local schools to put together a Christingle at Christchurch in North Shields. We have been proud to be part of this event for many years and this year was no exception. Year 4 pupils did us proud as they not only sang beautifully but took their places on the altar calmly and with pride and they did not take their eyes off the conductor, following her instructions perfectly. New York also had two wonderful readers who took to the pulpit and shared their readings with the congregation. We all admit to feeling proud and Christmassy after this lovely event.



Sporting News

Boys Football - Littleton League

The under 11 boys played their second round of fixtures in the Littleton League at John Spence, winning both games convincingly. They now sit joint top of the league with two rounds left to play. The team displayed great resilience, teamwork and talent.



North Tyneside Football



LITTLETON LEAGUE

An Under 11, 7 a side football league for the feeder schools of John Spence and Norham
AS IT STANDS AFTER ROUND 2

| | P | W | D | L | PTS |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| New York | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Preston Grange | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Christ Church | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Spring Gardens | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Worsville | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| St Cuthbert's | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Percy Main | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Whitehouse | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| King Edwards | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Year 3 Handball

This half term we have been learning about the rules of Handball in our PE lessons. We have had access coaching teach us skills, rules and how to play the game which we have thoroughly enjoyed. Some of year three then took part in a handball festival at Star of the Sea Primary school where we worked as a team to compete against other schools and we managed to make it to the final. Well done Year Three.



Year 5 - Better On Bikes

Year 5 have continued to build up the miles on their bikes, heading out each Friday. This half term they have pedalled to the Rising Sun, Royal Quays, Cobalt and Newcastle United Foundation. Please remember to wrap up warm for your bike sessions after Christmas.

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



Dates for your diary

- Mon 6th January – **Teacher Training Day – School Closed to pupils**
- Tues 7th January – Spring Term 1 begins
- Wed 15th January – Y6 Safety Works visit
- Wed 29th January – Bedtime story night
- Mon 3rd – Fri 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tues 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thurs 13th February – Valentines Disco
- Wed 19th February – Road Safety Day
- Thurs 20th February – Book Look am & pm
- Fri 21st February – **Finish for Half Term**
- Mon 3rd March – Spring Term 2 begins
- Mon 3rd – Fri 7th March – Careers Week
- Thurs 6th March – World Book Day
- Fri 7th – Mon 10th March – High Borrans Yr4
- Fri 14th March – Comic Relief
- Tues 18th & Wed 19th March – Parents Evening
- Mon 24th March – Yr1 Parents Phonics Meeting am & pm
- Wed 26th March – Reception visit to Stephenson Railway Museum
- Thurs 3rd April – **After School Clubs finish**
- Friday 4th April – Year 2 Alnwick Castle Visit
- Tues 8th April – KS1 Easter Assembly @ 9.15am
- Wed 9th April – EYFS Easter Assembly @ 9.15am
- Wed 9th April – KS2 Easter Assembly @ 2.30pm
- Thurs 10th April – Active Mile Day
- Fri 11th April – **Finish for Easter Holiday**
- Mon 28th April – Summer Term 1 begins



Vaping and Smoking



New York Primary School is a no smoking and no vaping site. This includes the school building and grounds. Please do not enter the yard smoking or vaping or begin to smoke or vape whilst on school premises or grounds. Thank you.

School Lunches

Over the Christmas holidays, please sit with your child and order their school lunches on the Hutchison Appetite system.

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appetite 

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.

