



# Newsletter

25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week of learning has flown with so many highlights that have made us so very proud of our children.

## **Inquisitive Owlets!**

We had our first frosty start this week. The owlets were very interested in the frost on the leaves and ground. This week we are learning about the changes in the weather and how we adapt to these changes. Our children have learnt to keep us warm, we need to turn the heating on and choose the right clothing. They all wear their coats outdoors to keep warm and are learning to fasten them and hang up on their coat hook.



## **Pre-school Rummaging Robins!**

The Robins have been reading Jack Frost and decided to make him a scarf. This week we enjoyed a frosty play in Forest School where we listened to the leaves crunching under our feet.



### Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins have had another great week taking their learning to new heights. In Maths we have been beginning to think about adding one more to representations of 1 to 5. We have counted together and played board games, rolling the dice but then moving one more than the dice showed. Linked to our class text, The Blue Balloon, we have created blue balloons by rolling the dice, working out one more and sticking that amount of collage materials to our balloon.



The Puffins also continue to work very hard on their phonics, practising speed sounds, blending orally, blending using magnetic boards and also beginning to read some of our Read Write Inc green words using Fred Talk and Fred in Your Head.



It also great to see our Puffins continuing their learning at home, working on homework challenges and playing Fred games online with their families. Keep up the great work!

### Curious Kingfishers!

Our week four has whizzed by! What a brilliant, hard-working time we have had in Kingfisher class. We ended last week in our spots, pyjamas and Pudsey related outfits after talking all about charity, those less fortunate than us and the work Children in Need does.

This week we were ready to learn right from Monday morning and have been working so hard on the presentation in our books. I have been so proud to see work that starts with a date and title – both underlined with a ruler – tricky skills that each child is working on to show pride in their presentation.

In science, we have been learning all about the parts of a flowering plant – ask your children if they can show the roots, leaves, flowers, petals and stem of a plant. We completed excellent labelling in our workbooks and played plant related games to help us to embed our new knowledge.

Excitedly, we are currently spending time learning lines, movements, actions, dances and songs for our Christmas performance. We can't wait to share this with you in December!



### Shining Skylarks!

In maths this week we have begun adding one- and two-digit numbers using part whole models and column addition. The Skylarks showed real perseverance when learning how to regroup and rename numbers. In science, we have begun looking at the seven life processes and how to prove that something is alive.

The highlight of our week has definitely been having a campfire together in forest school, just like one of the characters in our text, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. Together we collected wood, learnt all about the fire triangle, toasted marshmallows and made smores. A great experience for us all!



### Super Swifts

This week in their R.E lessons, the Swifts were introduced to Sikhism. They were introduced to different Sikh festivals and used their drama skills to act them out.



### Heroic Harriers

What a fantastic week our Harriers have had! We have been focusing on our 3,6,9 and 7 times tables in maths. We have generated some excellent vocabulary and similes in our Secrets of a Sun King writing unit!

We wowed in PE with our fantastic dance routines which we presented to the class this week. We were very creative and followed the theme of being a spy brilliantly! The routines were recorded, and I will share some action shots on Class Dojo.

### Marvellous Merlins

In Design and Technology, the Merlins have been learning about pneumatic systems. They enjoyed experimenting with a bottle and balloon pneumatic system. Three of the Merlins have received their first Top Student certificate for having 20 Top Students. Well done to Joe, Evan and Millie.



### Outstanding Owls

The Outstanding Owls have been finding out about the main causes of the outbreak of World War 2 in their history lessons this week. They have shown a very mature attitude while discussing the topics of fascism and dictatorship and were able to make links to their PSHE lessons where we have been looking at prejudice and discrimination. Well done on another excellent week of learning, Year 6.



### Golden Awards

Our Headteacher Golden Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher and shone very brightly.

Nursery: Isaac  
Reception: Loughlan and Grace  
Year 1: Amelia-Jane  
Year 2: Millie  
Year 3: Eile  
Year 4: Foster  
Year 5: Lily  
Year 6: Cerys



Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

### Start times

All children from Reception to Year 6 need to arrive from **8.30am - 8.40am** and go straight to their classroom to get ready for the day of learning. We close the top gate at 8.45am when all children are registered and ready to learn. All children will need to report to the school office if they are later than 8.45am parents will be notified that their child was late.

## Class Attendance

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.



Reception	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
93.7%	98%	96.8%	97.8%	96.1%	98.4%	98.8%



**Very well done everyone**

## Healthy snacks

Thank you to all parents from Yr 3 upwards who have sent their child to school with a healthy mid-morning snack, we had seen crisps and sweets last half term which are not healthy options before their lunch. Everyone in the younger year groups is provided with a healthy snack. There has been a huge variety of snacks which the children have really enjoyed and we hope that this continues throughout the year. If your child does bring sweets or crisps into school, they will be asked to keep them for home time.

## Polite Reminder

If your child needs an emergency medical appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment with our Office team. If the booking has been made over the telephone, a text message is sent and this can be forwarded or a photograph taken and sent to our Office team. If in doubt, please ask. It really is important that we know where the children are.

Please remember that emergency messages for end of day pick up will be delivered to a class teacher and we will follow instructions from a parent/carer only when it is an emergency.

## Dates for diary

December	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Mini Police to visit Bedlington Police Station
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	M&M Productions – Cinderella and Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Chris Bostock – Story teller
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – Years 5 & 6 AT St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception children sing at Morrisons
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parcel book Swap
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas story swap
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Chocolate or Bottle Raffle Prize Draw
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Online Science Christmas Workshop
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Magic of Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Year 3 and 4 am, Year 5 and Year 6 pm Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas at normal time

### **Christmas performances**

The performance times for every key stage. It will be a ticketed event with **two** tickets per family for the performance. **Our doors will open from 1.30pm** and you will be able to buy tea/coffee and a mince pie, purchase raffle tickets along with a mystery book stall.

### **Christmas Raffle**

We would love to raise money for Save the Children this Christmas and raise money to support some of the extras that we give in school for our children like the Christmas pantomime and Chris Bostock visit. THANK YOU to everyone who has provided a chocolate prize or a bottle prize – it is much appreciated! Raffle tickets will be on sale before each Christmas production and online from **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. We will then draw the raffle on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Our new Catering Manager, Mr. Wright, is looking forward to the Christmas lunch for our children on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas menu is:



#### **Main course:**

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Pigs in blankets, Roast potatoes, Seasonal vegetables, Sprouts and gravy.

#### **Vegetarian option:**

Quorn and vegetable Hotpot, seasonal vegetables, Sprouts and gravy.

#### **Desserts:**

Christmas pudding and white sauce

Christmas biscuit with Juice

Chocolate yule log

Fruit salad

Our Year 6 parents have been invited to attend and we would look forward to this becoming a Meadowdale tradition.

### **PTFA Movie Night AND Santa visit**

**Save the date- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**



Details have been sent today and our children will be able to watch whilst enjoying a delicious hot chocolate (or cold drink if they are not a fan of hot chocolate). Book online by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **Clubs This Term**

Monday – Netball – Years 4,5, & 6

Tuesday – Choir – Years 3,4,5, & 6

Tuesday - Lunchtime – Art Club – Years 1 & 2

Tuesday – Brilliant Building Bricks – Years 1 & 2

Thursday – Multi skills – Year 1 & 2 begins **10.11.22 for five weeks**

Thursday – Story Telling – Reception

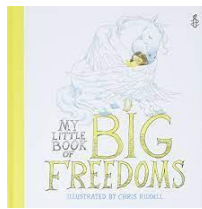
Thursday – Reading Club – Years 3,4,5, & 6

Thursday – Wellbeing Walks – Year 3,4, 5 and 6.

All clubs run from 3.15pm – 4.15pm except for the art club which is over lunchtime. The last week for the majority of the clubs is week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November.

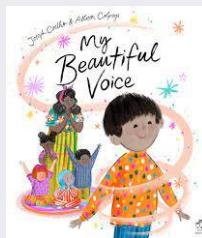
## World Children's Day

In assembly on Monday, Mrs Gair and her Year 6 children shared a very thoughtful assembly upon children's rights. World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. Our children all learnt about the sixteen children's rights from the beautifully illustrated book, My Little Book of Big Freedoms written and illustrated by Chris Riddell. Every child has the right to a good life, to have fun, be safe living a happy and fulfilled life. Together we work with our children and families to help make this happen in and out of school.



## My Beautiful Voice

Today, we launched a poetry competition. I shared a beautiful illustrated story entitled 'My Beautiful Voice'. Our children are all invited to write a poem upon any subject. Poetry can make us think, laugh out loud and sometimes make us cry. Poems can rhyme but don't need to. Our children may wish to write about our world, things that make them happy or upset, pets, family- ANYTHING. We will award an EYFS, KS1, KS2 and an overall winner prize. We will share their work and hope to have some parent judges to help us decide upon the winners! The entries need to be in school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We then will display all poems and hope that our children will read them to their classes, sharing their beautiful words and voices.



Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please remember if you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting school. We are always here to help and support our children and families.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

Take care

Mrs Allison