



Newsletter

11th 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. A special mention to our Year 3 super swift who thoroughly enjoyed their learning about the Stone Age and Bronze Age at the Great North Museum. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, very well done.

Thoughtful Owlets!

The Owlets have been learning about why we wear poppies. We remember the soldiers by wearing red poppies and the brave animals by wearing purple. Our children made their own poppies to decorate the windows. Today, we will sit quietly while watching the C Beebies Remembrance Day video and remember all those who have given so much for our country.



Pre-school Rummaging Robins!

This week the Robins have been learning about Remembrance Day, they have made a poppy out of tissue paper and tested their cutting skills with the individual poppies. The Robins have also been reading our first non-fiction text "Welcome to the Arctic" and talking about the animals you might find in the Arctic. The children have really enjoyed sharing the facts they found out at home with the rest of the class.



Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins have had another great week of learning. We are really enjoying our 'Are we nearly there yet?' topic and have focused this week on a new book called 'Emergency!' and are hoping that we might have a visit soon from some of our local emergency services.

We had a visit from our phonics friend Chontel this week, who was amazed at how much we had learnt



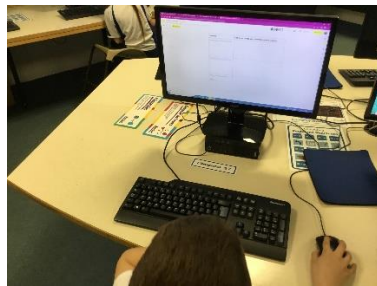
Heroic Harriers

Keep up to date with more school news via our website and social media channels.

The Harriers are loving working on their times tables this week. With the use of TT Rockstars, we are challenging ourselves to get below 6 seconds on the Studio and above 20 on Soundcheck! Our speeds have been rocketing and I'm really proud of everyone's efforts!

In English, we have started our new piece of work - a diary entry on the book Secrets of a Sun King. We have loved finding out about Egypt and Tutankhamun and have started our sentence stacking lessons using some brilliant vocabulary.

In PE, we are in our dance unit. We are creating dance with the theme - The Spy. We are also continuing our swimming learning and we love our weekly trips to the leisure centre.



Marvellous Merlins

We have been exploring texts with the theme of war and remembrance this week in our reading lessons. The first text we read was 'The Emergency Zoo' and how animals were treated during the war.

In computing we were looking at what is the World Wide Web, how information is routed across networks and the differences between a website and a webpage.



In

science, we have been learning about the relative size of the Moon, Sun and the Earth. We learned that the sun is 93,000,000 away from Earth and so we tried to work this out in our school yard.



Outstanding Owls

The Outstanding Owls in Year 6 have made a fantastic start to their learning this half term. In music, they have been learning to play the keyboard and Mrs Henderson is really proud of the progress they are making. They have also been creating their own music in PE lessons, through their jumps, claps and clicks which they turned into amazing dance routines. Great imagination and teamwork displayed. Well done to you all.



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: Ella-Rose
Reception: Jacob
Year 1: Jackson
Year 2: Anya
Year 3: Niamh
Year 4: Jack F
Year 5: Evan
Year 6: Isabel H



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

Bradleys Smile Trust non-uniform

In memory of Bradley Tweedy we are holding a non-uniform day for the children, for all children to wear something blue or yellow (Blue or Yellow are the colours that represent Bradley) to remember Bradley on what would have been his 13th birthday on the 16th November. If anyone would like to donate any change, they have spare than that would be gratefully appreciated and would go straight to Bradley's Smile Trust.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we are also supporting Children in Need and ask for a 50p donation. This year's theme is to wear dress up and look SPOTacular.

Remembrance Services

Today representatives from our school read poetry at a short service at Bedlington's memorial along with other local schools. We were very proud of our KS1 and KS2 children who read the poems with pride.



On Sunday 13th November, our Yr3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 Meadowdale Members of Parliament and Yr 5 Mini-Police will represent our school at the Meadowdale parade at 2.00pm.

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
89.13%	91.67%	93.50%	98.44%	96.32%	96.67%	98.48%

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.

Dates for diary

November	
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th November	Parliament Week
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 th November	Bradley's Colourful Non-uniform day
Wednesday 16 th November	Years 1 & 2 visit to Bedlington Library
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Spotacular
December	
Friday 2 nd December	Mini Police to visit Bedlington Police Station
Tuesday 6 th December	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 th December	M&M Productions – Cinderella and Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
Friday 9 th December	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14 th December	Chris Bostock – Story teller
Thursday 15 th December	Christingle – Years 5 & 6 AT St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 16 th December	Reception children sing at Morrisons
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Parcel book Swap
Friday 16 th December	Christmas story swap
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Chocolate or Bottle Raffle Prize Draw
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch

Monday 19 th December	KS2 Online Science Christmas Workshop
Monday 19 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Monday 19 th December	PTFA Magic of Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 20 th December	KS2 Year 3 and 4 am, Year 5 and Year 6 pm Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas at normal time

Christmas performances

The performance times for every key stage. It will be a ticketed event with four tickets per family for the performance. We will send a booking form next week and tickets will be sent home by the end of November. 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. Please can your child bring either a chocolate prize or a bottle prize on Friday 18th November. We will then store in readiness for the Christmas productions. Raffle tickets will be on sale before each Christmas production and online. We will then draw the raffle on Friday 16th December.

Christmas Lunch

Our new Catering Manager, Mr. Wright, is looking forward to the Christmas lunch for our children on Friday 16th December. He will share the menu soon. We have also discussed inviting our Year 6 parents to have lunch with their children at 1pm. This will be their last Christmas lunch at Meadowdale as in 2023 they will have begun their High school journey. We would like to make this a Meadowdale tradition and will then offer this to our Year 6 families every year. We will send further information next week to our Yr 6 parents so that we know numbers for the catering team.

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. All clubs apart from Multiskills begin next week and run for four weeks.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please remember if you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting school.

Take care

Mrs Allison