



# Newsletter

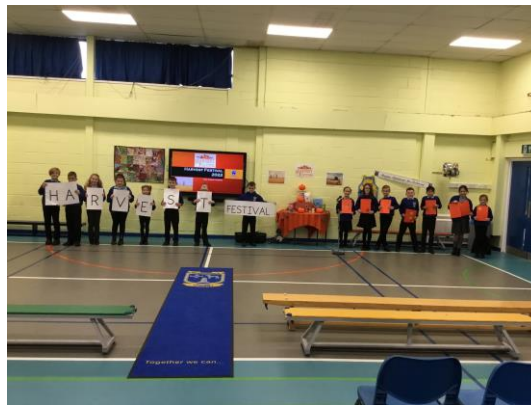
21st October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has our first half term gone?! The seven weeks of learning have raced by and our children have thoroughly enjoyed lots of varied learning experiences to help them learn more and remember more as we can see from Early Years to Yr6 in our round up of highlights of class learning.

## Harvest Festival

Our Year 4 Harriers shared their learning of Harvest time with their friends and family this morning in an extra special assembly. Our children love to perform in assembly and our children have performed in assemblies throughout the half term. This is the first time, this term, that a class have presented the whole assembly and they should feel proud of their efforts. We're sure our children and family members learnt lots from their presentation. Very well done Mr Carney's Harriers, you set a high standard to feel proud of.



Thank you to everyone who donated food for our local food bank which will be collected today, it is so very much appreciated.



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

### **Be You assembly**

Mrs Dawson organised two visitors from the NHS to talk to all our children about promoting positive mental health strategies to help improve our wellbeing. The children had lots of ideas and we're sure they will all go for lots of walks in the half term holidays and explore the great outdoors with their family and friends as many said that it made them feel really happy.

The nurses also talked about sharing worries and Harry in Year 6 helped them in the assembly carrying a bag of worries and he described it 'as weighing him down.' The nurses talked to the children about what they can do to lighten the bag and our children knew that it's good to talk and share the worries with someone in school or home. Our Wellbeing Champions will continue to share this message next half term to ensure that children share their worries to enable them to enjoy their childhood.



### **Adventurous Owlets!**

Our creative Owlets have had lots of fun with Halloween activities. Including painting using pumpkins. Making scary spiders and rescuing bugs from the spider's web!



### **The Rummaging Robins!**

The Robins have been reading "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", they have squelched through the mud and tiptoed through the cave. Instead of a bear though we found some spiders!



## Curious Kingfishers!

Wow! What a week! Our Curious Kingfishers have certainly lived up to their name in and out of class. Our happy highlight of the week was our visit to Greenside Farm where we met Farmer Charlie. He and Debbie, our guide from the Country Trust, taught us all about tractors and horsepower - we even became horses to pull our own loads and realised that more horses made light work! We also deepened the learning we've already completed in science about trees and our environment, and we all had the chance to plant our very own tree! We explored a large forest, made bug and small creature hotels for the autumn and winter, and had a go at worm charming. Overall, we had a fun-filled day of learning and curious questions, and the behaviour of our Kingfishers was outstanding. We are very proud of them!

As well as this exciting adventure, we have studied the upcoming festival of Diwali with Mrs McBride and enjoyed making our very own Diwali lamps from salt dough. The Kingfishers have had a wonderful half term settling into Year One and meeting their learning challenges. I have been so impressed with their 'can do' attitude and with the progress they are making both in themselves and academically. Myself and Miss Thompson wish every Kingfisher, their grown-ups and their family, a lovely, restful half term together.



## Shining Skylarks!

Congratulations to Theo and Madison! Theo was awarded 'Star of the Week' last week for his outstanding progress with handwriting and excellent effort in phonics. Madison was awarded the Golden Head Teacher's award for her fantastic attitude and effort, in every lesson.

In lessons, the Skylarks have enjoyed another action packed week of learning. In food technology they worked together to make Eton mess with Mrs Gair. They all agreed that the tasting was the best bit and many discovered a new favourite pudding.

Fireworks have provided inspiration for our writing and we collected an impressive list of onomatopoeic words. We also used alliteration to create some exciting sentences to be used on our return – stretchy, silver, sparkling stars was one of our favourites.

In maths we prepared for our geography walk by carrying out a survey in our class and collecting results using a tally chart. Sadly, this was postponed due to the weather, but we can't wait to do our walk on our return!



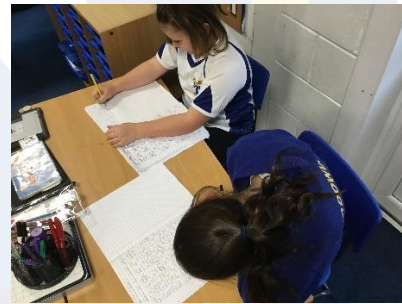
### Super Swifts

The Swifts have been working hard in maths this week to add ones and tens when crossing tens or hundreds. They have been using place value counters to demonstrate 10 tens being exchanged for one hundred. A fantastic effort by all!



### Heroic Harriers

The Heroic Harriers have been completing their independent writing this week in English. They have been writing stories based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. They have planned, written and polished their work and I can't wait to read them!



### Marvellous Merlins

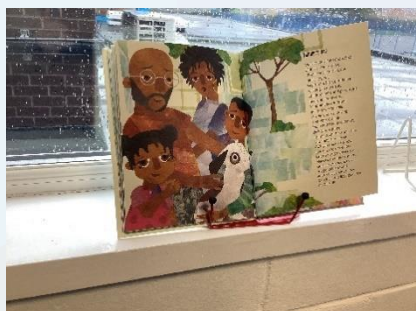
The Merlins are taking part in a survey in French asking each other what they think about football. It proved to be a very popular sport among our year 5's. They have also been learning about famous Black British people in their English reading lessons. We were very surprised and somewhat shocked to hear that slavery existed in the UK and not just in America.



## Outstanding Owls

The Owls have been engrossed in their learning about Black History month this week. They have read the opening chapter of the book 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson, which brings the horrific history of slavery to life. They have engaged in deep and sensible conversations and displayed a very mature attitude to their learning.

In English writing, they have thoroughly enjoyed their performance poetry. Look at our rappers in action as they perform the poem 'Thinker's Rap'. I look forward to reading their finished pieces. Well done on another great week of learning Owls.



## 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: Zak H  
Reception: Georgia  
Year 1: Ella W  
Year 2: Frankey-Ray  
Year 3: Jake  
Year 4: Hayley  
Year 5: Ella F  
Year 6: Jena



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.

## Start times

All children from Reception to Year 6 need to arrive from **8.30am - 8.40am** and will 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
95.3%	94.3%	97.6%	96.5%	100%	96.7%	98.2%

## Next half term – polite reminders

- Please can all children leave pencil cases at home. Many of our children bring in at least two pencil cases and these are then rather big on their desks which limits their work space. We provide all their learning tools.
- Please can footballs be kept at home, we have plenty as our classes have been given their own crate of equipment to take out into the yards.
- We request small stud ear-rings can be worn and we prefer retainers to be worn on PE days. Hair needs to be tied back for PE days.
- Please can all children who go to early birds wraparound be singed in at the wraparound door by an adult.

Many thanks

## Dates for diary

October	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Teacher Training
November	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Children return to school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Parade - Bedlington
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Bradley's Colourful Non-uniform day
December	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	M&M Productions - Cinderella
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Chris Bostock – story teller
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – Years 5 & 6
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas

## Clubs Next 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  
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 and begin week 2 and run for four weeks.

### **Thank You Mrs Robinson**

Today we are celebrating our Catering Manager who has worked at Meadowdale for the last twenty-five years and today retires after such a long service to our school and many in Northumberland. Mrs Robinson is an amazing cook and has given so much to our school – we all love her delicious meals and Meadowdale Bakes. Anything we have asked of her, has been answered with a smile and no problem. Catered for over 400 children and family members at Christmas? - no problem. Celebrate the Queen's jubilee with a trio of delicious treats for our families- no problem. Mrs Robinson has always gone the extra mile for us all and it has been a pleasure to work with her. It's time for Mrs Robinson to enjoy a much deserved next adventure and we wish her a very long, healthy and happy retirement with her family with no problems. Thank you so very much, our children and team will miss you lots and know that you will keep in touch

Wishing everyone a very well deserved half term holiday and we look forward to seeing all our children return on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Take care

Mrs Allison

