



Newsletter

7th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 5 has sped by! Autumn has most definitely arrived and our children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning both in and out of the classroom as our newsletter this week clearly shows.

Adventurous Owlets!

The adventurous Owlets got the better of Goldilocks this week as they have enjoyed their class reading book. They made porridge just like mummy bear and ate it all up before Goldilocks could find it!



The Rummaging Robins!

The Robins have been busy exploring forest school and thoroughly enjoyed hunting for the Gruffalo. '*There's no such thing as a Gruffalo!*' we hear you cry!



Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins are doing an absolutely amazing job with their phonics. We are all loving Read Write Inc, the children really enjoy learning to read and write their new sound each day. This week we have started Word Time where we are beginning to blend orally, with sound cards and even with magnetic letters. It is great to hear that lots of the Puffins are practising their sounds at home and sharing their learning with their families. Keep up the amazing work, Puffins!



Curious Kingfishers!

Our Kingfishers have had a wonderful week zooming in on the signs of the autumn season in science and taking advantage of their wonderful school grounds to go out and see the changes for themselves in outdoor learning. In the 'Our Wonderful World' topic, the concentrating Kingfishers have been learning all about maps in geography lessons. They worked as terrific teammates to create maps of our school grounds complete with a key. In their art lessons, our artists Kingfishers have been looking at primary and secondary colours and having fun mixing their own - we have quite a few budding artists!



Super Skylarks!

A fantastic week of learning! Inspired by the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', the Skylarks stepped into Plop's shoes during a short drama session, then used their ideas to add speech into a piece of writing. In maths, our marvellous mathematicians have been problem solving, working out the missing number in part-whole models. They really did persevere with a rather tricky task! Our budding geographers are now able to navigate their way around an atlas confidently and are beginning to use the points of a compass to compare and locate countries and oceans. We've learnt more about being kind on-line in computing and took on the challenge of crossing the river Thames in our Commando Joe's session. An action-packed week, well done super Skylarks!



Super Swifts

Y3 Swifts have been really enjoying their P.E lessons this week. They have been learning to work in teams to develop their fundamental skills of running, listening and catching. They can now keep their body in line with the ball and understand the perfect position to wait ready to catch. A fantastic effort by all!



Heroic Harriers

The Heroic Harriers thoroughly enjoyed their MFL learning this week. They were learning the countries of Europe in French and learning how to say I live in (J'habite a...) plus a country of their choice. They then had a fun game of snap to reinforce their learning, matching the country, in French, to its flag. Fantastic work everyone!



Marvellous Merlins

The Merlins are starting to plan their first piece of Independent Writing in English after completing sentence stacking lessons on the story Gorilla. We have looked at lots of different structures to improve our writing and I cannot wait to see their finished work.



Outstanding Owls



Fantastic work has been completed in our reading lessons this week raising awareness of those who are deaf. It was great to see one pupil's Makaton badge and discuss the benefits of using sign language to support others. In our handwriting sessions we have celebrated National Poetry day and have looked closely at the poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling - work has been presented with great care and pride. Well done, 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: Macey
Reception: Ayden
Year 1: Elise
Year 2: Lilia
Year 3: Caitlin
Year 4: Theodore
Year 5: Evie
Year 6: Jaxon



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

Harvest Festival

As Autumn is most definitely drawing in, it is time in the school calendar to celebrate harvest time. We will celebrate harvest with our Year 4 presenting an assembly about harvesttime to their parents in an assembly on Friday 21st October. Please can you send in any tinned or dried food to school between Monday 10th October and Friday 14th October and we can get it sent to the local foodbank to support families in need. Any donation will be greatly received, thank 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you all so much for attending last Friday's Macmillan event. Together we raised £391 and it was so lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in school. Thank you.

Start times

This week our children have been able to come into school from 8.30am until 8.40am and the feedback from parents on the gates has been very positive.

Reception and Year 1 use the reception green gate and Miss Dodds and Miss Thompson will be ready to welcome children there and watch them go into their classroom.

Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will use the entrance that we have used when it has been pouring with rain. Straight through the yard, to the blue double doors where there will always be at least one of our Learning Support Assistants to guide children to their classrooms.

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 and parents will be notified that their child was late.

Next week

In Nursery, we would like to trial parents bringing their children to their nursery entrance door rather than waiting at the green gate. Our team agree that their nursery children will come into school between 8.30 and 8.40 to ensure that children are ready to learn with their keyworkers and friends by 8.45am.

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%	97.3%	90%	97.8%	95%	99.3%	99.4%

Mini Police announced!

In Golden assembly we announced our 22-23 Mini-Police who will represent our school at the Remembrance service and learn so much with the police about contributing to our school and local community and the role of the police over the terms ahead. It is such a great

honour and the police officer who will be working with the children, read all thirty applications and made the difficult decision of shortlisting the children.

Our Mini Police this year are:



Hallie; Larni; Mae A; Amelia; Lily; Freya; George; Evan; Benn and Noah.

Dates for diary

October	
Friday 14 th October (Provisional)	Tempest Photographer
Friday 21 st October	Harvest Assembly
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	Teacher Training
November	
Tuesday 1 st November	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance Parade - Bedlington
Wednesday 16 th November	Bradley's Smile Trust Non-Uniform Day
December	
Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Performances
Thursday 8 th December	M&M Productions - Cinderella
Wednesday 14 th December	Chris Bostock – story teller
Thursday 15 th December	Christingle – Years 5 & 6
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas

Clubs next week

Monday – Netball – Years 4,5, & 6

Tuesday – Choir – Years 3,4,5, & 6-places still available

Tuesday – Brilliant Bricks – Years 1 & 2

Thursday –Drama – Years 3,4,5 & 6

Thursday – Multi skills – Year 1 & 2

Friday – Wellbeing Walks – Year 3,4, 5 and 6.-places still available

All clubs run from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Please contact school to book your child's place in choir or Wellbeing club.

Another fantastic week of learning and it was fantastic to be joined by our choir today in assembly who sang 'Bare Necessities' which they sang beautifully. Thank you for your continued support and please remember if ever you need any question concerning your child answered, we are always here to listen support and find solutions for our children.



Today in Golden assembly, we talked about the importance of sharing any worry or issue from breaktime during the school day rather than taking the worry home so the adults in school can act immediately and talk through the problem and find solutions. Please remind your children to do this as it really does help that we let children know that worries need to be tackled and can be solved quickly rather than worrying about them at home. Childhood should be enjoyed with as few worries as possible. We need our children to feel safe and know that there is always an adult in school ready to listen and help. We know that when children feel safe and happy, they can learn.

Wishing everyone a very happy weekend.

Take care

Mrs Allison