



Newsletter

14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half way through October and we can't believe how fast this first half term has gone! Another fantastic week of learning continues for all our children with amazing attendance, as we can see from Early Years to Yr6 in our round up of highlights of class learning.

Adventurous Owlets!

The owlets were super excited to find two pumpkins on the table when they arrived yesterday.

This week we are comparing weight by holding two objects in our hands or arms.

The pumpkins were just perfect to start us off with our learning.

The large pumpkin was very heavy and took two arms to hold but the small one was so light we could hold it in one hand! We will continue our learning with a trip to Forest school.



The Rummaging Robins!

The Robins have thoroughly enjoyed reading Julia Donaldson's *Stickman* and carefully made their very own stick family.



Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins continue to learn all about the different ways we can take care of our minds and bodies to stay fit and healthy. As it was World Mental Health Day this week, the Puffins donned their wellies and took to the field for a fantastic friendship walk. Our stroll round the field also took in some beautiful Autumn sites, " the leaves look like mustard" and an open-air recital of one of our favourite singing phonics songs, 'Listening Bag'. Proof that fresh air and friendship really is good for the soul!



Curious Kingfishers!

Our curious kingfishers have had a wonderful week identifying learning about deciduous trees in science and outdoor learning and mixing colours to paint in the style of Kandinsky in art. In RE we are starting to learn about different religions and cultures and we have loved learning all about Diwali with Mrs McBride. We chose our 'reading for pleasure' books from the forest library this week to share with our grown-ups and, as you can see, we had a wonderful time talking about them with our classmates before we took them home! We are all very excited for next week's farm trip.



Super Skylarks!

In maths this week, the Skylarks have been looking at number patterns. They used their detective skills to work out what happened to the numbers each time, then used this to identify the missing numbers. We found some interesting facts out when we added two or ten to an odd number, compared to adding it to an even number. We have also been practising our 5 times tables while dancing along to Supermovers (they might like to show you this at home). In Forest School, the Skylarks have been noticing the change of seasons and worked as a team to design an autumn mandala to celebrate the colours and changes that autumn brings.



Super Swifts

This week in English, the Swifts have been using drama to help create vocabulary to describe catching fish and hunting deer. They are really enjoying our Stone Age Boy unit.



Heroic Harriers

Our Heroic Harriers have been amazing artists this week and have been creating their innovation piece. They have chosen their design and have begun painting their backgrounds using water colour and a given colour ladder! We can't wait to see the finished results next week!



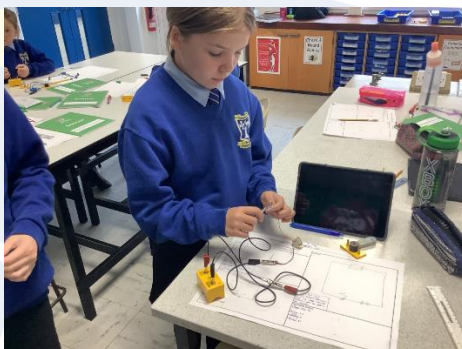
Marvellous Merlins

The Merlins have thoroughly been enjoying their science lessons. We have experimented which materials are conductors and insulators with electricity and then we have explored which material was the best thermal insulator.



Outstanding Owls

Year 6 have been fantastic in their science lessons this week. As part of their electricity topic, they were challenged to design a circuit which used a switch to operate a burglar alarm. 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: Annaleia
Reception: Vienna
Year 1: Lucas G
Year 2: Maddison
Year 3: Tommy
Year 4: Jesse
Year 5: Halle
Year 6: Sophie



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 harvest time 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! Many thanks for all of the donations received so far.



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

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 and if they are later than 8.45am and 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
100%	94.7%	99.6%	97.8%	93.3%	94.7%	92.4%

Football teams

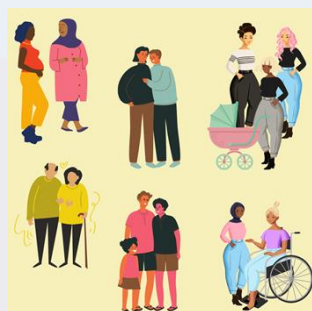
This week Mr Carney has taken our football teams from Year 5 and Year 6 to not one but two away games! On Monday, Year 6 played their second game of the season at Ponteland and won their game 4-2. Never easy to win away but this was a great result that they were very pleased with.

On Tuesday the Yr5 team were away at Ashington and they may not have won their games but were fantastic sportsmen and showed great resilience.

Thank you to all parents who helped take children to the games and supported them, it is much appreciated. Without your support, away games would not be able to go ahead.

Dates for diary

October	
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 1 Middleton North Estate
Friday 21 st October	Harvest Festival – Year 4 parents
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	Teacher Training
November	
Tuesday 1 st November	Children return to school
Thursday 3 rd November	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance Parade - Bedlington
Wednesday 16 th November	Bradley's Colourful 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



We are all different yet all equal.

Today in Golden assembly, we talked about how we live in a diverse and multicultural country that is rich in tradition and culture. We show appreciation of others, their cultures, traditions, and ways of life. We co-exist happily with a range of people. We talked about the importance of respecting every member of our school community, that we are all different and all equal. We reminded children that if ever they hear unkind words or actions then they must speak to an adult to help, that we are a listening school who aims to make everyone feel valued.

Wishing everyone a very happy weekend.

Take care

Mrs Allison