

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents /Carers,

I can not believe how quickly the first half of the autumn term has gone, I am sure the children are looking forward to the October week holiday, especially the Reception children. It has been a busy, but productive 7 weeks, with the children impressing us all with their knowledge and skills. I think it is time for them now to enjoy a well - deserved rest, and to have some fun with their families.

For the next two years the school will be involved in the Primary Writing Project, Talk4Writing. The project was devised by the author Pie Corbett and his colleague, John Stannard. We hope that this project will help us to create a teaching environment to further nurture and develop the children's enthusiasm and confidence when writing. Mrs McKenna has been trialling with her class some of the approaches from the PWProject. She has been thrilled by the response from the children, and by the improvement that she has seen in their writing over a short space of time.

Many thanks to you all for the contributions to the Harvest Table. Miss McPherson and members of the School Council delivered all of the produce to the Blaydon Foodbank this week.

Have a lovely half term holiday everyone!

Avril Armstrong.







We just wanted to say a huge thank you for the fantastic response we received regarding donations for the Harvest Table. On Monday 16th November, the school council had the big job of bagging up all of the food and loading it into Miss McPherson's car and then three members of the School Council took this to Gateshead Foodbank to be weighed and sorted. We had collected an amazing 176kg of food which will be a huge help to those who need it in our local area.

Thanks again!









Key Stage 1

Could we please ask that all KS1 parents/carers wait behind the metal strip on the main part of the front yard at the beginning and end of the school day. This will enable the staff to safely lead the children to and from the classrooms.

Thank you.

Wow! What a fabulous day we had at Clara Vale for our first trip in Reception.

The children were fantastic at staying with their partner and group on the walk down with minimal complaining of 'how far?', and the occasional 'I need my packed lunch now'. $\ensuremath{\mathbb{D}}$

Once we got settled in the village hall we enjoyed some juice and biscuits to get us ready for our autumn adventures.

We started with the autumn spotter sheets and a trip to the bird hide, where we were lucky enough to spot a kingfisher, a heron, squirrels and some pheasants! Obviously a game of football was needed before we headed back for our well deserved packed lunches.

Once we had refuelled it was onto the orchard to collect, wash and chop the apples ready to go into the apple press. All the children had a go at turning the wheel to produce some delicious fresh apple juice!

Finally, tired and a little soggy, we headed back to the hall to create some seasonal crowns with some of the objects we had collected along the way.

Remembrance Day Poppies will be on sale at the school office from Wednesday 1st November.







On Friday 13th September the Year 3 pupils went to Thorp Academy to take part in an orienteering afternoon.

With the help of 15 of the Sports Leaders, the children worked in groups of four to complete an outdoor activity. They loved the chance to explore the huge grounds of Thorp and were keen to find the clues that enabled them to complete a puzzle.

The staff were so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and fabulous team work. Many of the groups managed to find all ten of their puzzle pieces.

Well done to all of the children and many thanks to Mrs Rushton for accompanying us on the visit.

Mrs Wall, Miss Woolard and Miss Kenyon.





No Smoking/Vaping

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are vaping in the school yard. Please be aware smoking (this includes vaping) is not allowed anywhere on school premises.

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

Friday 20th October School closes for the October half term holiday

> Monday 30th October School reopens after half term

Monday 30th October Y2 pupils to visit the Centre for Life

Friday 3rd November School closed for professional development day

Monday 6th November 3.30pm - 6.30pm Year 1 & 2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th November 3.30pm - 6.30pm Year 1 & 2 Parents' Evening

Friday 10th November 9.15am Vienna's Class Assembly. Refreshments will be served after the assembly

Residential Visits 2018

Just a little reminder of the following payment dates for our residential trips:

Y5's visit to London The next payment of £70.00 for our visit to London is due by Friday 24th November. This will bring your total payment so far to at least £140.00.

Y6's visit to France The next payment of £70.00 for our visit to France is also due by Friday 24th November . This will bring your total payment so far to at least £140.00.

School Attendance Week Ending 13.10.17

| Year 5/6 | |
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| New York | 98.8% |
| Rio | 98.5% |
| Toronto | 95.4% |
| Year 3/4 | |
| Jerusalem | 94.6% |
| Kuala Lumpur | 96.4% |
| Moscow | 97.7% |
| Year 2 | |
| Cape Town | 97.9% |
| Vienna | 98.8% |
| Year 1 | |
| Edinburgh | 97.3% |
| Glasgow | 94.0% |
| EYFS | |
| Gateshead | 90.3% |
| Newcastle | 95.0% |
| Crawcrook | 90.4% |
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Well done to New York and Vienna for the best attendance last week.

Fabulous Week of Footy For Years 5 and 6





Last week, our Years 5 and 6 children took part in 2 football tournaments. On Thursday night our boys were in action at Winlaton, representing Emmaville in the Blaydon and District League. There were some quality performances on display, the highlight of which has to be Jack 'Mitrovic' D's amazing goal you don't see many of that quality from such a young player. The opposition could only watch with mouths open as the ball left Jack's right foot and floated into the back of their net with that satisfying swish you only get from a ball that's been hit with commitment. There were also some outstanding performances from our year 5 children, representing the team for the first time. Well done boys - you made us really proud.

Boys Team: Joseph T, Harry F, Louis D, Thomas W, Alex C ,Liam H, Taylor J, Zack R, Finlay B, Jack 'Mitrovic' D

Less than 24 hours later, the girls were in action at Chopwell. After taking a little time to warm up to the competitiveness of the tournament, the girls really got stuck into it and showed the grit and determination we see every day back at school. If there had been a prize for winning the 'rock / paper /scissors' decider for who is going to kick off first, we would definitely have brought some silverware back!

Girls Team: Tilly K, Ella R, Olivia L, Kate L, Codie L, Emily M, Tayla H, Heather N, Isla T, Anna J, Scarlett R, Catie G, Jasmine D, Serena P, Jamie R, Hana T

Mrs McKenna.





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Millie Swinney (Vienna) For being an extremely kind and considerate child towards other children.

> New York – Luca P For his excellent effort with creative homework.

Rio - Louis D For showing such a positive attitude in all he does.

Toronto - Amy G For her enthusiasm and attitude towards her work.

Jerusalem - Martha T For working consistently hard in all of her lessons. A real asset to the class.

> Kuala Lumpur – Imogen B-M For fantastic problem solving!

Moscow - Erin W For her enthusiasm with the reading challenge. Keep it up!

Cape Town - Lucy B For being brilliant at following instructions all week.

Vienna - Two pupils last week. Harvey D for being helpful and thoughtful. Elijah M for great listening and being a good role model.

Edinburgh – Maia G For her enthusiasm in maths this week. Super addition work Maia!

Glasgow - Max T For his amazing work using the Part Whole Model in Maths!

Gateshead - Oscar W For his excellent tidying up and fantastic effort in phonics.

Newcastle - Harry A For fantastic knowledge of his environment on our Clara Vale trip.

Crawcrook am - Owen W. Fantastic counting this week Owen! pm - Oliver J. For trying hard to share with his friends.

> School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Lily G (Cape Town) For such beautiful manners at lunchtime.