

“Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.” ~ Søren Kierkegaard

## celebrating success

### Portal Design - Designers of the Week

The following children were given Designer Awards by our Head Designer, Mr Sutherland at the last Designer Briefing of Portal Design following a recommendation from their Lead Designer: Kasey Humble, Rob Holman, Maison Stanbury, Thomas Kerry, Lewis Stanton, Tanya Watts and Rhya Willis Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

### Designer Desserts

The following children all decorated cakes at Designer Desserts on the last day of Portal Design: Kalisha Cunningham, Alfie Brown, David Dodds, Leon Mudd, Ellie Gee, Rachel Holman and Matthew Dodds. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

### Manners the Monkey

Manners the Monkey is in our school to help develop good manners in all our children. If children are spotted demonstrating good manners they can enter the weekly prize draw to win a special prize to take home! Last week's winners were: Millie Thornton and Ethan Loy.

## important information

### Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to Bedlington Station to all our children after the excitement of working for Portal Design followed by a week of half term. It is lovely to see everyone back and I hope you all had a wonderful week's holiday. The children have had a fabulous first few days back and we are all eagerly looking forward to the rest of this half term.

### School Meals

Our new school menus are now up and running as promised and are proving extremely popular. I hope you are receiving positive feedback from the children at the end of the day. Year 6 really enjoyed creating and naming their Pudding of the Week “Meltdown Mania” and it was a very successful choice as far as the rest of the school was concerned. This week is the turn of Year 5 Rowan Class and their Pudding of the Week for next Thursday is called

### Parents' Evenings

Just to give you advance notice that Parents' Evening this term will be on after school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (3.00pm – 7.00pm) and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (3.00pm – 5.30pm). More information and sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time.

### World Book Day

It's that time of year once again when we celebrate the joys of reading. To mark World Book Day this year, we would like to invite parents and carers into school every morning next week, between 8.45 and 9.15, to read in your child's class. We would love to see lots of you joining us to take part in these reading sessions. To celebrate World Book Day itself we are having a 'Storybook Character Day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, when your child can come to school dressed as their favourite story character!

### **BikeAbility**

Once again, thank you to all the children, parents and carers who helped to make BikeAbility Week in school such a huge success. We will be giving out certificates to the children in tomorrow's assembly

### **School Rabbits – Sad News – Can You Help?**

I am sorry to report that our school was vandalised in the half term holiday. Part of the wire surrounding the rabbit hutch was purposely damaged and broken into and one of the rabbits removed.

Sadly, that rabbit subsequently died. Our other rabbit has now been removed from the site and is now safe. The Police were called and this incident was formally logged. I spoke to the Police during the holiday and they tell me they have been knocking on doors and posting notices through letter boxes to see if anyone might have any information.

It is hard to understand how anyone could be so cruel and heartless as to harm a defenseless rabbit, especially as they are pets for children in our own community Primary school. I am horrified to think that someone capable of this might be part of this community.

We spent time as a staff on Monday morning explaining to the children appropriately and sensitively what had happened and they coped with the news in a very mature way. This is the second time that this has happened to the rabbits in our school which I am sure you will agree is very distressing for everyone here as well as being totally unacceptable in any society.

If you have any information that you think might be helpful we would really appreciate it if you could contact the local Police or us here in school. Your help and co-operation as always is very much appreciated.

Thank you!