

Thought of the Week: "Good players inspire themselves; great players inspire others." - Anon

celebrating success

Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school attendance was 98% well done everyone! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were all given to the following children: Maddison Grear, Amelia Robinson, Abbie Gair, Imogen Ullock, Aleisha Alexander and Samantha Arkle. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Kloie Lynn, Lincoln Clark, Kolby Carrick, Kirah O'Brien, Megan Philpott, Jailei Saint, Charli-Soux McLeod and Andrew Dodds. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Tyler Uddgren-Barham, Eloise Marshall, Kasey Humble, Adam Lang, Georgia Fullen, Kelsie Wakenshaw and Nathan Roy. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

Mathletics

Rowan class had the highest score with 15,250 points. Eva Haliday had the highest score last week with 6,838 points. Well done everyone.

important information

Visitors to our School

Last week, I showed three members of the East Bedlington Parish Council around our wonderful school. The Parish Council has naturally always taken an interest in the well-being and development of our children and the school in general and they were eager to gain an insight into the day-to-day workings of the school, as well as talking about our aims and aspirations, the standards we are reaching and the community spirit which was clearly evident. It was a great pleasure to show them around and they were really interested in the developments we have made, particularly around aspects of our curriculum, engaging with parents and the involvement of the children in their community. They also presented a cheque to the value of £1200 which will be spent right across the school to further enhance provision for all our children. We are very grateful for this gesture and I can assure you it will be put to good use. Thank you.

On Tuesday morning, our School Improvement Partner (SIP) spent the morning with me in school. We were out on the yard first thing, then talked about the standards the school has attained this year and plans for the future and finally spent time hearing children read from Years 1, 3 and 5. He was extremely impressed with what he saw during his morning with us.

All our visitors have commented on the calm and purposeful environment that pervades around the school and the exemplary behaviour and readiness for learning displayed by all the children. Thank you to everyone, children, parents and staff whose enthusiasm, dedication and hard work ensures that this happens every single day; whether we have visitors in school or not.

Day of Sports Monday 26th June / Sports Afternoon Thursday 29th June at 2.00pm

On Monday 26th June, all children from Reception to Year 6 will participate in several sports throughout the day. They will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, trainers or sandals, don't forget your water bottle too). On Thursday 29th June we will be holding our Sports afternoon on the school field from 2.00pm for Reception to Year 6. The children will once again need to come to school in their PE kit with a water bottle. **Parents are invited and will be able to enter the school field via the rear gates between 1.40pm and 1.55pm. The gates will be locked at 1.55pm ready for a prompt start at 2.00pm. If you arrive after this time you will have to report to the school office. The sports events should be completed at around 2.40pm when the children will leave the field and go back to their classes to prepare for the end of the day. Parents are welcome to stay on the school site for the remaining 15 minutes or so. The school day will end at 3:00pm as usual and the children will leave the school in the usual way.**

Important - in the event of a cancellation through wet weather we will not be able to rearrange the Sports Afternoon for parents and carers to attend as we simply have so much to get through in a very short space of time but we will give the children their Sports Day as soon as we get some sunshine and the field has dried up. They will still have a wonderful time and be able to show off their skills as a whole-school.

Operation Encompass

I thought it would be helpful to remind you about Operation Encompass, which has now been running across Northumberland since the beginning of April and follows my letter to all parents and carers at that time. Operation Encompass is a new innovative project in which schools in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass which commenced 3rd April 2017, aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse. As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our key adults in school who are Mr C Sutherland, Head Teacher or Mrs M Rozgowska, Inclusion Mentor. You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

End of Year Reports

As promised earlier this academic year, Class Teachers have written their end of year reports using our new format, which was developed through a working party of parents, teachers and children. You will now be given a more focused overview of your child's highlights in English, Maths and other curriculum areas. There will also be a personalized comment from your child and a class photograph on the front page. We believe that the report is now much more personal, really celebrating the child's achievements and we really hope you like the changes. As you will also know, this links heavily in with our new Assessment system, Learning Ladders. If you have forgotten about this wonderful way of monitoring your child's progress at home as well as viewing examples of their work, have a look at the website www.laddersathome.co.uk. If you are having trouble signing up then please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment and someone will call you back as soon as possible to help. Our updated 'A parent's guide to Assessment' booklet (containing Learning Ladders information) will be enclosed with each child's end of year report.

Play Patch update

Following last week's Station Voice we have received more sponsor money from our sponsored bounce and we have now raised a fantastic £1051.00. Thank you all for your fundraising efforts.