

# The Stationvoice



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Thought of the Week: "As I write this newsletter, the terrible events in Manchester this week have been unfolding on the news and across social media. The whole community here at Bedlington Station Primary School sends its profound and heartfelt sympathy to the families and the children tragically affected at this dreadfully sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all."

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Beech class had the highest attendance last week with 99.3%. Whole school was 95%. 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: Ryan Davies, Layton Davidson, Millie Barker, Jessica Hall, Rhianna Hallows, Lacie Temperly and Melissa Wilson. 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: Ruby Grant, Katieleigh Robson, Ethan Loy, Sean Jackson, Kaisey-Mai Dodd, Leon Mudd and Natasha Olsen. 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: Lainey Cowell, Sophie Hudspith, Ethan Jackson, Hayden Clarke, Charlotte Mason, Olivia Bailey and Jess Sterry. These children were rewarded because of their outstanding behaviour.

### Mathletics

Rowan class had the highest score with 24,198 points. Aleisha Alexander had the highest score last week with 20,210 points. Well done everyone.

## important information

### Green is Great – Behaviour and Rewards

I thought it would be helpful to have a reminder of our behaviour and rewards initiatives as we come to the end of half term. We have our **Head Teacher Certificates** given out for outstanding work every Friday, **Star Tea Certificates** for those children demonstrating wonderful attitude and effort and of course **Ice-cream Friday** for children in each class who have been the *greenest of the green!* We want all children to remain "green" throughout the week and we give them every encouragement and support to do so. We also give them opportunities to change their behaviour if they are struggling, by giving two reminders or "strikes" before they are taken "off green". This system generally works really well and supports the outstanding behaviour judgement we currently have for our children in this school.

There is now 30 minutes Green Time every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm (instead of 5 minutes at the end of each day). This will be held in classes. Any child who has not remained green that week will spend the 30 minutes with me (Mr Sutherland) in the Hub, talking about what might have happened and ways in which we might avoid this in the future. I have been disappointed to see some of the same children needing to be with me at 2.30 on a Friday appearing week after week. This tells me that this sanction is not always having the desired effect of reminding children to make the right choices throughout the week. After half term we will now be sending a letter home to parents if a child is off green, (and therefore with me in the Hub), on three consecutive weeks. In this way, I hope that parents will be able to support the school in talking through with them why this is happening so regularly. Please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or myself if you need clarification around any aspect of our rewards and sanctions.

### Greener Time

On the last Friday of every half term we will have "Greener Time" for 45 minutes. This is for children who have remained green for the whole of the half term. Children will sign up to an activity from a set of activities in advance. NB There will be no Ice-Cream Friday on this day. Children who have not remained green during the half term will spend the time in the Hub on work activities.

### **Station Stars**

Station Stars will continue to be collected for good behaviour and fabulous work. At the end of each 6-week cycle in our Friday assembly, the winning team will be announced and the Station Stars reset to zero. The winning team will take part in their reward the following Thursday afternoon. This may include activities such as a movie with popcorn, circus skills, a magician, a disco or a theatre group and will be booked in advance. Please note that you can be “off green” and still participate in this reward as we want to encourage a team ethos. This means you can still have a reward even if you’ve had a little “wobble” during the 6 weeks if your team has worked hard.

We know that these initiatives work but sometimes just need to be refreshed from time to time. Please ask your children about these rewards and if you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher. We all want as many children as possible to be successful, be praised and rewarded for their good behaviour and take part.

### **Station Star Reward – Androids are the winners!**

In last Friday’s whole-school assembly, the team winners of our Station Star reward were announced. The team of Androids collected the most Station Spheres for excellent behaviour, showing kindness to others, wonderful work etc. and were therefore announced as the winners. They will be receiving a Hollywood Extravaganza afternoon on Thursday 25th May. They are all really excited about the experience and I am sure will tell you all about it when they get home! Just to clarify that all children in Androids will be accessing the reward, whether they have been off green or not, as explained in my newsletter of a few weeks ago. Well done Team Androids!

### **Bikes and Scooters**

I am very concerned at the number of children that members of staff are seeing at the beginning and the end of the school day riding dangerously around the roads surrounding the school on scooters and bikes. They are usually from Years 5 and 6 who are cycling or scooting across roads and along pavements, seemingly oblivious to the dangers of traffic coming around the corner and the safety of other pedestrians. For the past 3 years, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been offered the chance to take part in our Bikeability scheme in school and more recently, the whole school had a talk from the Road Safety representative from Northumberland County Council. Naturally, we are speaking to the children when they arrive in school and letting them know what we have seen and reminding them of the dangers and to cycle responsibly. However, I am worried that someone is going to get hurt if this continues. We will do everything we can to help in school and I would appreciate it if perhaps you could have a word with your children to remind them also. Thank you.

### **Car Parking Outside School**

Can I once again please ask for your support in ensuring that you park your cars safely and responsibly when dropping off or collecting your children from school. Cars should not be parked on the pavement, on double-yellow lines nor on the zig-zag lines outside our school. The safety of our children in the community must be paramount and I am aware of cars still being parked very dangerously outside school premises. We have been in touch again with Northumberland County Council to ask if they can be a presence sometimes at the beginning and the end of the school day through their “Be a Smarter Parker” campaign and we have also informed the community police of these ongoing issues. However, the best way to ensure that there are no accidents is to please take care when parking your car. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

We seem to have collected a significant amount of lost property over the last term or so. We always try to return the item to children when we can, however many of the items have no name on. I would encourage all parents and carers to please label their child’s clothing clearly so that we can return it if it gets mislaid. We are going to put all lost property, including any PE bags and packed lunch boxes, out on a table on the yard at the end of the school day tomorrow, Friday 26th May. Please feel free to have a look to see if there is something that you recognise. Any items still remaining at 3.30pm will either be disposed of or recycled as appropriate. Thank you.

### **Goodbye and Thank You**

On behalf of the children, staff, Governors and parents I would like to say thank you to Mrs Wheatley, our Kitchen Unit Manager, who is leaving us tomorrow after many years of service at Bedlington Station to take up a position in another school. We all wish her every success and happiness for the future. We are also saying goodbye today to Miss Forster, who has been supporting teaching and learning in Maple class throughout this term. She is now completing her final assessments back at University and we all send her our best wishes for a happy and successful career.

### **Sponsored Bounce**

We are organising a whole school ‘Sponsored Bounce’ on Thursday 8th June to raise money for our Early Years ‘Play Patch’. Your child will receive a letter today with further information and sponsorship form.

### **Half Term Reminder**

Just a reminder that school will close at **3:00pm tomorrow, Friday 26th May** for the half term break. We will re-open again on **Monday 5th June 2017 at 08:00am for Breakfast Club and then at 08:45am for the whole school.**