

Thought of the Week: "The voice of the intellect is a soft one, but it does not rest until it has gained a hearing." - Sigmund Freud

celebrating success

Attendance

Sycamore class had the highest attendance last week with 97.4%. Whole school was 96.4%. 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: Leo McDonald, Sophia Halliday, Rhys Crocker, Sean Jackson, Carla Rowlands, Daniel Emmerson, John George Branley. 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: Tyler Uddgen-Barham, Eloise Marshall, Finn Besford, Alex Yeats, Ryleigh Tomlinson, Olivia Balance and Summer Hann. 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: Amieleigh Marshall, Zak Turner, Mya Armstrong, Own Charlton, Lauren Cook Lacie Temperley and Keigan Jackson. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Mathletics

Chestnut class had the highest score with 15,499 points. Liam Brown had the highest score last week with 2,900 points. Well done everyone.

important information

Happy Easter Holiday

As another busy term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the life of our school for their hard work and dedication in making it the very best that it can be. We try to ensure that the school is a happy and safe place for your children and that we give them the educational and pastoral provision with which to excel, whatever their own individual strengths may be. Thank you as parents and carers for your continued support of us; for your constructive comments, your enthusiasm and good humour. It is always appreciated and never taken for granted. May I wish you a very happy and relaxing break with your family and friends and I look forward to seeing you again for the start of the summer term on Monday, April 24th.

Mrs J Brown – Willow Class Teacher

As Reception parents and children are already aware, Mrs Brown will be leaving us this Friday to start her maternity leave. I know you will all join with me in wishing her and her family every good wish for the exciting times ahead and of course we will keep you up to date with any news when we have it. In the meantime, we have recruited a wonderful teacher called Mrs Stanley, who will be taking over in Willow Class from summer term, until Mrs Brown's expected return next year. We warmly welcome Mrs Stanley to our wonderful team.

Mock SATS – Year 6 Oak Class

Year 6 took part in Mock SATS this week, where we ran the week exactly as it will happen in mid-May. The children have come in early for a special SATS breakfast so that they are settled and ready to start on time. We have also talked about the need for lots of sleep, early bedtimes, good food and lots of water. I am so proud of the way they have responded to this challenge, although knowing them as I do I am not remotely surprised. They have all tried their very best, with a responsible, confident and mature attitude and have all performed brilliantly. Well done Year 6 and thank you to you as parents and carers for your support in helping to give them every possible chance to succeed. May I also thank teaching, support and administrative staff for their role in making sure that this week has gone so smoothly. It is very much appreciated!

Retirement from Governing Body

I would like to acknowledge the huge support given to the school over the past few years by Mrs Joyce Stewart, who has decided not to seek election for a further term now that she has reached the end of her current term of office. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her over the past few years and I am so grateful for the time she has spent ensuring that our school continues to achieve the very highest standards. Mrs Stewart has promised to still be a presence on the yard some mornings and after school and she will be warmly welcomed any time. On behalf of the children, parents, staff and governors we would like to thank you for your contribution and I know that you will continue to be an influence on our future for many years to come.

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you so much for all the wonderful entries we had for our Easter Egg competition this week. They were all of such high standard that I was so glad I was not on judging duty this time! Our judge and governor, Rev. Ian Hennebry, after much deliberation, decided that the winners were Indie Moat, Deacon Rutherford, Daniel Lang, Ajay Elliot, Kasey Humble, Alex Roy, Imogen Ullock, Rebeca Hanlon and Jess Sterry and our adult winners were Bethany Dawson, Sam Jones, Zilah Cole and Judith Harnett.

Thank you also for your attendance at and support of our Coffee Morning, where you were also able to view the Easter Egg entries.

Bedlington Station Primary School PTA-Easter Disco

Straight after school tonight is our Easter Disco to be held in the school hall. We are holding two sessions: 3.15-4pm for children in Acorn, Willow, Beech and Maple class and 4.15-5pm for children in Chestnut, Sycamore, Rowan and Oak class. Tickets are £1.00 per child and this is to be paid at the fire exit door on entry. All children from Acorn to Sycamore class **must** be dropped off and collected by an adult at the beginning and end of their disco. Children from Rowan and Oak class are allowed to come to their disco themselves with parental permission. A selection of refreshments and sweets will be on sale.

Station Star Reward – Bandicoots are the winners!

In last Friday's whole-school assembly, the team winners of our Station Star reward were announced. The team of Bandicoots 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 an afternoon learning about and observing circus skills from a special team we have coming in to school. 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 Bandicoots 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 Bandicoots!

Greener Time

Again as explained in my recent newsletter, 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.

Information for Parents & Carers

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children in Years 5 and 6 appear to be calling in at the local shops on their way to school and buying high caffeine, energy drinks. Naturally, I am conscious that this is happening outside school hours and not on our premises but I thought it might be helpful to place this information on our newsletter just in case you may be unaware and wish to speak to your children about it. Thank you.

End of Spring Term Reminder

Just for you to note in your diaries that the **last day of Spring Term before we break up for Easter tomorrow, Friday, April 7th 2017. Please be aware that we will be finishing school at 2:00pm on that day.** School will reopen again on Monday 24th April at 08:00am for Breakfast Club, with the Main School doors open promptly at 08:45.