



Thought of the Week: "Education is a social process; education is growth; education is not preparation for life but is life itself." — John Dewey

celebrating success

Producer of the Week

The following producers have all worked particularly hard over the last week: Matthew Rutland, Charlie Ullock, Chris Agnew, Conner Dodds, Dylan McMorn, Keigan Jackson and Tanya Watts.

Olive's Friday Feast Award for Conduct

The following workers were all treated to a Friday Feast for their conduct over the last week: Hollie McMurdo, Rhys Crocker, Jessica Hall, Lucy Lynn, Kenzi Law, Natasha Olsen and Beth Darbyshire.

Olive's Friday Feast Awarded for Effort

The following workers have all been awarded for their extra effort that they have shown over the last week: Katie-Leigh Robson, Liam Stanton, Megan Philpott, Emma Archer, Aleisha Alexander, Keigan Jackson and Kian O'Brien.

Attendance

Studio 3 had the highest attendance last week with 99% and the whole of Station Studios was 96%. Well done everyone! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

Mathletics KS2

Studio 6 had the highest score last week with 17,190 points. Katie Kerry had the highest individual score for the second week with 10,130 points. Well done everyone!

important information

Winners of the Gentoo "Design a Poster" competition

The 3 winners were Millie Barker, Robbie Holman and Georgia Fullen. They were presented with their prizes of a Gift Voucher by the Gentoo organisation and we then celebrated their success as a whole-school in our Friday assembly last week. Well done to all three of you.

Portal Design – Station Studios

Our creative project, Station Studios, is coming to an end and, as promised, parents and carers are invited in to watch a special screening of the new shows and visit an exhibition of the children's work. A letter went home last week telling you more about the afternoon and at the bottom of the letter was a slip that you can return to school indicating if you would like tickets. Due to numbers of parents and the size of our school we have had to limit the ticket allocation to 2 per family and we will do our best to accommodate as many people as we can. If you haven't returned your slip yet please bring it straight to the school office tomorrow morning as we only have a few tickets left. I hope you enjoy coming into school on the last afternoon of half term to share and celebrate your child's successes and I look forward to seeing you then. **Please note that, due to the large amount of work the children have produced in their Studios this half term, we are only able to show representative samples during our showcase screenings on Friday. However, all the work from each Station Studio will be placed on our school website as soon as possible so that you can look at your child's work anytime, at your leisure.**

Bedlington Partnership of Schools – Code of Conduct & Home/School Agreement

As stated in last week's newsletter, a copy of the Partnership of Schools' Code of Conduct is being sent home today, one per child attending our school. I would be grateful if you could read the paperwork sent to you and then return the Home School Agreement signed by your child and yourself as parent/carer as soon as possible. Your class teacher will sign it on behalf of the school and the form will be kept in the classroom for future reference if required. As always, if you have any questions or there is anything you would like to query, please feel free to ask your class teacher, contact the school office or speak to me on the yard.

Breakfast Club

I am looking to revamp and refresh our Breakfast Club over the next half term and would very much like your comments and feedback before we make any changes. If you currently use our Breakfast Club then are you happy with the arrangements? Do the timings work for you? What about the breakfasts we offer – are you happy with the choice? Do you get feedback from your child? If so, what are they telling you? If you don't use our Breakfast Club currently then is there a particular reason why not? Is it just because you don't need that facility or it doesn't fit with your own family circumstances? Or is there something that prevents your child from attending? Could it be the timing of the session, or the choice on offer? What do you think about the cost? At £1.00 per child per day do you feel that represents good value? I will be sending a questionnaire home for parents and carers after half term but I just wanted to get you thinking in advance. We think that we run a good Breakfast Club but what do you think? Could we make it even better? If so, how? As always, all constructive criticism or positive comments are very gratefully received and, where possible, acted upon.

Parking Safely Around Our School

Further to my note on our newsletter a couple of weeks ago about parking, I also wish to remind you that, as part of the measures to deal with ongoing parking problems more effectively, Northumberland County Council (NCC) are introducing a parking enforcement vehicle. Since April 2012 the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers have been carrying out enforcement of schools' "keep clear" restrictions and other parking regulations outside schools. In the interim this had a significant positive impact on behaviours of drivers dropping off and collecting children from school. Experience has shown that when officers are in attendance the behaviours of drivers are improved. However when there is no enforcement presence there is a significant decline in safe parking and compliance with the regulations in place.

The new vehicle will monitor the County schools' keep clear restrictions and from information gathered by the camera, any vehicle found to be parked in contravention of the regulations will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) by post. Northumberland County Council regularly receives complaints about road safety concerns outside of their schools. These can include issues such as speeding, inconsiderate parking and the safety of children accessing school. For many years NCC have worked with schools and parents as well as local residents however these issues continue to cause growing concern.

I have been informed that over the coming weeks NCC will be delivering a communications programme to help raise awareness of the vehicle. They will work with the local press and social media and will also be working with a number of schools on specific awareness raising and events. There will also be an opportunity for some school children and local stakeholders to look inside the vehicle and learn more about how it will be used to improve road safety. I am also told that there will be an initial period of training however, the plan for the vehicle to be fully operational from January 2016 has had to be put back by NCC as the vehicle was damaged during the December flooding. In the meantime, I will keep you informed of any developments as they occur.

Reminder

School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 12th February and re-opens after the half term break on Monday 22nd February at 08:00am for Breakfast Club and 08:45 for the Main School as usual.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your on-going support of our wonderful school and to wish you a happy and safe week with your family and friends.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury's vouchers. Please place them in the box situated in the main entrance. Thank you.