

Thought for the Week: "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." ~ Abraham Lincoln

celebrating success

Attendance

Whole school attendance last week was 96% with Sycamore, Maple and Beech classes all had 100% attendance. This is the third week in a row that Sycamore class have achieved 100% attendance. Keep up the good work everyone!

Manners the Monkey

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

Designers of the Week

The following children were given Designer Awards by our Head Designer, Mr Sutherland at last Friday's Achievement Assembly following a recommendation from their Lead Designer: Bethany Carr, Charlotte Stewart, Millie Barker, Shaun Spratt, Josie Blackwood, Jake Irvine and Samantha Arkle. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Designer Desserts Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Designer Desserts Friday last week: Willow Reay, Halle Brown, Adam Holland, Dylan McMorn, Natasha Olsen, Kayti-Lee Brown and Grace Henderson. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and tremendous effort last week.

important information

BikeAbility Week at Bedlington Station – Week Commencing February 9th, 2015

We are now finalising numbers and a timetable for the forthcoming BikeAbility programme in school. However, there are still quite a few children who still have not signed up. If you are in Years 4, 5 and 6 please don't forget to return your consent forms as soon as possible for this free cycling training. If you didn't get a letter for any reason then please ask at the School Office. A lot of information is contained in the letters home but if you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher or speak to me on the yard.

Dropping Off and Collecting Children

I understand that, particularly for some parents who are dropping off and/or collecting children by car, these times of the day can be difficult and at times, stressful. Some of the streets around the school are narrow and can already be congested with traffic when you arrive, not just from our school but also the local shops and businesses. Can I please ask that you take extra care when dropping off or collecting your children and please encourage them to walk on the pavements and look carefully when crossing the roads? Can I also respectfully ask car drivers to make sure that they do not block local residents' driveways and access points when they arrive at school and to park responsibly, making sure that they are not blocking the pavements, thereby possibly forcing pedestrians onto the road. I know that you will all join with me in wishing to ensure that all our children and adults can arrive at and leave our school safely. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

School Meal Survey

Once again, thank you to everyone who has returned the survey about school meals that I sent home before the holidays. In total, I received 33 surveys back into school and have read each one personally. Your views have been noted and have been shared with the Senior Leadership Team here as well as representatives from the Local Authority. I really appreciate the constructive nature of your views and many of you have been very positive about our current provision. I recognise, however, that there is always room for improvement. You have shared your thoughts on: portion sizes; choice of meals; the balance of pasta and rice dishes; more traditional choices of meals; the importance of a nutritional hot meal, especially on a cold day and the balance of particular food groups on a plate. We are also consulting with the children in classrooms as to their thoughts about lunchtimes as we formulate the launch of our new menus in the next few weeks. Please keep reading "The Station Voice" as there will be more information on school meals coming very soon.

Mathletics Trial at Bedlington Station – Year 4

The trial of Mathletics by Year 4 (Sycamore) is now coming to an end. We hope that the children have enjoyed using this free, web-based initiative at home, as well as at school. Mrs Liddicoat and I are now evaluating the impact of the trial and talking to the children about whether they enjoyed using the site. If the impact of the trial has proved to be significant, I will consider adding Mathletics subscriptions to other year groups across the school in the coming weeks. As always, if you have any feedback from the recent trial you would like me to consider then please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr C. Sutherland, Head Teacher