

# The Stationvoice

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Thought of the Week: "Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, openness, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people." - Dennis Prager

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Studio 4 had the highest attendance last week with 100% and the whole of Station Studios was 98%. This is brilliant!! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

### 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: Jaycob Short, Finn Besford, Alex Roy, Kaisey-Mai Dodd, Hannah Carr, Jack Stafford and Brandon Flannagan.

### Olive's Friday Feast Award for Conduct

The following workers were all treated to a Friday Feast for their conduct over the last week: Ellis Thompson, Ethan Loy, Faith Aiston, Rhianna Hallows, Charli-Sioux McLeod, Katie Challoner and Nathan Gradwell.

### Producer of the Week

The following producers have all worked particularly hard over the last week: Mason Lynn, Willow Reay, Makenzie Armstrong, Nikita Linney, Sam Hardy, Natasha Olsen and Saphyre Alexander.

### Mathletics KS2

Studio 6 had the highest score last week with 11,010 points. Katie Kerry had the highest individual score for the week and was the highest for January with 31,180 points. Well done everyone!

## important information

### Assessment

In the Station Voice a few weeks ago, I talked about some changes that are taking place around the assessment of children in schools nationally. Children will no longer be assessed using "levels" i.e. level 2 or level 4. Instead, each school has been tasked to develop its own system which looks at the breadth and depth of knowledge a child has, rather than aiming to move up through levels as quickly as possible. We have developed a robust system which we are happy with and I promised that I would send home a booklet to help explain some of the changes and what they will mean for you and your child. This booklet is being sent home today to all parents with children in Years 1 to 6, (there are no changes planned for Nursery or Reception children at the present time). I would be grateful if you could take some time to read through the leaflet to gain a clearer picture about what will be happening. Your child's class teacher will be happy to answer any questions you may have or you may wish to speak to Miss Tuart, who is our Assessment Lead, or myself. There is nothing to worry about for your child and we will circulate as much information to you over the coming weeks and months as we can to keep you informed. At some point you will be able to access elements of your child's assessments online with a secure password as I explained previously and I will keep you updated as to when that system will be "live". In the meantime, please feel free to ask any questions and we will be happy to help.

### 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. They are so proud of their achievements and I know that they are all very keen to share their work with parents. A letter went home yesterday telling you more about the afternoon and at the bottom of the letter is 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. Please return the slip as soon as possible as tickets will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. 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.

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

I know you will be aware historically of our Code of Conduct and Home/School Agreement here at Bedlington Station Primary. The aim of the Code is to clearly set out expectations for school, parents and children as regards their experience in school and on and around the school site. However, at a recent meeting of all schools in the Bedlington Partnership, including First, Primary, Middle and High Schools, it was decided that the Partnership of Schools would issue a generic Code of Conduct so that parents throughout our community could see that there is consistency and continuity through the region. A copy of this Code of Conduct will be sent home next week, 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 our office 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.

## **Parents & Carers in classrooms and the school building**

May I respectfully remind parents and carers not to come into classrooms or the school building unless specifically invited by a member of school staff. We will always make ourselves available to talk to parents if we can but I'm sure you understand that the beginning and end of every school is a very busy time. We want to ensure that we give your question or query the time it deserves so that we can address it properly. We are responsible for ensuring that your children are in school safely and registered at the beginning of the day and passed back to parents at the end of the day. I have occasionally seen a parent or carer entering school unaccompanied by a member of school staff and walking through the corridor which is a breach of our school's safeguarding policy. I would ask that you please wait patiently until a member of staff becomes available or walk round to the Main Office where a member of staff can be alerted or an appointment made where applicable. The safety and wellbeing of your child is my number one priority and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

## **Nursery Places**

Please can we ask that if you have any children or know of any, under the age of three whose parent or carer has not yet completed a nursery application form, then please call at the school office and request a form. Thank you.

## **Dinner Money Reminder**

Please can we remind you to pay for your child's school meals on a Monday. It would be really helpful if it is in an envelope, purse or wallet with your child's name, class and the amount written on it. Many thanks.

## **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.

## **Y1 and Y2 Dance After-School Club – Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

We will be holding a Dance After-School Club for Y1 and Y2 after the half-term holiday. It will be held every Wednesday from 3.00pm until 4.00pm for the half-term only. As space is limited, it will be offered to children on a first come first served basis. Your child will be notified prior to it starting and we hope your child will participate every week. They will require their PE kit. Please complete and return the slip below if your child is interested in attending the Dance After-School Club.

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## **Y1 and Y2 Dance After-School Club – Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend the Dance after-school club.

I will collect my child promptly at 4.00pm. ☐

Signature of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_