



Thought of the Week: "Do not let making a living prevent you from making a life." ~ John Wooden

celebrating success

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work prior to the half term holiday: Kalisha Cunningham, Liam Brown, Lauren Cook, Thomas Kerry, Summer Hann, Tanya Watts and Darren Dodds. 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 prior to the half term holiday: Ellie McLean, James Gudgin, Shane Mills-Auld, Charlie Storey, Nathan Roy, Ethan McLeod and Kaylee Davis. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Pudding of the Week

The pudding of the week was chosen by Maple class and the children are very excited about their creation. It is called 'DIY Biscuit Bonanza'. It will be served on Thursday 11th June.

Attendance

Rowan class had the highest attendance with 97% the week prior to half term. Whole school attendance was 97%, which is above our target. Well done everyone!! Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

important information

A warm welcome back to all children, parents and carers after the half-term holiday. I hope that you all had a wonderful week and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. It is lovely to see everyone back again, refreshed and ready for the last half term of the academic year. Time has passed so quickly and we have a lot of activities to pack in to the last 7 weeks of the term.

We started the week with our invitation to parents and carers to come into school for a mathematics workshop with their child followed by lunch from our new summer menu. Those who were able to join us seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to come into school and share these experiences with their child. I had a lot of positive comments from the parents I spoke to as well as some helpful and constructive comments as to how we might improve the experience next time. My aim will certainly be to have a longer and perhaps more in-depth curriculum session, be this for mathematics or English, and ensure this is focused particularly on year groups as far as possible. There will be further opportunities planned also for parents to join their children for lunch.

Mr Layton led a whole-school assembly on Tuesday where he introduced our new, refreshed Station Stars rewards initiative. All the children across the school have been split into teams and they have the chance to earn Station Stars for themselves but also for their team. Station Stars can be given for outstanding work, fabulous attitude or exemplary manners, for example. The five teams are - Androids, Bandicoots, Gremlins, Rocketeers and Swashbucklers. Please ask your children about Station Stars and find out which team they are on!

Year 4 are off to Robinwood next Wednesday for 3 days of fun, challenge and adventure. Please make sure that you have returned all medical consent forms to school where applicable and that you understand what clothing and other items your child will need. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call in to the school office and we will be happy to clarify this for you. My thanks in advance go to the three members of staff who will accompany the children on this Residential Trip, who are giving up their own time with their families to ensure that the Year 4s at Bedlington Station have the most wonderful experience possible.

Year 1 children will shortly be taking their Phonic Screening in school and all are feeling very prepared and confident. If parents in Year 1 have any questions about the Phonics Screening, which is a statutory test of children's phonic knowledge, please feel free to speak to Miss Curry or myself when I am on the yard.

All teaching staff are looking carefully at the progress each child has made in school over the past year and are using this information to compile their End of Year School Reports. Our aim is that these will be sent home for parents and carers on Friday, July 3rd.

As previously mentioned in newsletters we are planning for the children to take part in lots of different sporting activities in our Sports' Week which is week commencing June 29th. This will culminate in our Sports' Day which, weather permitting, will be held on the afternoon of July 2nd on the school field. All parents will be welcome and we will be sending home more information a little nearer the time.

A reminder that our new summer menus are available to view on our website and also on the school noticeboard in the yard. If you would prefer a hard-copy of the menus please call the school office and we will send one home for you. If your child hasn't sampled our new school menus yet why not see if they would like to try them next week. Don't forget that Pudding of the Week, chosen and designed by your children, is on the menu every Thursday.

Finally, I do try to be out on the yard at the beginning or end of every day and sometimes manage to do both. If, however, you would like to talk to me about anything at all, be it a suggestion for improvement, an idea you may have or even a problem or worry, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me or make an appointment at the school office. I am only too happy to listen and if I can do something to help, I will.

Have a wonderful rest of the term!

PE Kit – (Willow Class to Sycamore Class)

Please ensure that if your child is in Willow class up to Sycamore class that they bring their PE kit in on a Monday and leave it in school ready to use throughout the week. Each child requires the following: T-shirt, shorts and trainers or sandshoes.

Rowan and Oak Classes

All children in Rowan and Oak classes require PE kit, swimming costume, towel and water bottle, every Thursday for swimming and PE lessons at Ashington Leisure Centre.

Homework

Watch out for Homework sheets coming home soon. Remember that at any time in the half term a completed worksheet can be handed in and please start spellings straight away.

The Salvation Army - Film Night

Please go along to the Film Night on Wednesday 10th June at 5.30pm - Shaun the Sheep Movie - (£2 donation, all ages welcome, tuck shop) at The Salvation Army, Hartford Road West, Bedlington, NE22 6HU
Please call Tel: 01670 829356 for more details.