Thought for the Week: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door" - Milton Berle

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Attendance

Rowan had the highest attendance last week with 98% and whole school was 96%. Please don't forget to call 822326 if your child is unable to attend school. Thank you.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were given Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Kalisha Cunningham, Alyssa Mills-Auld, Adam Holland, Jamie Hardy, Ebony Jobson Chris Blackwood and Matthew Amies. 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: Ethan Loy, Abbey Scott, Sam Hardy, Keigan Jackson, Connor Gibbon and Chloe Crosby. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Star of the Week

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Certificates were all
given to the following
children: Mya Armstrong,
Alex Roy, Imogen Ullock,
Thomas Kerry, Jack
Stafford, Brandon
Flanagan and Catherine
Mason. These children all
had Star Tea with Mr
Sutherland due to their
exemplary attitude.

Manners the Monkey

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

Pudding of the Week

The Pudding of the week was chosen by Maple class and it is called **'Freezingly Hot Banana Spectacular'**. It sounds delicious. It will be served on Thursday 26th March.

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Solar Eclipse

As I am sure you are all aware, there is due to be a partial solar eclipse tomorrow morning. The Moon will pass in front of the Sun, blotting out up to 98% of its disc and putting much of the UK into a morning twilight. Regrettably, it does look as though much of the northern part of the UK will be under cloud cover. However, please be assured that we will be monitoring the children around school closely in order to ensure that no attempts are made by the children to look directly at the eclipse. Individual class teachers will be talking to their classes and we will be able to safely view television coverage through the Smartboards. There is a lot of additional information on various websites and the BBC site is particularly helpful.

Parents Evening and Feedback Forms

A huge thank you to those parents, grandparents and carers who were able to join us for Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I hope that you found it helpful to catch up with your child's class teacher on how your child is progressing this year and that you had a chance to look through some of their wonderful work in their books. Many of those who attended kindly completed one of our Parent Feedback Forms which is very much appreciated. I have read them all personally and will be discussing any issues with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) here in school. Either myself or a member of the SLT will respond personally to any queries you may have noted. I am delighted that the vast majority of feedback has been extremely positive about our school and the teaching and learning that takes place here and any comments that have been made have been very helpful and constructive as we aim to improve wherever we can.

Footballing Success

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys who took part in the football competition held at Hirst Welfare last Thursday afternoon. The boys played some wonderful football and there were some really close games. It was also pleasing to see all the games played in such a wonderful spirit and the boys represented us really well. Bedlington Station reached the semi-final and they were beaten by the eventual winners. We are all very proud of the team — well done!



Wansbeck Music Festival

COMIC RELIEF

Yesterday evening, Miss Tuart, Mrs Johnston and myself attended the Wansbeck Music Festival in Morpeth with some of our Year 6 Steel Pan players. Some parents were also able to join us for the occasion. It was a wonderful evening full of some fantastic music. The highlight for our school is that our Year 6 pupils won in the under 11 Steel Band category. This is the second consecutive year we have won this trophy and we are all absolutely thrilled. The musicality of all our players was marvellous to hear and this is a wonderful achievement, considering they have only been playing for two terms. Not only did we win but the children were complemented by other schools and one of the organisers because of their outstanding behaviour. My thanks to everyone concerned in helping to make this happen and I am very proud of them all.

We had a wonderful day in school on March 13^{th} for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who came into school and made their Face Funny for Money! We raised a total of £132.55. Which we are sending to support the wonderful work being done by this charity at home and abroad.

Easter Egg Competition and Coffee Morning

We will be holding an Easter Egg competition and all entries must be in school by 3.00pm on Thursday 26th March. There will be prizes for the best designed or decorated egg. There will be two categories, best child entry per class and adult entry.

We will have a Coffee Morning on Friday 27th March for you to view the Easter Egg entries. We will also have a few raffle prizes. This will be held in the school hall via the fire exit hall door at 9.00am. So please come along and see all the wonderful exhibits.

Bedlington Station Primary School PTA Easter Disco

Easter Disco to be held at The Station Club on Wednesday 8th April 6.30pm until 9.00pm

Tickets are £1.00 each per child and £1.00 per adult (All children must be accompanied with an adult)
Tickets will be on sale this Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 3.00pm in the School Hall entry via the fire door.

No tickets will be sold from the school office.

On the night Easter Bonnet or Bow Tie competition for children and adults - prizes for the winners.

Hot dogs and Cupcakes will be on sale.

Ongoing disruption to the pavements outside school

You will be aware that there has been some ongoing disruption to the footpaths directly outside our school over the past few weeks. I would like to stress firstly that we <u>did not</u> receive advance notice regarding these repairs to the pavements and went out to speak to the gentlemen undertaking the repairs to ask them when they might be completed. Our understanding from them was that the work was to be completed over the next few days but that would now appear not to be the case. This is to advise you that I have attempted to speak to the relevant department at County to clarify the situation this morning. I have left a message with the Senior Team Leader there and will advise you as soon as I can as to any further developments and timescales. I apologise, on their behalf, for any inconvenience currently being caused to parents and carers coming in and out of school.

Easter Holidays

Confirmation that the end of the Spring term is Friday 27th March. Please note that school will be close at 2.00pm on that day. School will reopen on Tuesday 14th April.

The Salvation Army - Film Night

Please go along to the Film Night on Wednesday $25^{\rm th}$ March at $5.30 \, \rm pm$ Paddington (£2 entry fee and tuck shop) at The Salvation Army, Hartford Road West, Bedlington, NE22 6HU Please call tel: 829356 for more details.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please, please, please don't forget to collect the Sainsbury's Active kids vouchers and hand them into school, there is a box situated in the foyer.