

Newsletter—25th October 2019

Dear Parents,

We can't believe we are at the end of our first half term—it's been a very busy and productive one! Our new Reception children have settled really well into our school routines and are now joining us for whole school assemblies!

Everyone has worked super hard this half term and made a great start to this academic year. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved half term break and look forward to seeing you on 4th November.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff

Destination Judo

On Monday 23rd & 30th September Destination Judo came into our school to do a taster session with each class. Children got the chance to wear Judo jackets whilst taking part in a variety of judo skill tasks. The staff were very impressed by the listening skills of everyone and their willingness to join in.

Midsummer Cushions

Bishop Auckland Town Council run an annual Horticultural Show. Our Year 6 was invited to work with the artist, Betty Barnett Brown, in school to produce some Midsummer cushions for a competition. The cushions were only ever made in Bishop Auckland and the tradition goes back to 1800s.

The children had the task of recreating the most authentic cushion design. They worked together in groups and produced five wonderful cushions. The creative talents of our children were recognised at the event when we won 1st place with our 'Pond of Magic' design created by Abi, Amelia, Skye, Charlie and Brodie.

WELL DONE TO ALL OF YEAR 6 FOR YOUR AMAZING CREATIVITY!

European Day of Languages

To celebrate European Day of Languages on 26th September, each class had a different country in Europe to research. We used countries with which our school has connections: England, Spain, Finland, & Czech Republic. We took part in lots of activities and even tasted some different foods. At the end of the day, each class shared with the rest of the school, what they had found out about their chosen country.

Handball Festival

On Monday 30th of September, Year 5 attended the Handball Festival at St. John's Secondary School. The class were split into 4 teams and they played 6 games over the course of the morning. All teams won some games and played with great spirit! Every child took part competitively and did our school proud!

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10TH OCTOBER 2019

We celebrated 'Hello Yellow' in school. Children came to school wearing something yellow and took part in activities in class to support their own well-being and that of others and were given a 'yellow' biscuit to help celebrate!

John Muir Project

Year 5 have visited Escomb Lake to complete the CONSERVE element of the John Muir project. They took the opportunity to keep our area clean by using litter pickers on the way down to the lake. They explored the area, identified the trees and plants in the beautiful surroundings before planting wild flowers that will help to attract more insects.

The following week, the children completed a litter pick on the school grounds before creating their own bird feeders which have been tied to trees around school. Our school grounds deserve to be looked after and we want the local wildlife to enjoy it too!

We are a reading school!

The Scholastic Bookfair was a huge success again this year. It is estimated our total sales were over £1000. This will mean we have some money, in commission, to spend on books for our school.

Mastering Maths

Finley, April, Ethan and Connie in Year 6, took part in the Primary Maths Challenge at Bishop Barrington. They undertook various mathematical challenges throughout the day which were aimed to test them. After creating a fantastic poster on 'Tessellation' they competed against other schools in a group, games, logic and relay round.

All points were totalled and they became the overall winners of the competition! Everyone worked extremely hard and showed great character throughout the day. This is a fantastic achievement and we are so proud of them.

Dr Tom Robson

We were pleased to welcome back Dr. Tom Robson and his dog, Jed, to our school. He encouraged us to develop our resilience, independence and our ability to make the right choices. We enjoyed learning all about Diamond Power and how we can get diamonds by solving our own problems rather than relying on an adult. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

Dr Tom also delivered a workshop for parents 'Learning to Love Learning' in which he talked about resilience and emotional well-being and how parents can support their child to be the best version of themselves. Thank you to the parents who came along—I am sure you found it extremely fascinating!

How can I help keep my child happy and safe with technology leaflet

Please see leaflet provided by DCC for further information.



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

13th September 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	-
Class 1	Zac D
Class 2	Oscar D
Class 3	Jessica C
Class 4	Max A
Class 5	Kiera B
Class 6	Brodie K

Superstar of the Week

*** Brodie K ***

Star of the Week Award

20th September 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	-
Class 1	Emma D
Class 2	Alex T
Class 3	Sonny J
Class 4	Oliver J
Class 5	Lucy R
Class 6	Finlay B

Superstar of the Week

*** Sonny J ***

Star of the Week Award

27th September 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	-
Class 1	Matthew D
Class 2	Jayden B
Class 3	Anna-Lee G
Class 4	Lily H
Class 5	Lucy H
Class 6	Ethan R

Superstar of the Week

*** Ethan R ***

Star of the Week Award

4th October 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Joseph W
Class 1	Thomas N
Class 2	Seb G
Class 3	Alfie B
Class 4	Lily J
Class 5	Katie P
Class 6	Aimee T

Superstar of the Week

*** Seb G ***



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

11th October 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Alex L
Class 1	Millie W
Class 2	Riley R
Class 3	Mason T
Class 4	Iris C
Class 5	Finlay B
Class 6	Daisy J

Superstar of the Week

* Jaycee B *

Star of the Week Award

18th October 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	James E
Class 1	Daisy G
Class 2	Georgia A
Class 3	Natalie S
Class 4	Daisy L
Class 5	Henry S
Class 6	Skye M

Superstar of the Week

* Daisy L *

Star of the Week Award

25th October 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Abigail C
Class 1	Katie H
Class 2	Jaycee B
Class 3	Freya B
Class 4	Finley P
Class 5	Ethan W
Class 6	Harrison S

Superstar of the Week

* Jaycee B *

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Weekly Winners	Whole school
Week 1	Year 3 & Year 5 100%	98.3%
Week 2	Year 1 100%	97.7%
Week 3	Year 3 100%	96.9%
Week 4	Year 1 99%	97.1%
Week 5	Year 2 100%	98.5%
Week 6	Year 4 100%	94.5%
Week 7	Year 6 100%	97%
Week 8	Year 6 98.6	92.2

Attendance figures for the winning classes are amazing! However, 96% is the expected level of attendance and we have a week at 94.5% for the whole school. We also have figures for some classes that are below this standard. Whilst illness cannot be avoided, please ensure that your child is only off when absolutely necessary. Poor attendance impacts negatively on your child's learning and progress in all aspects of school life. Thank you!