

## Newsletter — 16th November 2018

### International Links

In our school we place high value on ensuring that our children are aware of and have a good understanding of other cultures. We also want them to see how 'big' the world is that we live in and the opportunities that it holds for them.

The British Council is an organisation that supports & allocates funding for this. We have been successful with 2 bids that we have submitted and over the next 2 years will be involved in projects 'Full Steam Ahead' which links us with a school in Spain, Czech Republic & Finland and, 'Listening to our Heritage' which links us with another school in Spain.

Both projects will provide the opportunity for children to travel to our partner countries and sample first hand that particular countries culture and heritage. It also means that we will be hosting visitors here too so all children in our school will be part of the experience.

This coming week we are hosting teachers from the 3 countries involved in 'Full Steam Ahead' to work together to plan in finer detail our project.

We know from past experience that being involved in such projects has such a positive impact on our children and indeed whole school community in lots of different ways. We hope that you will join us in embracing this working together with our European partners!

### Parent's Evenings 6th and 7th November

The Parents Evenings were well attended again this term. It was lovely to see so many parents at the meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Maths Challenge

On the 9th of November four Year 6s, Lara, Brianna, Adam and Kayleigh took part in a maths competition. We entered a poster competition, took part and competed in sims and pentominoes games and relay, group and logic rounds.



It was very challenging but we are proud to say we won!

By Kayleigh—Y6

### Community Links with Escomb Church

Rev Ronnie Mechanic came into school and worked with our Year 6 children to create 'angel wings' for a display for Escomb Church. There are also some community events that the church are inviting children to be involved in over the weeks leading up to Christmas. It would be lovely if some of our children got involved. Please see flier!

### Artefacts Theatre—WWI



In memory of the soldiers in World War 1 On the 31st October, everyone watched a play. It was very good for getting the message of Remembrance across. World War I is very special to our school, that's why we have a beautiful display in our hall. Each class made different poppies and they all were put on our hall display. Some of the Y6 children wrote emotional thank you letters.

By Freya F—Year 6

### M & M Productions—Dick Whittington 8th November

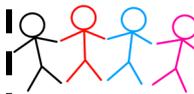
M & M Productions were in school on 8th November to perform the pantomime Dick Whittington. As usual we were guaranteed an excellent show. The play was enjoyed by all (including staff!) and had as much appeal for our younger children as it did for older ones.

### Northumbrian Water Authority H2O Assembly

On the 9th November three people from the Northumbrian Water Authority came in to tell us about the dangers of the construction sites and how badly you could be injured. Our mini police went on a walk down the black path to see how the building site was doing.

By George R—Year 6

### Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week



On the 9th of November 2018 we held 'Friendship Friday' showing that everyone is different and every one is equal. Our

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Keira, Lara & Kristen planned and delivered this to the whole school. We then worked in Family Groups and drew round our hands & filled them with words that we associated with friendship. We made a beautiful display in the office area.

By Holly M—Year 6

On Monday 12th November, we had an assembly first thing in the morning about friendship. Our visitor, Joni, explained how successful friendships work and She then took Anti-Bullying ambassadors and LGBT ambassadors to take part in a workshop with her. We had a very enjoyable morning and learned a lot about friendship and respect.

By Kristen and Keira—Year 6

### Class Assemblies for Parents

Over the last couple of weeks we have held Class assemblies for Years 4 & 5. Year 4 presented their Learning Challenge work about the Romans—'Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?' And 'How could we cope for a day without electricity.'

Year 5 shared their work on space which was closely linked to the text in George's Secret Key to the Universe written by Stephen Hawking.

Thank you to both classes for working so hard and presenting so well.



On the 14th November Year 6 went to Collingwood College in Durham to see a fabulous orchestra. They heard pieces of music like Swan Lake, the Tango and Bear Necessities. We learnt about all the instruments. It was very inspiring and exciting.

By Logan E—Year 6



### Poppy Appeal 2018

We took part in the Poppy Appeal again this year. Once we are notified of the amount collected we will let parents know. Thank you to everyone who contributed—your support is much appreciated.

### Photographer in School

As per school planner Tempest will be coming into school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to take individual and family photographs.

For ease of organisation all children will have individual photographs taken plus photographs with their siblings (there is no obligation to buy these).

In addition to the above arrangements, family photographs (with younger siblings not yet in school) may also be taken. Please refer to further information sent out via your child.

### Children in Need 2018



Our VIP group decided that we should support the Children in Need Appeal today. Children worked in family groups on a range of activities during the morning. The theme this year was to do something 'spotacular.' Lots of children came to school dressed in onsies, fancy dress or wore other 'Children in Need' merchandise .

Children brought contributions and loose change into school and these were used to cover an outline of Pudsey in the classrooms.

Thank you to everyone that took part and for your kind donations.

We will let you know next week how much we collected!



## PARLIAMENT WEEK

This week is Parliament Week. Year 6 are taking part by revolving their learning around Parliament. We kicked the week off by decorating our classroom in Parliament themed banners. Year 6 decided they wanted to create a power-point about Parliament and learned more and more about it. On Wednesday morning we took on the roles of members of Parliament and held a debate—we absolutely loved it! The speakers of the house managed to keep control and order of the chamber. Year 6 heard the good news that Cllr Rob Yorke is coming to visit and deliver a session for them this Friday. We are super excited and will report back to you in our next newsletter!

By Leah & Adam—Year 6

### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all our children for their kind donations for our shoe box appeal. This goes hand in hand with the work we have done on 'Friendship' this week.

We have discussed with our Year 6 children a range of charities to donate the gifts to and they have selected The Bradley Lowry Foundation because it is based locally and will benefit children in our own region.

I would also like to thank Year 6 children who are contributing to our newsletters—it is good to get their perspective on events and what's happening in school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



# Congratulations



## Star of the Week Award

2nd November 2018

### Class Nominations

Reception	Beth H
Class 1	Alfie R
Class 2	Jacob B
Class 3	Zack R
Class 4	Spencer S
Class 5	Connie H
Class 6	Max A

### Superstar of the Week!

\* Spencer S \*

9th November 2018

### Class Nominations

Reception	Elijha O
Class 1	James L
Class 2	Elena W
Class 3	Nicholas R'O
Class 4	Thomas B
Class 5	Aimee S
Class 6	Holly M

### Superstar of the Week!

\* Holly M \*

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### Class Nominations

Reception	Lois
Class 1	Jayden B
Class 2	Matty R
Class 3	Amber W
Class 4	Keira B
Class 5	Kam C
Class 6	Lewis A

### Superstar of the Week!

\* Kam C \*

## Presentation Award

2nd November 2018

Reception	Matthew D
	Tom D
Class 1	Harry C
	Jessica B
Class 2	Connor C
	Sonny J
Class 3	Elise G
	Finley P
Class 4	Sophie B
	Joel A
Class 5	Daisy B
	Jack S
Class 6	Macey D
	Tom B

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Reception	Boaz F
	Lucas K
Class 1	Alfie R
	Seb G
Class 2	Nieve H
	Molly E
Class 3	Charlie C
	Jack R
Class 4	Lewis A
	Amber C
Class 5	Kayla- Mai J
	Poppy W
Class 6	Brianna T
	Joshua Y