

27th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week at School.

This week in the flyer there is not only the usual information from each class but some extra pages about our International Schools work with Madam Magee where the children virtually met children from our partner school in Greece and Year 4 joining Year 4 children from around the Diocese to celebrate Candlemas at Newcastle Cathedral.

Well done to Year 1 with the best attendance this week: an amazing 100%!

This is the 4th edition of the Friday Flyer and we would appreciate any feedback you would like to give. We would love to hear from you at admin@heddon-school.co.uk

We would also like to let you know that Mrs. Batey will be leaving us at the end of this half term to begin her own business. We wish her the best of luck!

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and have a lovely weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



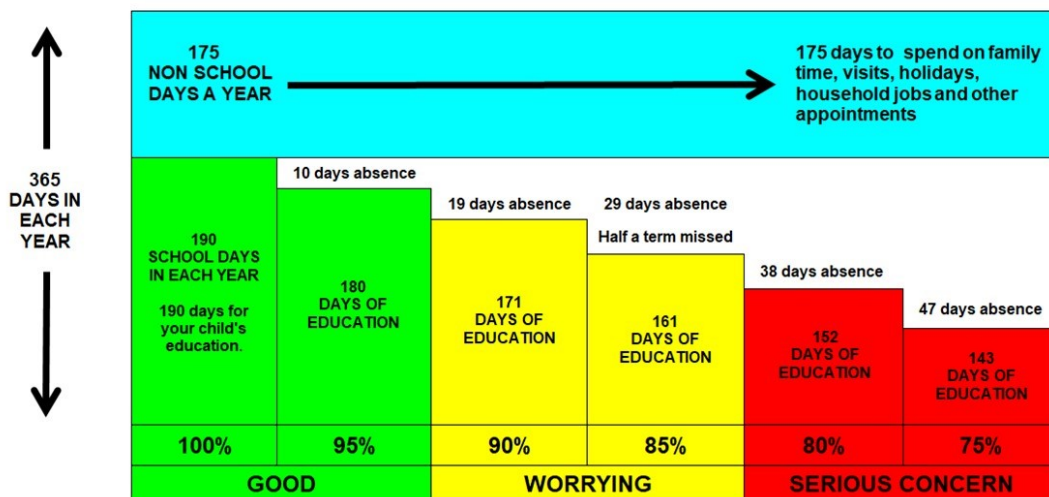
We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

| Class | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Reception (Owls) | 94% | Year 3 (Gibside) | 94.6% |
| Year 1 (Wallington) | 100% | Year 4 (Lindisfarne) | 99.2% |
| Year 2 (Cragside) | 97% | Year 5 (Bamburgh) | 97.4% |
| | | Year 6 (Dunstanburgh) | 97.2% |

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days off School add up to lost learning!



'Whatever you do work at it with all your heart'

A Crime in Nursery!

This week in Nursery, we discovered a crime scene! Humpty Dumpty had fallen off the wall and cracked all over our floor. The person who had committed the crime had left 'evidence'. Using our police skills, we tried to work out who committed the crime... we thought about the clues that were left and came up with a list of suspects. We finally discovered it was.... Heidi!!

What a brilliant week Hedgehogs!



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We visited St Andrew's Church. Reverend Rachel and Mrs Henderson met us and helped us to explore the Church. We then had a pretend Baptism service. What a lovely morning we had!



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A Busy Week in Year 1!

In Year 1 this week we have been very busy. In DT we have been investigating whether materials were waterproof or absorbent. On Wednesday afternoon we discovered we have many sewing bees in class too! We had great fun!

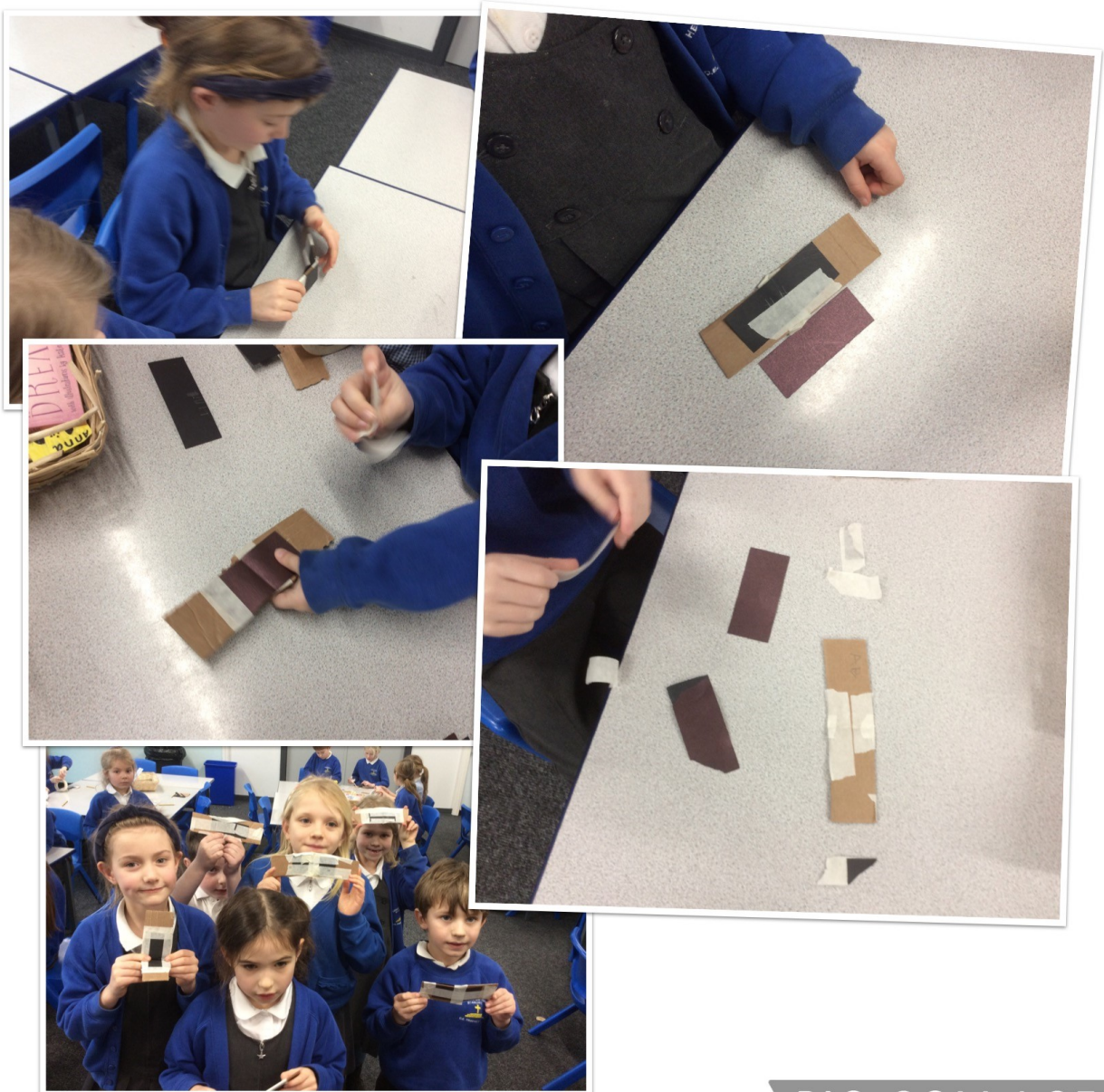


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Colossians 3:23

Strengthening Joins in Design Technology

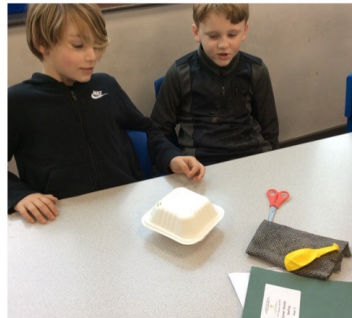
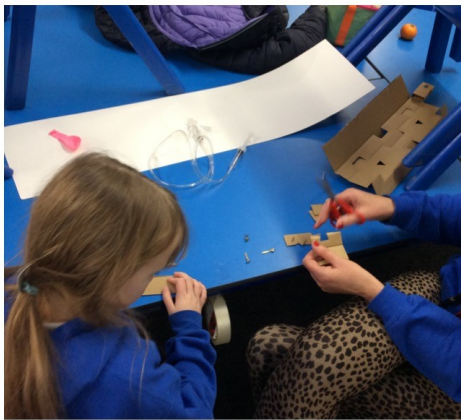
Year 2 have been strengthening joins, in preparation for building a castle. We looked at how to make a joint stronger with card and thought about which medium to use to attach the cardboard together. This was all part of our focused practical task in Design Technology.



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Exploring Pneumatic Systems

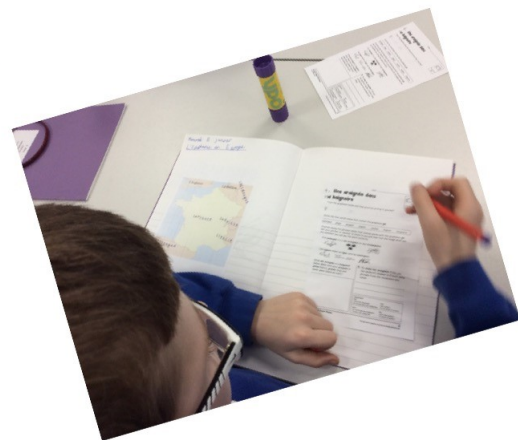
Year 3 have been exploring pneumatic systems in Design Technology. We are going to use what we have learnt about using compressed gas to create movement to design our own moving monsters.



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French in Year 4

Here are some pictures from this week's French lesson. They are dancing to a video and singing Incy Wincy Spider in French and then completing a task about different countries.



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Separating Mixtures!

This week, Year 5 have been exploring reversible changes in Science. We have focused on one area of separating substances in a mixture, by using a sieve. The children have not only enjoyed carrying out the experiment but they have loved recording their findings in a scientific write up.



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Zentangle Tiles

In our new art unit, we have been looking at creating Zentangle tiles. This is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. We will be using this skill later on in our unit, when we begin to design our own patterned waves as part of our Hokusai unit. Have a look at some of our wonderful patterns from this week!



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Meeting our Partners in Greece

A successful Zoom call with our partner school in Greece discussing food and school routines. Εφαρμοστό! A delegation of Year 5 children have been enjoying their connections with Jeanne d'Arc School near Athens in Greece. They are looking forward to our next instalment and learning more about life in Greece.

Thanks to Mrs. Xydous, Madam Magee and Mrs. O'Reilly for making this happen.



Christingle at the Cathedral

Year 4 had a great time learning about the Christingle and Candlemas at a special service at Newcastle Cathedral with 300 other Year 4 children. We enjoyed talking to Bishop Mark before the Service. We were so proud of the children who took part so wholeheartedly and particularly of the children who led the prayers and sang in front of the whole Cathedral with Canon Jane! We received many compliments about how well the children sang and participated. Well done!



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