

30th June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had yet another busy week, although it has felt quite different without the presence of our Year 6 children, Mr Wheatley, Mr McDonald. Mrs Milner and Mrs Leja. However, we have heard that they are having a fantastic time and that the skies in France have been clearer and brighter than in Heddon this week! Mr Wheatley did send a message to say the children have had an amazing time practising speaking French with their new friends.

Our Year 3 children had a wet but wonderful trip to Dilston Physic Garden this week to support their work on plants in Science and climate and biomes in Geography.

Despite only having 3 weeks left of this academic year there is still so much to learn, enjoy and celebrate; please take note of the diary dates for upcoming events.

Well done to Year 1 with the best attendance this week of 100%!

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

Mrs Cabbage

Attendance Matters



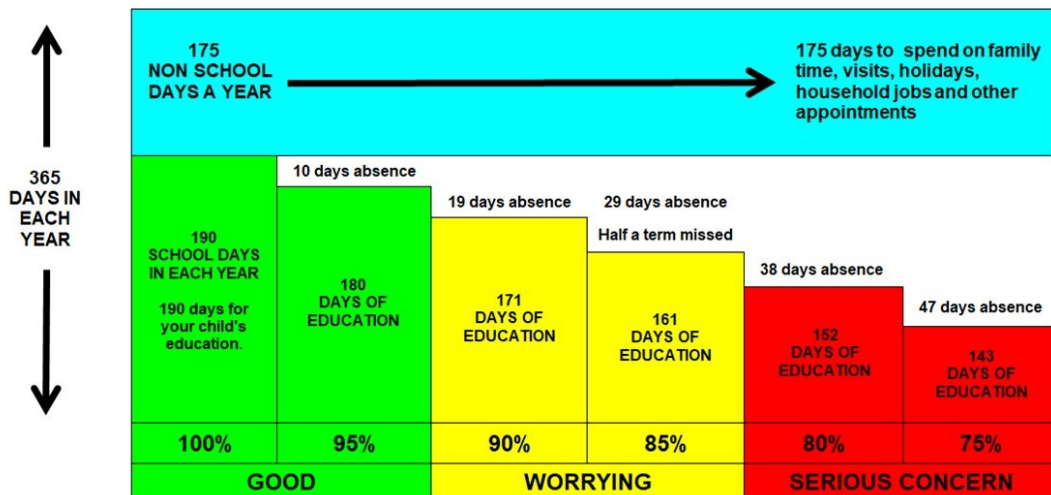
We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception (Owls)	88.8%	Year 3 (Gibside)	89%
Year 1 (Wallington)	100%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	97.6%
Year 2 (Craggside)	88.7%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	99.4%
		Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	France

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

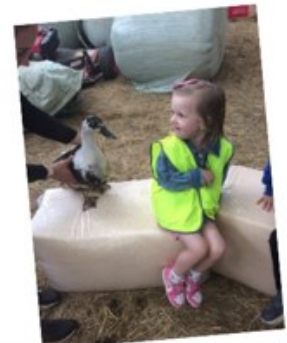
Days off School add up to lost learning!



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



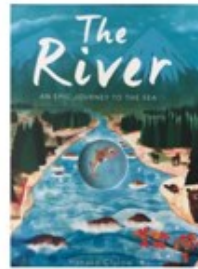
Last week, some of our Nursery children went to 'La Luna Farm'. They had such a lovely time and were able to meet horses, pigs, ducks and some sheep. They also made some wildflower seed bombs and planted their own sunflower seed. The farmer very kindly gave us some duck eggs to take back to school with us. We used the eggs to bake some delicious cupcakes!



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This week in Nursery, we started our new story, 'The River' by Hanako Clulow. It follows the journey of a fish, as she travels from a river all the way to the sea.



We have been learning all about where water comes from and the difference between a 'river' and the 'sea'. We were fascinated by the idea of a 'dam', so we tried to create our own by gathering lots of sticks and logs. Some of the logs were extremely heavy, so we had to ask our friends to help us. Hedgehogs, you demonstrated amazing teamwork and resilience, well done!



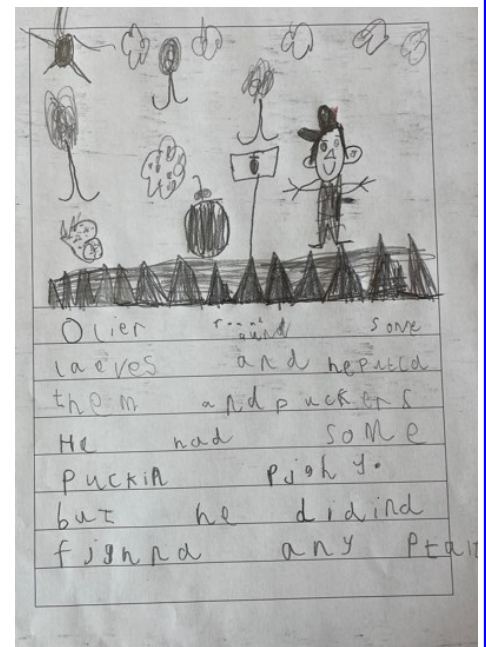
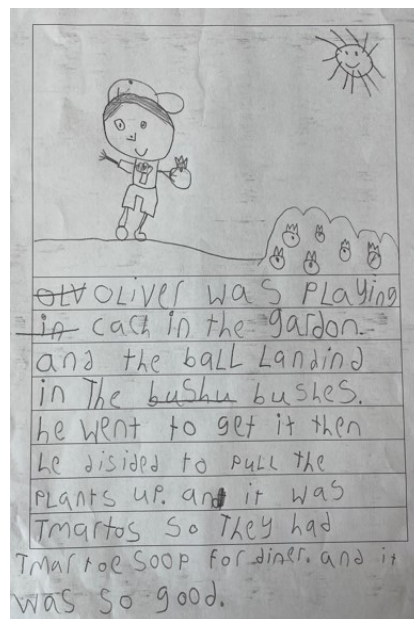
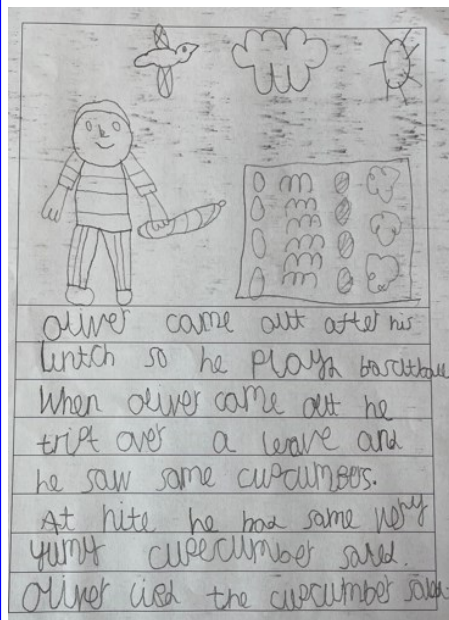
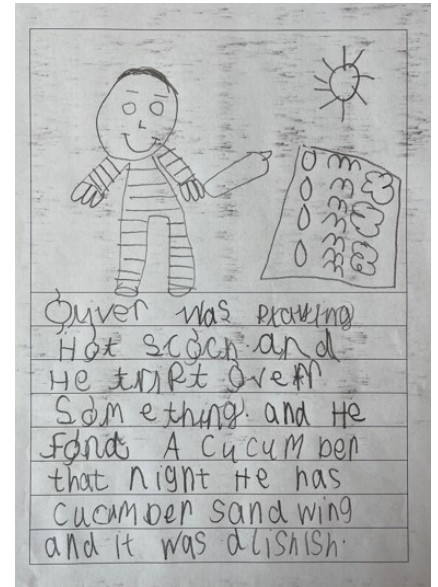
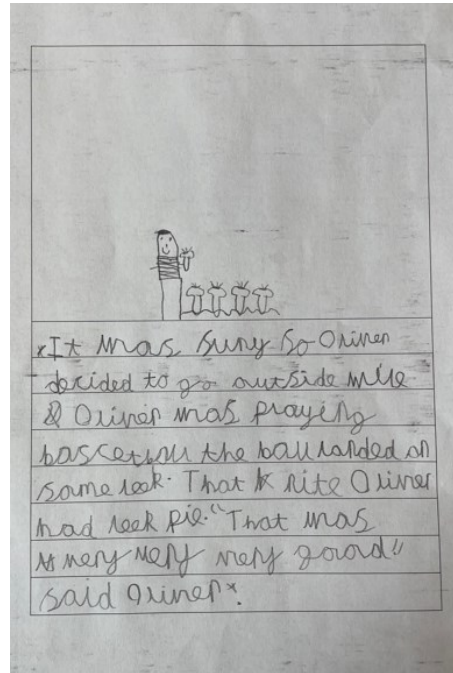
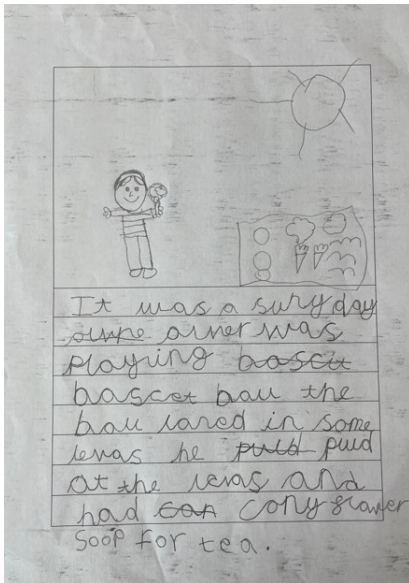
Marvellous Maps

In Reception, we have been learning about journeys and how useful maps are. We have been talking about our journeys to school and things we pass along the way. We made a map of our journey from home to school.



Oliver's Vegetables

This week in Year 1 the children have been continuing our work on our class text, 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We have written our own page to add to the story by writing about Oliver finding a different vegetable.



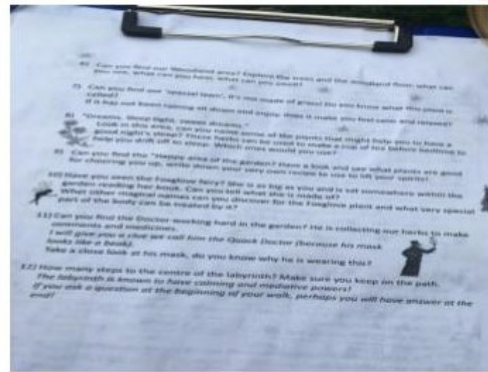
Gymnastics

In Gymnastics this week, Year 2 have been working with Tia from NUFC to make up a routine. We were given set skills to include (2 jumps, a pencil roll and a forward roll) and the rest was up to us! We were very creative and worked really well as a team. Well done Year 2!



Dilston Physic Garden

Year 3 had a fabulous...very wet...time at Dilston Physic Garden. We had a very interesting tour with the Medical Herbalists, made a balm, completed a plant quiz and tried to sketch plants in the pouring rain! Thank you to our fabulous parent helpers for persevering in the wet!



Sporting Fun

We have had a SUPER SPORTY week in Year 4!

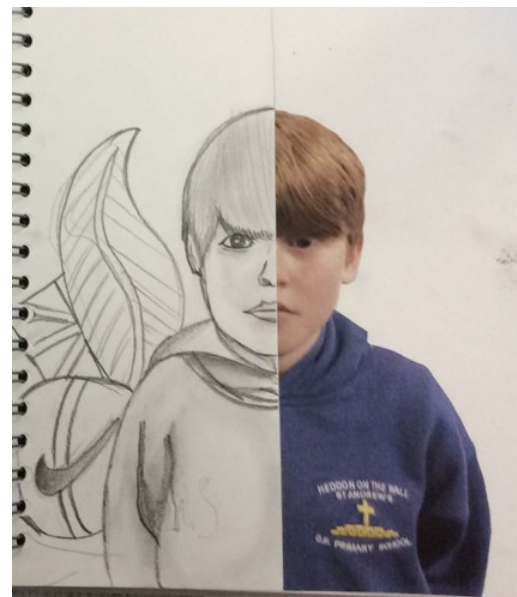
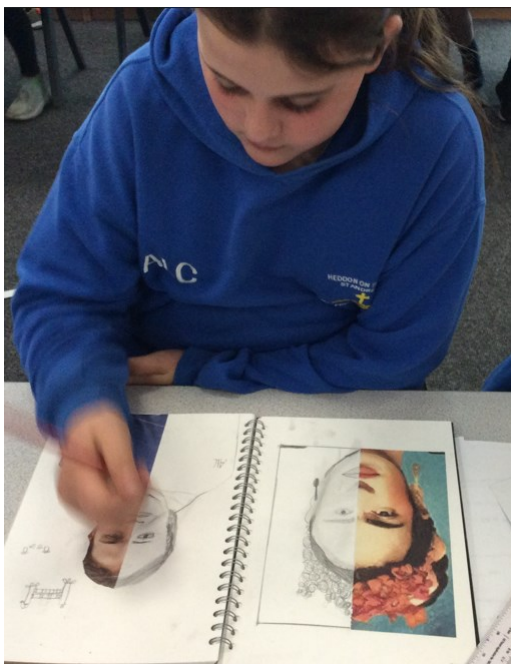
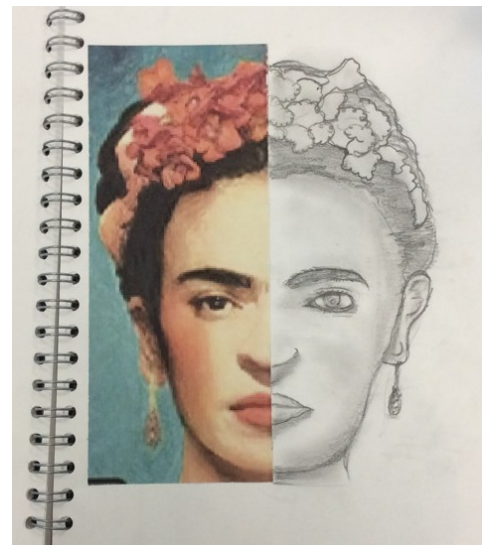
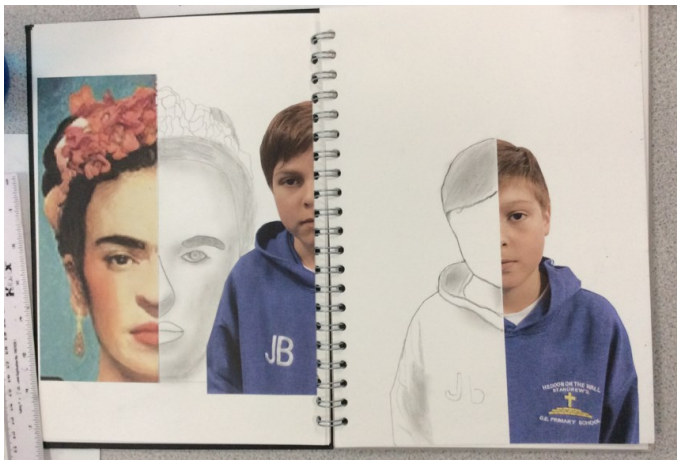
As well as cricket, athletics and swimming we also had a great gymnastics lesson. After a high-energy warm up we produced and performed routines which showcased some of the skills we've learned over the last few weeks; rolling, twisting, bending and stretching, topped off with handstands and cartwheels!



A very impressive display - well done year 4!

Art

This week in Year 5, we have been focusing on our sketching, proportion, and composition skills when designing realistic portraits. During the lesson, we looked at Frida Kahlo's self-portraits and discussed the composition and style used for each of them. We had a go at recreating her famous self-portraits before creating our own stylised self-portraits.



Thank you to everyone who helped, and came to support, our Armed Forces Day Fair. What a lovely afternoon!



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Dates for your Diary



Monday 3 rd July – Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Bikeability for Reception using Balance Bikes which are provided
Thursday 6th July 2023	Year 6 Transition Days to High School
Friday 7th July 2023	French Spelling Bee for Pele Trust Primaries (selected children to attend)
Friday 7th July 2023	10am - Rocksteady Concert for parents of children performing.
Friday 7 th July 2023	Archery Session for Year 5
Monday 10th July 2023 (am only)	Newcastle Eagles STEM Event for Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 6 at St. James' Park for Toon Team Day
Wednesday 12 th July 2023	Crepe Day for Year 5 and Year 6 to celebrate Bastille Day
Tuesday 11th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School - 8.30am-6pm
Wednesday 12th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School - 8.30am-6pm
Thursday 13 th July 2023	FLOW Project Exhibition at Ponteland High School 8.30am-6pm including Choir Performance at 6pm followed by refreshments at Ponteland Primary School
Friday 14th July 2023	Sports Day - <i>Further details about timings for each Key Stage to be sent out closer to the time.</i>
Friday 14 th July 2023	School Reports go out
Monday 17 th July 2023	Moving Up Morning
Monday 17 th July 2023	Parents Evening Drop In – 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Heddon's Got Talent 1pm in School Hall (Children only)
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Parents – 2pm in School Hall
Friday 21 st July 2023	Summer Term Ends – optional 1.30pm finish for children.