

17th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to be in School this week and to see and hear the buzz and excitement of the children as they have got stuck into their new Design Technology work. From tasting smoothies in Year 2, sliders and levers in Year 1, levers and linkages in Year 3 to gears and pulleys in Year 5 the children have been having a great time exploring practically before using what they have learnt to help inform their final design later in the term. I did even hear that some of these skills might be used to design some Christmas cards!

This week we send our best wishes to Miss Kerridge as she begins her maternity leave. Miss Graham will begin in Year 1 on Monday morning and we look forward to welcoming her to our School family.

Our Year 5 representatives had a great time at the Pele Trust Tag Rugby skills event this week. They got the chance to improve their Rugby skills and meet up with their peers from the other Pele Trust Primaries.

Thank you to Year 6 who led class assemblies in Key Stage 2 this week to raise awareness of the 'Cut your Carbon' initiative running throughout November. They spoke clearly and explained to their peers about climate change and the things that could be easily done to cut carbon usage. Please check out the challenge sheet that the children brought home.

If you have not done so please can I ask that you check out our special Autumn term E-Safety flyer by [clicking here](#).

I really cannot believe that it is once again time for the Knott Hall Christmas market which takes place on Friday 24th November 2023 at the Knott Hall. It has become a village tradition that our School Choir sings to open this great event and I would like to invite you along to hear the children sing at 5.45pm next Friday. It is a great way to begin the festive season! Admission to the market is free.

I would like to remind you all about our upcoming School Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. We have some fantastic raffle prizes including a signed Newcastle United football. Raffle tickets for this prize will be on sale from Monday 20th November for £1 per strip. We would love to see you at this event.

Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Geordie Banger' competition. While our School did not win the overall prize our School winner was Jaxon in Year 4 with his 'Heavenly Hot Dog'. This delicious banger has the flavours of ketchup, mustard and onions. All the taste of a hot dog without the mess! Well done!

Well done to Year 2 with the best attendance this week: an amazing 100%!
The second week in a row Year 2 has had 100% attendance!

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

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



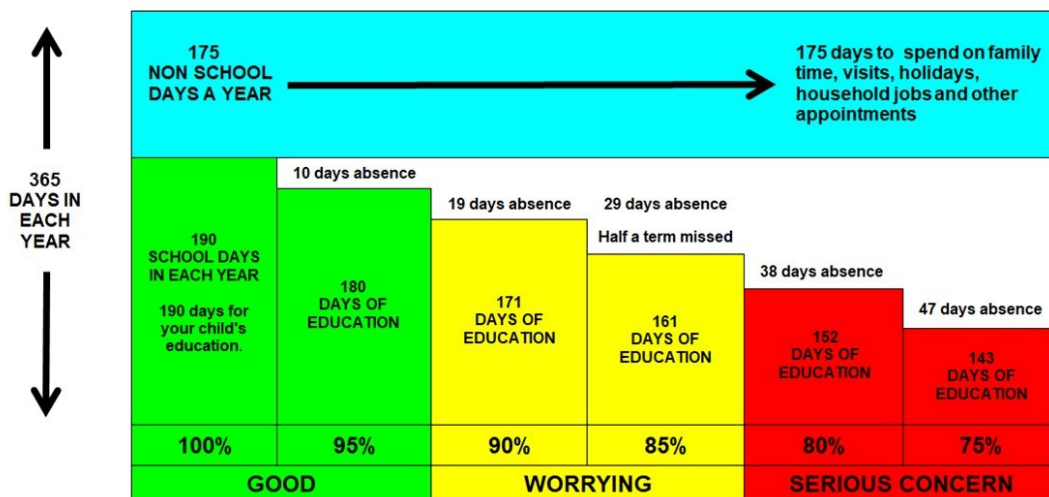
We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

| Class | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Reception (Owls) | 91.3% | Year 3 (Gibside) | 92.7% |
| Year 1 (Wallington) | 97.4% | Year 4 (Lindisfarne) | 98.5% |
| Year 2 (Cragside) | 100% | Year 5 (Bamburgh) | 98.6% |
| | | Year 6 (Dunstanburgh) | 97.1% |

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'

This week in Nursery, we have been taking part in 'Nursery Rhyme Week'. The Hedgehogs have loved learning a different nursery rhyme each day and have enjoyed practising their scissor skills, making puppets and 'performing' the rhymes and building the clock tower from 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. Great work, Hedgehogs!



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The Hedgehogs have loved celebrating 'Children in Need Day'. We decorated some biscuits to make them look like Pudsey Bear. They were absolutely delicious!



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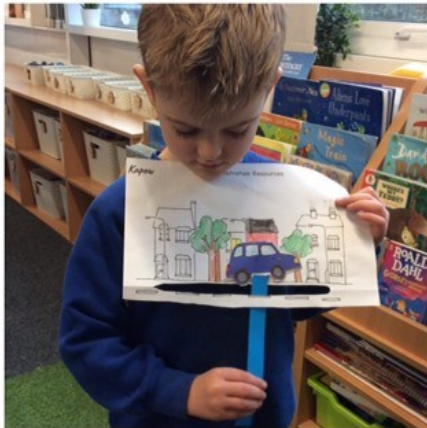
This week we have been thinking about how to stay safe when crossing a road. We talked about where the safest places to cross are and how important it is to 'Stop, look, listen, think!' We learned a song, made our own signs and put our learning into practice. Well done everyone!



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Sliders and Levers in Year 1

This week we have started to learn how to make our own moving pictures as part of our sliders and levers Design Technology topic. Our lesson this week focused on making a simple slider so that we could make a rabbit pop up out of a hat and a car move along a road.



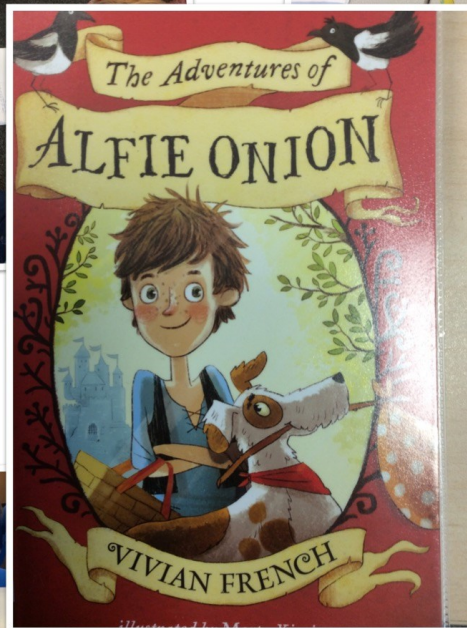
Tasting Smoothies with Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we tasted some smoothies in preparation for making our own smoothies on Tuesday. We were amazed at all the different fruit and vegetables in the smoothies and how having a smoothie can be good for us. Some smoothies were delicious and others were a bit too sharp! Over the weekend, we are going to think about what flavours we would like to have in the smoothie that we are going to design.



'The Adventures of Alfie Onion' with Year 3

Year 3 have been persuading characters from our text, *The Adventures of Alfie Onion*, to release us from capture! We used rhetorical questions, alliteration and the 'power of three' to help us persuade.



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Dreamtime Stories in Year 4

This half term in Art, Year 4 is thinking all about journeys. We have begun by looking at the art of Indigenous Australians. Last week we looked at the patterns and symbols in their work. And this week we have started to create our own Dreamtime story paintings. We thought about the colours of the earth and how to represent them in watercolours. We will finish our pictures next week by adding patterns and symbols.



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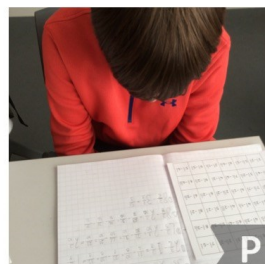
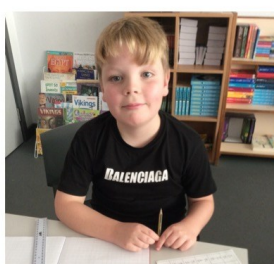
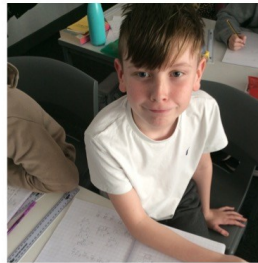
Dance and Choreography in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started a new unit in PE. During this half term, children in Year 5 will be completing a dance sequence that has been inspired by the song 'Revolting Children' from the stage show Matilda. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson this week and they have worked together in small groups to practice the opening choreography.



Working with Fractions in Year 6

I have been so proud of the hard work and persistence shown by Year 6 when working with fractions this week. We are now confident in adding and subtracting mixed number fractions, and have a great understanding of converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Some work will be added to Google Drive tonight for any children who are keen to continue to practice their skills at home. Next up, multiplying and dividing fractions!



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CHRISTMAS MARKET



What's on?



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FOOD

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Food

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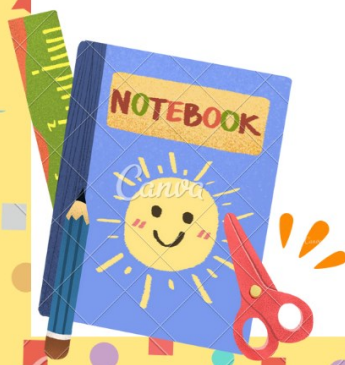


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Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term



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| Friday 24th November 2023 | Choir Singing at the Knott Hall Christmas Fair (5.45pm at the Knott Hall) |
| Tuesday 28th November 2023 | Year 3 visit to Centre for Life |
| Friday 1st December 2023 | School Christmas Fair (1.30pm - 3.30pm) |
| Tuesday 5th December 2023 | Choir Christmas Concert in School Hall at 5pm |
| Friday 8th December 2023 | Year 6 visit to Beamish |
| Wednesday 13th December 2023 | Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children charity |
| Friday 15th December 2023 | Rocksteady Concert in School Hall at 10am |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | Early Years Nativity in School Hall at 10am |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | Key Stage 1 Performance at Church at 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023 | Key Stage 1 Performance at Church at 5pm |
| Friday 22nd December 2023 | Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Church at 9.30am |
| Friday 22nd December | AUTUMN TERM ENDS |