



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to June's newsletter. Finally, after all the rain and cool temperatures during May, the sun has eventually shone and we have enjoyed a rather brief period of warmer and sunnier days. We now only have two more weeks and four days at school before we break up for the Summer Holidays. It continues to be a 'jam-packed' last half term of extra-curricular visits and visitors, learning enrichment and 'open door' events for parents. We hope you enjoy reading about what has happened in school this month. We have also added a Forward Dates reminder at the end of the newsletter of the key events happening over the next few weeks.

Classroom Learning

- **Reception** – Reception children have been studying summer and comparing summer to the other seasons. They have enjoyed cooling down with ice lollies! They have explored melting and they also froze water into ice cubes to have in their summer drinks. They have studied evaporation and talked about how the puddles of water disappeared overnight.
- **Year 1** – The children in Year 1 have been learning about Canada. They had a visit from Tina (a real life Canadian) who shared photos and stories of her life in Canada.
- **Year 2** – Children took part in the KS1 Skipping Festival at The Parks, They all enjoyed themselves and brought back 2 bronze certificates and a bronze team certificate too! Year 2 also took part in different activities led by members from NUFC as part of an in-school multi-skills festival. They were visited by Lyndon Longhorne who explained to the children what he does and his journey to become a Paralympic Swimmer. During International Week, the children learnt all about the country, Greece. They learnt that Greece has over 6,000 islands, the native animal is a dolphin and they learnt which foods Greek people eat – they even tried feta cheese!
- **Year 3** – Pupils in Year 3 have been learning about Brazil and have enjoyed exploring the plants and animals who live in the Amazon rainforest. They have explored land use and made comparisons with the local area. They also enjoyed taking part in the Multi-skills festival with Year 4, learning throwing, jumping and hockey dribble skills. Year 3 have also taken part in a workshop with the TVLB and were amazed to see their rescue vehicle. The children also enjoyed working with Lyndon and finding out about his work in the Paralympics
- **Year 4** – Year 4 enjoyed the multi skills festival on the yard with NUFC and everyone learned some new skills. They also enjoyed a competitive game of rounders against another class. The children have also enjoyed learning about Sweden and learned about the tradition of the Dala Horse, creating their own design. They have also learned many facts about Sweden's geography, food and culture.
- **Year 5** – Children in Year 5 were invited to a performance of 'Grease' at Kings Priory School yesterday, along with some other local primary schools. They have continued taking part in the Social Action Project delivered by NUFC, looking at how they could improve the local area. Year 5 also enjoyed the day trip to the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre along with Year 6.
- **Year 6** – Pupils In Year 6 have taken part in a social action project with NUFC aimed at promoting positive change in the community, have had some fantastic Cricket sessions with a coach and had a great Q+A session with the para-swimmer Lyndon Longhorne. They also worked with some BA (Hons) Fine Art students from UAL (University of the Arts London) on 'Protest Art'. During International Learning Week, they learnt all about the USA, finding out what the USA is famous for and sampling some American food. And, of course, visited the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre last week along with Year 5.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Roll, Nursery teacher, has now returned to work following her recovery from surgery. Children and parents were thrilled to see her open the doors of the Nursery last week to welcome everyone!

Attendance and Punctuality

You will know that I regularly mention attendance in my monthly newsletters – and emphasise the importance of every child attending school every day, and on time, to maximise their learning opportunities. *We do understand that if your child is not well, they should not be in school.* We actively celebrate the class with the highest attendance and highest punctuality with a 'Class of the Week' certificate and the whole class get to enjoy a longer playtime after Monday's assembly. However, it is a particularly noticeable achievement if a child has had 100% for the FULL academic year, therefore, at our end of term assembly, those children will be presented with a certificate and a voucher.

Warm Weather precautions

As we now enter a period of warmer summer weather, please make sure your child is appropriately dressed when they come to school. We advise sun hats, sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen. This should be applied before your child comes to school and it is advisable to apply a high UV protection and one which will last 8 hours. School staff are unable to apply sunscreen to pupils and pupils are not permitted to bring bottles or tubes of sunscreen to school to apply themselves. Luckily, there are lots of shaded areas under the purple canopies outside classrooms for children to keep out of direct sun, if this is what they would prefer. However, the wearing of 'Crocs' and Sliders is not suitable school footwear as it poses an increased risk of an accident (trip or fall). Please ensure your child continues to wear their black school shoes or plain black trainers for school.

School Uniform and Footwear

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, I am sure parents will already be thinking about school uniform for September. Please note that the only 'branded' item of uniform we expect is a Riverside Logo purple sweatshirt or cardigan. All other items of clothing – white polo shirts, black/grey trousers or skirts and black shoes/plain black trainers – can be bought from high street retailers. We would like to remind parents that we have a Uniform Rail in the main entrance where parents are free to access any item of clothing or footwear at no cost. As we are heading towards the end of the year, if pupils have grown out of their uniform, and it is in a wearable condition, we would appreciate these items being donated.

International Showcase Event

Due to popular demand, the annual International Showcase event was reinstated for this year and took place this afternoon. We were so disappointed that it rained so heavily throughout the whole event but we would like to sincerely thank you for the way you continued to support the children, despite getting soaking wet! Unfortunately, we have no control over the great British weather! We do hope the downpour didn't prevent you from enjoying the whole school song, the traditional dance of the country from each class and, of course, sampling the international foods of each country which our pupils spent most of yesterday and this morning, preparing and cooking!

The 'Big Reveal' Assembly

This morning, all pupils gathered in the hall for a special assembly where they learned who their class teacher will be in September. Of course, there will be an opportunity for your child to learn more about that teacher, and experience being in a different classroom, on our Transition morning on Thursday 11th July.

Annual Reports to Parents

Parents will receive their child's annual report on Tuesday 9th July. They will be sent home with your child. Please confirm safe receipt by completing and returning the slip at the bottom of the last page of the report. We will also be including our annual parent/carer survey in the report packs. Again, we ask that you take time to complete the questions. Your feedback is important to us.

Summer Fair

This annual event will take place on the afternoon of the last day of term. Preparations are already well underway and we will be sending communication home shortly with further details. Due to popular demand, we will be reinstating the Tombola stall this year, too, and we would like to thank you for the generous gift and money donations sent in for this on Wednesday on our non-uniform day.

Forward Dates for July

Monday 1st July	Year 5 Showcase and Awards Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 1 & Year 2 Showcase and Awards Assembly at 2.15pm
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 3 & Year 4 Showcase and Awards Assembly at 2.15pm
Thursday 4th July	Reception Class Showcase and Awards Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th July	Annual Reports to Parents sent home
Thursday 11th July	Transition morning (9.30am – 11.30am)
Friday 12th July	Reception & KS1 Summer Beach Trip – Cullercoats Bay
Monday 15th July	KS2 Summer Beach Trip – Tynemouth Longsands
Tuesday 16th July	Sports Day (2.00pm)
Wednesday 17th July	Nursery Graduation followed by Garden Party (11.00am)
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents (2.00pm – 3.00pm)
Thursday 18th July	Summer Fair – 1.30pm
Thursday 18th July	July's Newsletter published
Thursday 18th July	School Closes for Summer Break
Friday 19th July	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING