



## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to March's newsletter! It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the second term this year! The children are looking forward to their Easter holidays and have been learning about Easter in their lessons this week! This month has really busy with so many events taking place inside and outside of school!

### Easter egg competition

Well done to the following winners and runners up of the Easter egg competition:

#### Winners

Abbey Stewart – Reception

Enya Ferguson – Year 1

Jace Richardson – Year 3

Olivia Tyson – Year 5

## Runners Up

Emily Wilson – Nursery

Meiyah Johnson – Year 2

Connor Smith – Year 4

Riley Thompson – Year 6

## Showcase Assemblies

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our fantastic showcase assemblies this week! We had to get more seats for a few of the assemblies! The staff and children have worked so hard and the standard was amazing! Well done to those children who received certificates from their class teachers and also to the children who received the Headteacher's Awards!

Photographs of children who have received certificates in the Autumn and Spring terms should be on the website. Children who haven't received a certificate this academic year, will receive their certificate in the Summer term showcase assembly.

## Parent Consultations

Parents were invited to attend meetings with class teachers this week to discuss progress of their children during this academic year. We hope you found them useful and that you

had the opportunity to find out about your children's learning and ask any questions.

Please note that Year 2 parent's evening appointments will be rescheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. All appointment times will be kept the same.

### World Book Day

This annual event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March with staff and pupils dressing up as their favourite book character. The book fair was open for a week in our school foyer. We hope that you and your children enjoyed purchasing some books and gifts!

### Events

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils attended the annual Dance Festival event on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Parks Centre. Pupils performed a dance routine in front of other schools. They performed very well and their behaviour was excellent! The link to the video of the dance will be sent out to parents after the holidays.

Year 3 and Year 4 pupils enjoyed going to the Fish Quay as part of their History units of work.

Year 4 pupils have been practising skipping skills in their PE lessons in preparation for the North Tyneside skipping festival. All pupils enjoyed performing their chosen skill and represented Riverside well. The top three pupils from each activity gained a certificate. Well done to the six Year 4 pupils who gained certificates!

British Science Week was held during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils enjoyed completing experiments and activities linked to their current unit of work. They also had the opportunity to research a scientist and a career linked to Science!

Year 1 pupils visited the farm as part of their Science topic. The pupils came back to school so eager to tell me and the office staff that they had fed lambs and seen cows!

Some Year 6 pupils attended the Village Hotel linked to the Lego League Tournament. The 'Arrow Agents' came second in the tournament and the 'Riverside Racqueteers' came in first place and will now progress to the Nationals held in Harrogate later on in April. Many congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who took part and particularly Miss Embleton and Miss Woodcock for their dedication and support to the pupils, giving up their lunchtimes to help the pupils with this project.

Congratulations to the Year 5 hockey team who participated in the Hockey Competition at the Parks Centre. The team beat Denbigh Primary School 1-0, drew 0-0 with Whitehouse Primary School and beat Forest Hall Primary School 5-0!

Year 5 pupils also went to the Royal Quays marina as part of their Geography unit of work.

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 had sessions with an external coach for our golf taster day! All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions!

Year 2 pupils visited Cullercoats beach as part of their Geography unit and they identified human and physical features.

### Events in April

Please find below details of events taking place in April:

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Restart a Heart training for Years 4 and 5
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Lego League children at Cullercoats Primary School
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Active Mile Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Geography fieldwork trip to Fish Quay
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 trip to Northumberland Park
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Lego League National Tournament
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Newcastle Eagles coaching for Y5 and Y6 – Hoops for Health roadshow
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5 Trail and Challenge event - Rising Sun Country Park
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Gymnastics competition at the Parks Centre

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Ready

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