



NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 and Reception Buddies Celebrate Friendship and Growth in Heart-warming Assembly

This week, we witnessed a truly touching assembly where our Year 6 pupils celebrated their special bonds with our reception students. Friends and family were invited to see first-hand how these friendships have positively impacted our youngest students.

The purpose of the assembly was to showcase to parents the smooth transition our reception class has made, largely due to the support from their wonderful Year 6 buddies. The children shared stories of their initial days at school and proudly displayed their exceptional artwork. The highlight was a moving rendition of 'You've Got a Friend in Me'.

Every year, we pair each reception pupil with a Year 6 student. These buddies serve as mentors and friends, greatly assisting the reception class in feeling comfortable and integrated from the start. It's delightful to see our Year 6 pupils also relishing the time spent with their younger counterparts.

Congratulations to all involved! We eagerly anticipate the continued growth and deepening of these friendships throughout the coming year.

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair next Thursday in school. Behind the scenes, we are busy planning stalls and catering to ensure there are lots of goodies in store. To ease congestion, KS1 pupils and their siblings can be collected at 14:45 from the playground and come straight back into school to visit the fair. KS2 pupils are to be collected at their usual time of 15:20.

A Reminder about Uniform

As we continue to nurture a positive and inclusive learning environment at our school, we wish to remind our community about our school's policy regarding student dress and appearance. We kindly ask that makeup, particularly fake tan and lipstick, not be part of our students' school attire. Thank you.

Odd Socks and Strong Voices: Our School Unites to 'Make a Noise about Bullying'



This week marked the beginning of National Anti-Bullying Week, and we've had a fantastic start with an engaging assembly led by Mrs Middlemas, focusing on the theme 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. To kick off the week, our school was a riot of colour thanks to Odd Sock Day. Our students arrived in the most vivid, mismatched socks imaginable, symbolising the celebration of our individual differences. It was wonderful to see such a vibrant display of personality and individuality throughout the school.

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This year's theme, 'Make a Noise about Bullying', was at the heart of our discussions and activities. The assembly led by Mrs Middlemas didn't just highlight the issue of bullying but also empowered our students to speak up and stand together against it. There was a real buzz in the air as everyone shared ideas and pledged to support each other.

Our students demonstrated an impressive understanding of the importance of standing united against bullying. It's inspiring to see them so engaged with the message and committed to creating a supportive, inclusive school environment.

Year 5 Explores Biomes from Deserts to Oceans

This week, Year 5 adventured into the world of biomes in geography. The pupils got the chance to explore and understand the five major biomes: the forest, the desert, the grassland, the tundra, and the ocean. These are extraordinary natural habitats that exist all around the globe.

After learning about the characteristics of the biomes, from the dense rainforest canopies to the wide-open grasslands where lions roam, Year 5 used a green screen to transport themselves directly into these amazing biomes.



Year 2 Explore the Art of Colour Composition



This week in art class, our Year 2 students embarked on an engaging exploration of colour composition. Their journey into the art of colour mixing began with an inspiring Colour Challenge video, setting the stage for a creative and educational experience.

Armed with their existing knowledge of primary and secondary colours, the pupils delved into the intricate task of observing the effects of various colour pairings. This exercise served as both a practical application of their art lessons and an exploration into the dynamic world of colour theory.

As the session concluded, the children engaged in thoughtful discussions about their artwork. They shared insights and reflected on their learning, demonstrating a deepening understanding of how colours interact and the emotional impact they can create in art. Well done, Year 2!

Year 1 Step Back in Time



Following the children's learning in History about the 1950's, they were lucky enough to have some visitors come into the Year 1 class earlier this week. Kath and Evelyn came into school to talk to the children about their own childhood and growing up during the 1950's. They talked all about the games they liked to play, the toys they had, their experience at school, the shops they could go to and the differences between life then and now. Here are some of the most interesting facts children learned from Kath and Evelyn:

- They got their first TV when they were eleven to watch the Queen's coronation.
- They were allowed to play on the road because there were not many cars.
- To have a bath, they filled their tin tub and put it in front of the fire.
- They had to go outside to go to the toilet at their house.
- The boys liked to play football and the girls used to play hopscotch.
- The children played with a metal hoop and stick that they called a booler.
- There was not a fridge or freezer so you had to shop for your fresh food every day.
- To go to the cinema it was only 6p!
- The children at school had their own wooden desk with an inkwell.

These anecdotes from Kath and Evelyn not only brought the 1950s to life for our students but also highlighted the significant changes in lifestyle and technology over the past decades. The visit was an invaluable addition to the children's history studies, providing a tangible connection to the past and a deeper understanding of the changes in society over time.

Key Stage 2's Creative Spark: Designing the Browney Mining Mural



A group of our Key Stage 2 pupils got creative with Durham Spray Paints' Lewis Hopson.

The workshop gave pupils a chance to tell Lewis their ideas for his art piece which would depict the community's mining heritage - a taster for the proposed Browney Mural!

The group spent the morning sketching their ideas based on pictures of Browney from years gone by before Lewis spent the afternoon talking to the community to get their thoughts too.



As a result of the day, Lewis produced a piece of live artwork and families were invited to The Browney to see the final piece and how their ideas how came alive.

Fundraising from the Browney Residents Association continues for the Browney Mural.

Non-uniform day

Exciting news for all our Browney Academy families! On Thursday, 23rd November, we're having a special non-uniform day with a colourful twist. This day is not just about having fun in non-school clothes; it's for a fantastic cause - our Christmas Fair raffle.

Here's the plan: each year group has chosen a specific colour. We're asking every child to bring in an item of that colour for a donation. These items will be used to create seven stunning Colour Hampers - one for each year group - that will be part of our raffle at the Christmas Fair.

Here are the colours for each class:

Reception: Orange

Year 1: White

Year 2: Yellow

Year 3: Green

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Pink

Year 6: Red

Items can be brought into school and handed to the class teacher from tomorrow right up until the non-uniform day. We're looking for anything in the specified colours.

And here's a little reminder: children don't need to dress in their class colour - they can come in their favourite non-uniform clothes!

We're excited to see the variety of items each year group brings in and can't wait to assemble the Colour Hampers. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions. Let's make this a colourful and joyous event in anticipation of our Christmas Fair!

A few reminders:

- Only healthy snacks are permitted at break times. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not allowed and will be returned home.
- Jewellery is not to be worn for school. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE.
- Nail varnish is not permitted for wear in school.
- Children are not to use the Woodland Village before or after school.
- The staff car park (with the exception of the disabled parking bay) is for the sole use of staff. The carpark is not to be used as a thoroughfare.
- Please park with the safety of the children in mind and with consideration to all road users and residents. Do not pull in to drop off at our school entrance on the yellow lines.
- Dogs must not be brought onto school premises.
- Children require a clear, freshly filled water bottle daily in school.
- Please only send bags to school if it is necessary

Celebrations and Achievements

Year	Star of the Week	English	Maths	Word of the Week
Reception	Enya			Transport
Y1	Willow	Phonics Star: Rebecca, Teddy-Tony		command
Y2	Wulfstan			verb
Y3	Aoife	Lucas		filament
Y4	Bobby			pronoun
Y5	Millie	AR: Sienna, Isaac		phenomenal
Y6	Eleanor			Pathetic fallacy

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
23.11.23	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a coloured Christmas donation
23.11.23	Christmas Fair
24.11.23	School Closed for Staff Training
03.12.23	Community Christmas Light Switch-On
07.12.23	KS2 Carol Concert at St. John's Church - 17:00
12.12.23	EYFS Nativity - 13:00
12.12.23	KS1 Nativity - 14:00
13.12.23	Whole-School pantomime at the Sunderland Empire Theatre
18.12.23	Christmas Party Day
19.12.23	Break Up for End of Term

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Harris