



# NEWSLETTER

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## Whisking Up Fun: Year 2 Dives into the World of Recipes!



This week in Year 2, our little chefs had quite the culinary adventure! The class kicked off by exploring the simple question: "What exactly is a recipe?" Together, children dived into a handy presentation that showed us the ropes of reading a recipe, step by step. The pièce de résistance? Crafting the scrumptious dessert, Eton Mess.



Working in groups, the pupils put their budding kitchen skills to the test, whisking, chopping, mashing and more. Once our

delightful desserts were ready, it was reflection time. I'm sure you'll agree that children did a brilliant job!

## A Halloween Thank You

Wow, didn't everyone look amazing on Thursday? Our students truly outdid themselves with their brilliant fancy dress costumes for our Halloween celebrations this week. From superheroes to fairies, we saw it all, and each outfit was more fabulous than the last. A massive thanks to all the parents for getting stuck in and helping the kids look fantastic! It's clear a lot of effort and creativity went into every costume. Well done, everyone - you made the day extra special!





### **Another Spook-tacular Night at the Halloween Disco**

This year, our Halloween disco was back with even more thrills and chills! Our amazing pupils once again dazzled us with their creative costumes - from ghoulish goblins to spine-chilling skeletons! The school hall echoed with laughter and thumping beats as children danced the night away. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the dedicated staff and parent helpers who outdid themselves with bewitching decorations and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

### **Pages to Pizza: Celebrating Reading Milestones with a Slice of Fun**

Our first reading event of this term was an exciting pizza party! The children have already impressed with their love of reading and many of our readers across school earned their ticket to the party by reaching their personal targets. The children enjoyed an afternoon of movies, crafts, and a lot of pizza to celebrate their hard work and reading success.

Here is what some of our readers had to say:

Scarlett: I was proud of myself for reaching my target - I wasn't sure if I was going to make it, but my hard work paid off! I had lots of fun at the AR party eating pizza! I don't think I've missed a party since starting Browney.

James: I really enjoyed the party and celebrating everyone's reading achievement. It was great that lots of people met their target and got to enjoy themselves.



### **Spooky Sports: Year 2's Enchanting Day at Maiden Castle**



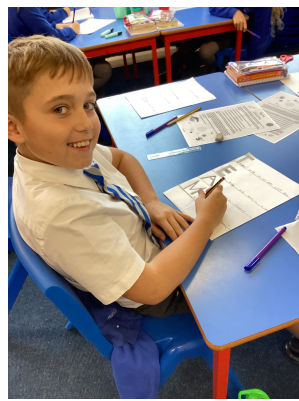
Guess what our sporty Year 2s got up to this Thursday? They ventured to Maiden Castle for a Halloween-themed multi-skills festival. With pumpkins, ghosts, and a sprinkle of Halloween energy, the event was set in a carousel style, letting our little ones dip their toes into a mix of multi-sport challenges.

It wasn't just about the games; it was about giggles, exercise, and embracing the spooky season. Seeing them in their Halloween costumes, trying out different activities, was a treat! And the highlight? Their wickedly wonderful dance routine. I think we've got some budding dancers in our midst!

### Year 3 Travels Back in Time

This week, Year 3 have dipped their toes into the world of pottery. Linking our artwork with our prehistoric history, children have learned about bell beaker pottery that was made in the British Isles and across Europe in approximately 2500 BC.

The children learned various techniques for making the pots, whilst using sketches they had made earlier in the term. The finished articles were outstanding!



### Year 4 Celebrates Teamwork with Creative PSHE Posters

In this week's PSHE lesson, the Year 4 classroom has been buzzing with discussions on the significance of teamwork. Our young learners have showcased their understanding by creating vibrant posters that outline the keys to effective team collaboration. These artistic representations serve as a constant reminder of the unity and shared purpose that make teams thrive. Well. Done, Year 4!

### Year 5 Embraces Mindfulness Through Origami in RE



During recent RE lessons, the pupils of Year 5 embarked on an enlightening exploration of Buddhism. As they delved into the teachings of Right Mindfulness and Right Concentration, they were introduced to the significance of presence and unwavering focus- that Buddhists believe they should have the Right Mindfulness and the Right Concentration. Linked to this, children made origami flowers to demonstrate their focus and be mindful about the small things in front of us. This can be a type of meditation to help us relax, too!

### **After School Club Update**

After listening to parents' views on the capacity of after school club, we are going to increase our number of places for students after the half term break. This will have a small impact on costs because of increased staffing involved.

For students staying from 15:15 to 16:15, the new price is £3.

For students staying from 15:15 to 17:30, the new price is £6.50.

For students using tea club after an alternative extracurricular club, the new price will be £3.50.

### **Let's Park Smartly and Safely!**

A quick note on parking - we kindly ask everyone to be extra mindful when parking near the school. Please ensure that we're not blocking any junctions, as it causes significant traffic issues on the main road and avoid stopping or dropping off on the yellow lines by our school entrance.

Together, let's ensure a smooth and safe school run for everyone. Thank you for understanding and cooperating!

### **A Nut-Free School**

We would like to stress the significance of our nut-free school policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils. Please remain vigilant and avoid bringing any nut products into the school. We appreciate the challenges associated with dietary preferences, but we kindly request your utmost cooperation in checking the food and snacks you pack for your child. Even trace amounts of nut residues can pose a severe risk to those with allergies. Thank you for your understanding and dedication to keeping our school community safe.

### **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	James E			map
Y1	Lottie	Reader of the Month: Aria		settlement
Y2	Jacob	Reader of the month: Wulfstan AR Targets- Nathan, Alfie, Wulfstan & Lenny		equator
Y3	Lucas	Reader of Month: Bridget AR Target: Evie and Jake		invasion
Y4	Nevaeh-Lily Wilkinson	AR Target: Eloise Edmundson, Erin Dunne, Harrison Robinson, Dexter Stewart, Isla Reeves, Nevaeh-Lily Wilkinson, Vesper Hart, Niccolo Gueriane		Havdalah
Y5	Ewan	Reader of the Month Alana AR target: Archer, Lucas		chronological
Y6	Scarlett	100% AR - Ruemu, Eleanor, Halle, Scarlett, Rolandas, Sophie		subordinating

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week commences
13.11.23	Odd Socks Day
14.11.23	Buddy Assembly - Reception and Year 6 Parents Welcome (09:30)
17.11.23	Children in Need Day - Dress in your finest Pudsey Accessories- £1 Charity Donation
23.11.23	Christmas Fair
24.11.23	School Closed for Staff Training
11.12.23	EYFS Nativity - Afternoon
12.12.23	KS1 Nativity - Afternoon
13.12.23	Whole-School pantomime at the Sunderland Empire Theatre

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Harris