



# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week has brought so much joy, both to our school but also to our community as we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Yesterday, we gathered at The Pathway for an afternoon of songs, prayers and readings, to celebrate this special time of year. Aply led by our Y6 pupils, we couldn't be prouder of how well the children performed. It was heartwarming to see the smiles in the audience. A huge thank you to everyone who attended.

We would like to thank Evie and Kurt from Barnard Castle Fire Station for visiting school this week, to deliver a very important message about firework safety. The children listened carefully and understood the key messages on how to keep safe at this time of year.

Also, many thanks to our parents/carers for supporting our school in our 'Non-Uniform' day today – we raised a grand total of 56.00, which will go towards our school fund, for future trips, etc.

We are still looking for volunteers to support us with events and trips. If we have any parents or grandparents who would be interested, please see Mrs Morris in the school office.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Children should bring coats, hat and gloves to school as the weather is beginning to decline.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

The FOMS Halloween Disco will again be held during the school day, where all children will be able to take part.

Children are able to come into school dressed in a Halloween costume (please ensure these are appropriate for school and considerate of younger pupils) for a donation of £1.

There will be games, competitions and a tuck shop.

Children can bring in some change to purchase Halloween treats.

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.uk-saferinternetcentre.org/)
- [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk)





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**What have we been up to?**

## **EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson, Miss Spenceley & Mrs Halliley**

Nursery's story of the week is, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We were so excited to go on our own bear hunt outside; we hid our bear and went through the different stages of the story. Nursery know this story so well and it's been lovely to hear them joining in with the reading.

Reception have been reading, 'Room on the Broom' this week in class. We have been matching rhyming words using our phonics, making broom sticks and retelling the story with lots of actions. We have also been practising to spell and write our names, using magnetic letters. In maths, we have been practising our counting and using different objects to show amounts, remembering more or less from a few weeks ago.

EYFS sat so beautifully as we had our firework safety presentation, they were taught the 'Stop, Drop and Roll' manoeuvre and who to call in case of emergency. We were so impressed with all of the children and their performances at The Pathway yesterday, they really did the school proud.





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## **Year 1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Mrs Niven**

This week in our English lessons, the children have been looking at rhyming words. We looked at our class text, 'The Squirrels who Squabbled' to see if we could spot any words that rhymed, and talked about how we know if they rhyme or not.

In Maths, Year 2 have been subtracting using the partitioning and place value methods, and have applied this to their maths work well. Year 1 have been looking at subtracting by crossing out, and have made number sentences in relation to this.

During our Geography lesson, we looked at a world map to recap the 7 continents of the world. We were then introduced to the 5 oceans and identified and learned facts about the oceans.

In PSHE, we have been discussing what makes learning fun, and each person in the class had an opportunity to share their ideas during circle time.

Later in the week, we got to take part in the Harvest Festival at the Pathway. The children loved singing our class song, 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and had tried hard to learn the Makaton signs for the chorus. They all gave a brilliant performance!







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## **Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed practicing their songs for the Harvest Festival this week and gave such fantastic performances. A huge well done to them all, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

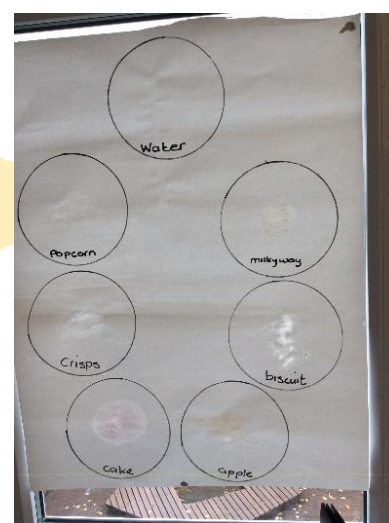
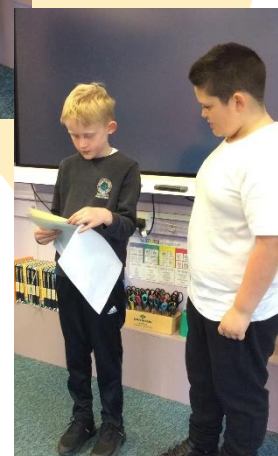
This week the children have been reading the book, 'Look Up', which introduced them to Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space. The children will be studying Mae Jemison as part of our Black History Month topic, as well as Clementine Hunter, a famous artist.

The children have started to plan their own newspaper reports about a meteor shower that the girl, 'Rocket', in the book encouraged everyone to go and see.

While studying Clementine Hunter, the children have taken some artistic inspiration from her paintings of flowers and have drawn and painted their own flowers in the same style.

In PSHE this week, the children explored different scenarios and thought about what might be a responsible or irresponsible choice, how each of those choices might make others feel, and what might a fair consequence be for making the irresponsible choices.

Finally, in Science, the children investigated the fat content in different foods by rubbing them on to paper and seeing which ones made the paper the most translucent, they noticed that the more translucent the paper went the higher the fat content of the food.





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## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

This week we have been overjoyed looking at our birth records in science, evaluating how a baby's length and mass changes over time.

In P.S.H.E we have explored our understanding of the world around us, and how current affairs are impacting young children across the world, especially in Gaza. We understood what rights a child has through developing knowledge of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

On Thursday, we had a visit from the Fire Service, explaining how we can stay safe on Bonfire Night. Children were able to ask (and answer) lots of questions and demonstrate what to do in an emergency.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the Harvest Festival at the Pathway and see so many of you there. The children sang and read exceptionally well and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done Year 5 and 6!





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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-uniform Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Multi-Skills Festival, held at M-in-T Primary, EYFS and KS1
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Trip to Hamsterley Forest
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross Country School Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	FOMS Halloween Disco (during school day)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Break for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country Event at Staindrop Academy
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys Football League, Parkside Academy, 4-5pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys Football League, Parkside Academy, 4-5pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys Football League, Parkside Academy, 4-5pm