



# NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

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

This week in school, children wore their bright, odd socks to raise awareness of Down Syndrome Day, which was introduced in assembly on Monday when we discussed how everyone is unique and special.

The Scholastic Book Fair arrived in school on Thursday which has had a great start and will be open next week on Monday and Tuesday, after school.

Parent's Evenings will take place next week. There are still places available so please contact the school office to make an to get an update on your child's progress as we prepare for the final term of the academic year.

We would like to congratulate our Girl's Football team for their efforts in the competition today. They played really well and won the first 3 matches. Unfortunately, they did not reach the final, but a fabulous effort was made by all the players. (See photograph on the last page) Well done, we are so proud of you all!

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

### Useful Online Safety Links

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**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

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**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	88.9%
Year 1+2	97.5%
Year 3+4	95.7%
Year 5+6	89.4%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Mrs Willington, Miss Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

**Nursery** have continued on with our space theme this week, we have focused on two stories, 'Alfie's Love Underpants' and 'How to Catch a Star'.

We have made our own stars by cutting out star templates and using our fine motor to paint and sprinkle glitter on top. We have also designed our own aliens and labelled what their special powers are.

Nursery have also shown a recent interest in maps of the world; this is lovely to see and we have talked about the different countries we have. We have learnt that some of us have family from all over the world!

**Reception** have been learning about the life cycles of frogs this week. We have studied non-fiction books, talked about cycles and how they grow and develop. We have been creative making collages and moving frogs.

In maths, we have been investigating 3D shapes. We have explored the features and properties of the shapes and where we can find them in our daily lives





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## Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

This week, Year 1/2 have been busy completing end of term assessments. The children have tried extremely hard to show us what they have learnt so far!

In maths, Year 2 have moved on to tally charts and pictograms, interpreting what they show us. Year 1 have continued with numbers up to 40, thinking about how many more and how many less a given number is.

During our geography lesson, we made a tour guide leaflet of London. The children explained why people should visit each landmark.

In our science topic, we were investigating which surface would make the best road and why. We tested a range of materials by moving a toy car over the surface to see which material was the smoothest, therefore best for a road.

Our art topic this term is, 'Rain and Sunrays'. We were introduced to transient art, by looking at weather symbol artwork. We went outside to collect a range of natural materials to create our own weather symbol using this idea.

On Thursday we celebrated and raised awareness of World Down Syndrome Day, by wearing colourful, mismatched socks. We talked about how people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome and why we wear socks to support the day.

To complete the week in R.E. we have made a 'Gragger', which is a noise making device that is used by Jewish people when the name of Haman is used, during the celebration of Purim.





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

This week, Year 3 and 4 have been working hard on their assessments and have all tried their very best.

In geography, they have been learning some map skills, they have learned the 8 points of a compass and how to use 4 figure grid references, in addition to identifying the human and physical features on an OS map.

In reading, the children are coming to the end of, 'The Iron Man' and have made some interesting predictions about what they think is going to happen next. Many of our pupils are thinking that the Iron Man will fight the 'bat-angel-dragon' creature from outer space. We can't wait to find out what happens!

In RE, we have been learning about Lent and why Christians give up something for 40 days during this time. They have been thinking about how it is meant to be a challenge and to stop people from being distracted by things like electronics, so they can focus on more important things like God, family and friends.

Our PSHE topic of 'Healthy Me' has focused on how to keep safe and what they should do in an emergency and how they can help. The children had a look at how to call the emergency services on a locked phone. Many of the children said they had a go at doing this at home, which is great!

The children have also enjoyed having a go at improvisation in our music lessons, using the glockenspiels. They had to make sure that they followed the same rhythm and used the notes G, B and A. They were able to copy the improvisation of others and create their own - some fantastic listening skills!



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## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, Year 5 & 6 have worked incredibly hard during their assessments, persevering with more challenging questions and giving everything a go. Mrs. Emery and I are incredibly proud of the effort every child has put in!

In art this week, we have had great fun, creating different shapes and textures from paper, from making a 3-D peacock looking feather, to creating a collage from different coloured paper. We have also expressed our thoughts and feelings on others' mixed media art work, using subject specific vocabulary.

In music we learnt about the song, 'Rapper's Delight' and how it influenced and introduced Hip-Hop to the rest of the world. Children also played their glockenspiel's to, 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air', copying the rhythm of the song.

As we near the end of our class novel, children are beginning to make their own predictions about how the story will finish, based on what we have read throughout the novel, using clues in the texts for hints. Have a discussion with your child about the class novel – have they enjoyed it? Would they read another book from the same author?

Please remember that parent's evenings for Years 5+6 are being held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, to discuss your child's progress.





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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
WC 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evenings being held
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at The Pathway, 1:15-2:15pm
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair – being held in school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	We Will Rock You – Year 6
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri-Golf Festival, Yrs 3-4
WC 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	D-Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 <sup>th</sup> + 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Athletics Competition
W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Careers Week



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## MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE PRIMARY

### GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAM – KS2

