



NEWSLETTER

25th October 2024

A message from our school leaders:

Filled with reading, songs and important harvest messages, our Harvest Festival was a great success on Wednesday. The children read confidently and performed with passion and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful afternoon spent as a school community. A huge thank you to the staff at The Pathway for another warm welcome. Well done to all of our pupils for a superb event.

Today our school was filled with witches, ghosts and skeletons as we had a fun-filled Halloween afternoon. The disco was a highlight for our pupils this week as they danced away to some spooky soundtracks. Many thanks to all our Friends for giving up their own time to support us in school. Your support is very much appreciated.

It has been an incredibly busy half term filled with progress and successes for our pupils. This week, we have introduced some new awards for both attendance and behaviour. Well done to our superstars who achieved their very first certificates this week.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **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)

The FOMS need new message on 0790500 or via our Facebook

ppm on 075

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

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.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

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

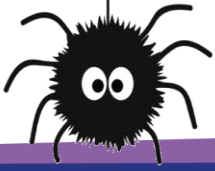
BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.1%
Year 1+2	92.0%
Year 3+4	100.0%
Year 5+6	96.6%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been very creative whilst learning the rhyme, 'Incy Wincy Spider'. The nursery children have enjoyed finger painting spider webs, printing spiders with toilet rolls and then using their hands to make handprint spiders. They also enjoyed carving a pumpkin and taking part at the harvest festival.

RECEPTION

Happy half term! I'm delighted with how the children in Reception have settled in this half term. The children's independence and social skills have improved amazingly over the last 8 weeks. They have loved learning their new sounds in phonics each day and have been testing each other during free choice time.

This half term on PSHE we have focused on staying healthy. The children have loved learning about healthy foods, staying clean, how to wash your hands and brush your teeth.

The children have loved reading and learning about our book of the week in literacy. For this week's book, 'Meg and Mog', the children have thought of their own gross ingredients that they would put in their breakfast, if they were a witch!

In maths, the children have done a wonderful job of identifying circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. They reached into a bag and felt the shape without looking to describe the properties and guess the shape.

On Thursday, Reception loved exploring our pumpkin sensory tray. They used tweezers to take out the seeds and scoops to remove the guts. The children loved squeezing the squishy insides!

Well done reception for a lovely half term!





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett and Mrs Aislabie

We have had a very busy week in Year 1/2. At the beginning of the week, Year 2 took part in a Kurling and Boccia festival at The Hub in Barnard Castle. The children completed a range of activities, applying the skills that they had learnt during their P.E. lessons. The children had great fun, were well mannered and showed super behaviour– brilliant role models for our school. Well done Year 2!

First of all, we have completed our English work about the man on the moon, by writing our non-chronological report. The children were awarded an astronaut certificate and space book mark to highlight their achievements.

In maths, Year 1 have continued to learn how to add simple numbers by making number sentences. Year 2 have been using the column method to add bigger numbers. We are all learning our multiplication facts – 2, 5 and 10's. If there is any spare time during the half term holiday, Times Table Rock Stars would be a good, fun tool to use to support the children's learning. All passwords for this should be in the back of reading records.

Well done to all of the children for their performance at the Pathway on Wednesday. The children sang and performed 'In My Trolley' extremely well.

In our history lessons, we found out about another significant person – Emily Davison. We learned that she helped change the law so that women could vote. We carried out a protest in our class, just like Emily Davison did, so that our voices for equality were heard!

To end our action-packed week, we all had a fantastic Friday by dressing up, making Halloween crafts and dancing at the Halloween disco! The children's costumes were fab, but frightening! We would like to thank parents for your continued support with the children's learning this half term.





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What have we been up to?

Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

The children performed so well at our Harvest Festival this week, it was so lovely to see them all singing and saying their thanks for the food we eat and harvest, this time of year. They really did our school proud.

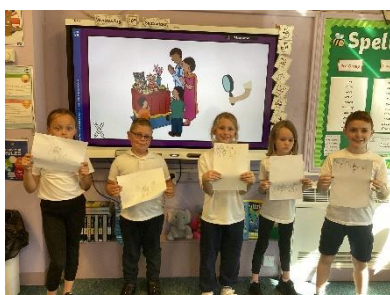
Back at school, we have been busy writing our final narrative of the term based on our class text, King of the Cloud Forests. The children have worked very hard to include all of their key features in their own story.

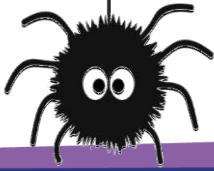
Throughout the term, the children have been learning about the Dewali festival in the Hindu religion in RE. They have really enjoyed learning all about the story and retelling the story themselves. They made story boxes and played a game with the telling the story.

In science, we have been looking at our own mini water cycle to see how this works in relation to the Earth. The children enjoyed checking on this each day and seeing how the water moved around the container through changing state - they were then able to confidently write up their own explanations on how it works.

We took a look at a famous poet, Phillis Wheatly, this week in celebration of Black History Month. The children learned all about her life and how even though she was sold into slavery at the age of 7, her owners were able to recognise her intelligence and decided to educate her and supported her in being the first published black woman in history. The children were pleased to find out that she then became a free woman due to her popularity and success.

To end the week, we all had amazing fun at the Halloween Disco and dressing up in our spooky costumes. We hope you have a fantastic Half Term and look forward to welcoming you all back in a week!





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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

What a jam-packed half-term this one has been!

Mrs. Emery and I are phenomenally proud of all children in Year 5 & 6 for settling into the class so well this half-term and following our school values: being ready, being respectful and being safe.

It is a delight to reflect on the half-term to acknowledge the progress that all children have made, and the learning that has taken place in such a wonderful environment. This half-term we have learnt about the causes and effects of World War 1, producing writing and artwork that coincide with the unit. We've learnt all about the circulatory system in science, and how we can keep our bodies healthy, using practical investigations whenever possible. In music, children finished their Halloween unit of work with Mr. Elliot and performed their spook-tacular stories accompanied with percussion instruments to create an eerie feeling.

To celebrate such a fantastic half-term, children enjoyed partying at the Halloween Disco where they impressed everybody with their ghoulishly good costumes.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half-term and we look forward to seeing you in November.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
Friday 25th Oct	School Breaks Up for Half Term
Monday 4 th Nov	School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 4 th Nov	Multi-Skills Intra School Event for EYFS/KS1 - Superheroes
Wednesday 6 th Nov	'Open Day' at 9:15-10:15am and 2:00-4:00pm
Monday 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Monday 2 nd Dec	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Phototronics in school for individual photos + sibling photos
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hippodrome, D'ton
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7 th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council have hit the ground running this half-term, and as a group have shown key traits of being entrepreneurs, planning events to raise money for the reinvestment of items for our school. We kickstarted the year with a generous pot of money (£86.46) raised from the donated items of books, games and toys last summer. We are incredibly grateful for your support of donations from this event last year. To begin the year, our super school council planned the pumpkin competition which showcased our children's creative side, raising even more funds – we will announce the total so far following the half-term holiday.

