



NEWSLETTER

Monday 16th May 2022

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Our whole school platinum jubilee celebration will be held on the afternoon of Friday 27th May. We have planned for a whole school 'This is Your Life' performance dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II. Our Y6 children will have leading roles, ably supported by children from all other classes who will star with their class. We aim to perform from our hall steps and to an outdoor audience. From 1:30pm, you are invited to bring along a picnic rug/deck chair, find a space on the school field and enjoy our open-air concert. Afternoon tea style refreshments and other treats will be on sale and these will be provided by our PTA volunteers. We look forward to seeing you there!

Y6 SATs

Well done to our Y6 children who worked incredibly hard last week completing their SATs. We hope you enjoyed your treat of a Forest school session and movie afternoon on Friday – it was certainly well deserved! Thank you to all of our staff who have worked so hard with Y6 and to everyone who supported our children. Our Y5 children also had a fun week of outdoor learning including Forest School sessions and sport.

House Points

Our children are still busy collecting House Points and last term Framwellgate House were announced as the winners for the Spring Term. The children in Framwellgate House enjoyed their treat on Friday – well deserved too!

Height and Weight for YR and Y6 children

Further to the letter sent out to parents before Easter, the checks will take place on Wednesday 29th June in the morning.

PE kits in school

Could we please request that all children have their PE kits in school ready for PE lessons each week? We understand that some children use their kit for after school activity clubs and therefore go home in their kit. Could we urge you to return this the following day? Many thanks.

Tree planting – Eco club and Gardening club

We want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Talbot and Mrs Young as well as our children who attend Eco Club and Gardening Club. They have been working really hard to plant native hedgerow and trees around our school perimeter. This is no easy task and they have certainly done a fantastic job. Thank you also to Rory Whaling, our Chair of Governors for sourcing the shrubs for us. We will hopefully be able to enjoy a more natural school boundary over the years to come.

PTA accounts

Our PTA accounts need to be externally audited. Do you have a small amount of spare time and an interest in finance? Could you offer your skills to audit our PTA accounts? If so, we would really love to hear from you. If you would like more information please contact school. Thank you.



Save the Date: Battlers Family walk: 5.30pm Monday 23rd May. More details to follow in next week's newsletter and in our facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1148380845973855>.

Can you help the PTA?

The PTA are now in desperate need of a Treasurer which is a role essential to the survival of the PTA. The role isn't nearly as daunting as you might think and the current treasurer will be happy to help with the handover of the role. The PTA will not be able to function from June onwards without a Treasurer. There are also other positions which are also vacant (Co-Chair and Co-Secretary). The time commitment can be as much or as little as can be offered and it doesn't have to be inside of regular working hours and can even be claimed as community volunteering time by some employers. Please let us know if you can take part.

Dates for the diary

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| 16 th May – 20 th May | KS1 SATs assessments in school |
| Wednesday 18 th May | Aydon & Alnwick OAA festival |
| Thursday 19 th May | Y4 football competition |
| Friday 20 th May | Girls cricket festival |
| Thursday 26 th May | YR Visit to Hall Hill Farm |
| Friday 27 th May | Whole school Jubilee performance (pm) |
| Friday 27 th May | Break up for half term |
| Tuesday 7 th June | All children return to school |



Awards and Celebrations

Star of the Week

Help others to feel part of a group.

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| Lambton | Atty | Barnard | Josie |
| Lumley | Harriet | Bowes | Jack |
| Alnwick | Odin | Brancepeth | Oscar |
| Auckland | Jessica | Lindisfarne | Ella |
| Aydon | Henry | Warkworth | Mia |
| | | Bamburgh | Ruby |

Reader of the Week

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| Lambton | Lamar | Barnard | Caleb |
| Lumley | Zac | Bowes | Oliver |
| Alnwick | Finan | Brancepeth | Molly |
| Auckland | Arthur | Lindisfarne | Isaac |
| Aydon | Holly | Warkworth | Oliver |
| | | Bamburgh | Thomas |



Tidiest Classroom – the school office!!!

Happy Birthday to Jennifer, Bamburgh; Amelia, Auckland; Atty, Lambton; Indy, Lumley; Ava, Warkworth; Jack, Brancepeth.





Nursery News

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed sharing many stories, especially those around familiar fairy tales and pirates! We've loved Nick Sharratt's *Pirate Pete*, because we can even choose some details in the story! Fantastic for some fun and creativity. We have been telling our own stories. Sometimes through drawing and verbally narrating and often through dressing up and role play with small toys.

Our role play castle area has seen many grand meals with goblets and knight costumes, it has also seen plenty of picnics and even had the stone masons visiting, gluing on paper stone pieces. The small world pirate ship, complete with loads of golden coins, pirates and many, many treasure chests, has been so popular too!

Outdoors we have been trapped on pretend islands and had to find a tyre boat or swim in a shark infested sea!

We have continued moving lots, building our coordination, strength and spatial awareness. We've enjoyed obstacle courses, new action dances, old favourite dances, taking chalk lines for a walk all over the tarmac, our usual squiggle wiggle wand work, dough gym and doodling shapes, numerals and patterns on our individual white boards. We have been practising relaxing our bodies and minds in yoga and little calming breathing exercises.

We have also been learning our 1930's inspired song for you to hear at our whole school Jubilee event on Friday 27th May.

Best wishes from the Nursery Team.



2022/23 SEASON U7 TEAM

We are looking for players currently in Year 1 at school who would like to join our U7 teams for the 22/23 season.

Sessions will be ran outdoors at the Sir Bobby Robson Centre on Friday evenings 5:30-6:30pm.

Contact Club Secretary Matt on 07904915207 or matt.stevenson@durhamunitedfc.co.uk