



Newsletter 11th February 2022

Nursery



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Charlie O for happily taking part in all activities in Nursery.

Year 1



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Esme Dinsley for an excellent piece of story writing this week! Esme used some excellent vocabulary and used technology to help her with her ideas.

Year 3



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Layton Hart for his efforts in working independently. He has also tried very hard to be well mannered.

Year 5



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Alex Owens for trying really hard with his handwriting this week. He has produced a lovely balanced argument.

Reception



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Teddy Wilson for always being a kind friend to others and setting a good example.

Year 2

Class 2 raised a staggering amount of money for the NSPCC Charity on World Number Day, last Friday. We are so grateful for all the sponsorship money, thank you!



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Oliver Tate for a fantastic attitude to learning this week across all subjects, Oliver has also taken a leadership role outside on the yard at breaktimes to ensure football is played fairly. Well done, Oliver!

Year 4

Year 4 go swimming every Wednesday and PE takes place on a Tuesday afternoon.



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Summer Armstrong for some excellent story writing this week with cheerful and ambitious attitude.

Year 6



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Jake Chapman for doing a fantastic job as class 'tech monitor' and always thinking on his feet about how he can help others.

Please pay dinner money via Parent Pay. School office staff may contact you if debts are unpaid. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office, if you are having problems paying for your child's dinners. We are here to help.

Last Friday, Year 3 loved making and selling these fluffy pom pom animals to raise money for NSPCC Number Day.



Kasey and Georgia's Safeguarding Tips of the Week

Do not share any personal information online, especially if you get friend requests from people you do not know.

Be safe outside. Tell your parents where you are going.

NSPCC – World Number Day

Last week, each class participated in World Number Day, children came dressed to school as a Rockstar or a digit. Each class planned a way that they could make money and did this throughout the day, this involved practising money handling, as well as other vital maths and enterprise skills.

Additionally, each class competed against each other in a TTRockstars tournament. Well done to Class 6 who won the competition, closely followed by Class 4. Well done to Jack Ferguson (Class 5) who won the pupil result out of everyone in the whole school.

Reception made and decorated number biscuits to sell, Class 1 and 2 completed a 'fun run', Class 3 made and sold pompoms, Class 4 held a raffle, Class 5 made and sold cakes and Class 6 made the hall into a games room in which other students could pay to enter.

Number Day is something that the children and staff always look forward to each year. It gives the children the opportunity to apply their maths skills to everyday scenarios, whilst raising money for such a fantastic cause. Thank you to all who participated and donated, the school raised an amazing amount of £1268.89. A great day was had by all.

Headteacher's Awards

Miss Gregg gets the award this week. She spends hours ensuring our children with additional needs get the appropriate, timely support they need in order to enable them to learn and develop in the best way possible.

Nieve (Year 6) deserves praise for the fact she is always willing to help and support other children and staff.

Maddison, Aaleyah and Layton (Year 3) have received special awards for the progress they are making in all subjects- especially English.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Making Changes Together (MCT) Parent Carer Forum

MCT are a group of experienced parent carer volunteers from County Durham and they represent the interests of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities in County Durham. They do this by working in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care also other groups and organisations (locally, regionally and nationally) to influence service provision and highlight the issues and needs of the families they represent. They are funded by the NNPCF (National Network of Parent Carer Forums) and the Local Authority to coordinate, promote and deliver parent participation locally. They deliver workshops, bi-annual parent carer conferences and various events within County Durham to get views from all parent carers and influence "Changes Together".

View their news and events here: <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/>

SENDIASS Durham Autism Hub

In October, SENDIASS opened Durham Autism Hub based at Lee House, Easington Village. This has been set up as a central base where parents/carers can come and seek support in County Durham – information hub for families. This hub is for anyone who has an interest in Autism including parents, carers, family and friends, as well as those who have a diagnosis of Autism themselves. This may support families who have any concerns around their child, their child is going down the assessment pathway, their child is newly diagnosed, or has social communication difficulties and has never had a diagnosis. **Miss Gregg is our school SENCO, if you would like more information, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.**



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DURHAM AUTISM HUB
SENDIASS
HUB DROP IN SESSIONS
First Wednesday of each month
SESSION RUNS 10.00am – 12.00pm
09.11.21
09.12.21
09.01.22

Durham Autism Hub is available to anyone with an interest in Autism including parents, carers, family and friends as well as Autistic individuals themselves. Sessions offer:

- Signposting and guidance to support in the area that is available as well as national support and charities that can help.
- Access to a selection of books, information and resources including the option to use our tablets to research and gain information when needed.
- A relaxed, warm and inviting atmosphere where people will come to share stories and experiences with each other.

Bruce's Corner

Bruce spends so much time having fun at school, he is completely worn out when he gets home. He cannot wait to cuddle in and go to sleep.



Remember, exercise is good for you. Instead of sitting in the house, playing online games, go outside and get some fresh air. Try chasing a ball. It is great fun.

TOTAL DRAMA ALL STARS

Mr Gough's Drama Superstars!

Reception

River

Henry

Year 1

Freddie-Lee

Heidi

Year 2

Abigail T

Max T

Year 3

Autumn

Sofia

Year 4

Faith

Mason

Year 5

Matthew G

Amelia C

Year 6

Sophia

Violet-Ann

Great work in drama!

General News

Please note the price of a Primary School lunch will be increasing from 4th April 2022. Please find the new DCC meal prices below:

Primary

Pupil £2.20 per day

Nursery £2.20 per day

Valentine's Menu

There is a special lunchtime menu on Monday, as it is Valentine's Day. Please contact the office if your child would like to order a school lunch. The menu can be found on the school website.

Progress Meetings

Open evenings will take place Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. More information will be shared after the half term break. All curriculum information is available on the school website.

Thank you for supporting our charitable work.

It is Mental Health Week this week. Children have been discussing what mental health is and why it is important. Click on the link to have a look at some of the activities we have been doing in school. website https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5a430lam3tgmmgo/AADAHjZsUSZ4fdPGXg-rjB8da?dl=0&preview=CMHW_Growing+Together_Primary+School+Activities.pdf

Today, is *Dress to Express Day* and we raised £400.00 to support a mental health charity.

Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Reception

Teddy

Year 1

Freddie C & Isabella

Year 2

Lexi and Olivia-Rose

Year 3

Freya

Year 4

Chloe M & Mason

Year 5

Lewis & Olivia

Year 6

Mia

Georgia



Safer Internet Day

All children took part in a range of activities on Tuesday 8th February. All classes created a piece of work for the display and they watched a range of different assemblies about how to stay safe online. Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. They took part in a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week it is Children's Mental Health Week. All of the children have discussed what mental health is and they have completed an activity on it in class.

Dress to Express

Today, it was Dress to Express day we all came into school in something that allows us to express ourselves. Here are some of our amazing outfits. Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for charity.

