

KS2 Team Newsletter (Autumn 2)



We have had a very busy half term across Key Stage 2, full of fantastic learning and exciting events, both in and out of the classroom. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the build up to this festive time of year; we were very proud of their singing and performing in the Christmas Carol Service at Northlands Church. Many thanks to all of the parents, family members and carers, who were able to attend the service and support our wonderful children. A special mention must also go to Mr Ions for his fabulous musical accompaniment on guitar!

Attendance

The attendance figures for this half term are listed below - well done to Class 13, who are our current leaders. Several of our 'super star attenders' (from the previous academic year) were treated to a trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Darlington Hippodrome. The children (especially the Strictly fans) thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime, featuring Shirley Ballas. Ashton thought it was really funny, "I loved the jokes" and Owen's favourite character was Simon (Jack's brother) as he was hilarious and "really never had a clue!"

Autumn 1 Attendance Figures	
Class 7 – Year 3– Miss Sullivan	94.3%
Class 8 – Year 3 – Miss Bradley	91.7%
Class 9 – Year 4 – Mr West	94.7%
Class 10 – Year 4 – Miss Farrell	94.3%
Class 11 – Year 5 – Mr Curtis	92.6%
Class 12 – Year 5 – Mrs Jones	93.8%
Class 13 – Year 6 – Mrs Coates	95.2%
Class 14 – Year 6 – Mrs Osborne	92.5%

Year 3 – Outdoor Learning



Class 7 have taken part in a series of outdoor learning activities where the children experienced their day-to-day subjects in an outdoor context as part of Northwood's new outdoor approach to the curriculum. They were resilient and embraced the cold weather, taking part in a range of activities including designing a bird hide and using their maths skills to measure the length of worms and the area of different parts of the outdoor learning spaces. The children enjoyed working collaboratively to

create their own poems, before finishing off by making bread and enjoying traditional stories by the fire pit. Year 3 children have also been enjoying yoga sessions with a yoga instructor. They have been participating in stretches and movements linked to winter stories. We all felt calm and relaxed when we returned to our classrooms!



Year 4 – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

This half term, Year 4 have enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate in English and learning how to write a play script. The children created their own sweets for Mr Wonka and wrote descriptions to persuade people to buy them. For Dress a Tree week, the children drew what their new sweet would look like so they could hang it on a tree in the school yard. Dress a Tree week was initiated by Common Ground in 1990 and has grown to become much more than an expression of a love for trees. It is a chance for the whole community to gather and celebrate the leafy friends we all have in common.

Year 5 Science Fair

This half term – a selection of children from Year 5 were invited to a Science Fair at UTC South Durham to work with the 'Science Magnets' - a group of year 10 students who were working to develop their personal and social skills by way of sharing their love of Science with younger primary age pupils. The session was very interactive and informative, and the children had the opportunity to



complete a number of short interactive science 'tricks' and demonstrations, as well as being provided with the scientific explanation behind each of the experiments. We had a brilliant time and due to the success of the event and our positive feedback, we are hoping to extend this amazing opportunity to other children in our year group.

New Projects for Year 6: Make £5 Grow with Virgin Money



Class 14 have been involved in a very exciting enterprise opportunity in collaboration with Virgin Money called Make £5 Grow. Each child in the class was given £5 to spend on resources to make products suitable for sale at the Darlington Christmas Fair and make as much profit as they could. All of the children worked really hard and made some fantastic Christmas gifts including chocolate filled baubles, mince pies, cookies, cards, peppermint creams and chocolate truffles. Our stalls proved very popular at the market and we nearly sold out! In total, the children made a fantastic £138 profit! This will be spent on a treat for the class – watch this space and we'll keep you posted!

IN2 Creative Arts Project

Class 13 have loved taking part in a government funded creative arts project, called IN2. This project has involved a Little Inventors Science Workshop, where we created some very interesting designs linked to sustainable energy sources, such as a heated blanket for wheelchair users and a solar powered multi-purpose charger. We also participated in some innovative drama activities with the Zest Theatre Company and at the Darlington Hippodrome, where we also learned many fascinating facts about the history of pantomime and had a guided tour of the theatre. We definitely have some budding actors, who showed off their talents in their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Certificates:

Congratulations to all of the children who received certificates. The teachers have had some difficult choices to make as each week many of the children could be chosen to receive these awards.

Class	Kindness Award	Staying Safe	Being Thoughtful	Respecting Others	A Good Influence	Encouraging Others	A Tremendous Term
7	Jasmine Henry Bobby-James Thompson	Kailin Vasey- Mitchell Ayden Hunter	Evelyn Storey Bobashely Finney	Sebastian King Bobby-James Thompson	Harry Stephens Nevaeh Boswell	Laila Lauder Sonny Crosby	Ella-Louise Lee Billy Barton
8	Willow Millins Tommy Roberts	Leo Atkinson Zhalya Ahmed	Uesli Hasandoci Stephen Rees	Marcus Dutson Macie Schroeder	Kyra-Rose Davies Riley Waters	Marlena Cunningham Adam Pattison	Milli-Lou Kitchen Riley Waters
9	Sienna Conniff Oscar Webster	Dylan O'Neill Zaryab Khan	Shania Littlefair Melissa Walmsley	Bailey Russell Joseph Kindon	Phoebe Morris Kian Rhodes	Kianna Newbery Millie Peat	Ella Williams McKenzie Rowland
10	Charlie Ions Zachary Jordinson	Marcus Lea Elizabeth Burnside	Georgia Marrison James Standing	Esmay Boswell Charlie Young	Phillip Kamionka Maisie Kirby	Mason Corrie Darcey Maguire	Mark Evers Scarlet Price
11	Shardonnay Pascoe Brody-Jak Whitehouse	Wyatt Evans- Turner Scarlett Schroeder	Yasmine Zouari Michael Boismard	Emily Simons Bradley Hunter	Demi Wilson Jayden Welch	Alissia Pettet Bodie Holloway	Liam Taylor Angelina Cunningham
12	Reagan Wall Natalia Lee	Eli Thain Neviah Cochrane	Callum Hird Millie Burke	Maria Stabler Johndavid Welch	Elizabeth Kelly Laura Slowiak	Alana Davies Kaywan Karim	Naro Ahmed Hannah Heath
13	Tori White Tariq Tebi	Alfie Millard Owen Morris	Lily Fisk Tia Nolan	Aaron Stratton Mia Trees	Lily Mclean Ashton Amery	Gabie Amies Sophie Harrison	Ellie Pounds Cameron Craven
14	Dylan Theakston Anneliise Storey	Crystal Price Josh Robinson	Olivia Harrison Liam Barker	Summer Smith Mary Aspinall	Anneliise Storey Josh Robinson	Liam Pattison Alesha Yarrow	Danas Vitkus Emily Metcalfe



The team look forward to another successful half term after the holiday. From the all of the Key Stage Two staff, have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to the children returning to school on **Monday 6th January 2020**, fully rested and recharged!