WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending the family consultations this week in school. Our teachers fedback how much they enjoy connecting with you and how valuable many of the conversations are. There are some families who we only see at key moments such as parents evening whilst there are many families whom we connect with every day either face to face or via telephone and email.

If you were unable to attend the meetings this week, your child's class teacher will attempt to reach out again and arrange a face to face meeting or a telephone conversation. As a school, it is our intention to strengthen the connection with you by scheduling more opportunities for you to attend school and experience learning opportunities with your children. This will build understanding, trust and also offer some memorable moments during your child's primary education.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. WNA promotes positive behaviour. We endeavour to use strategies that will prevent bullying and establish good behaviour within our school. Incidents of bullying are rare, whether racial, social, or personal they can occur and they are treated seriously and as a matter of urgency. If a child reports a bullying incident we aim to investigate and resolve any conflict as quickly as possible. We are committed to establishing a bully free school and endeavour to encourage parents to discuss any concerns about bullying with the class teacher.

We believe that the Equality Act 2010 provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. Please have a read of our Anti-Bullying policy on the new school website by clicking here. It is Odd Socks Day on Monday so support your child to join in the fun.

Have a great weekend. Ben







Year 6 visit to Beamish





Diary Dates

16.11.26- Anti-Bullying Week

25.11.26- Ways to Wellbeing parent session (Depression) **Please note the change of date.**

21.11.26- Open Day

02.12.26- Ways to Wellbeing parent session (Wellbeing and Self Care)

03.12.26- Winter Wonderland

Baby News

Congratulations to Khadeeja and her family, as they have welcomed their new baby boy. He arrived on Saturday and both Khadeeja and baby are doing well.



LOtC

This week, Year 5 walked around our local area to map the locations of Mosques closest to school. Year 4 walked to the Temple of Antenociticus as part of their Romans topic. Year 6 had a visit to Beamish where they took part in a workshop about Armistice Day. Year 3 used natural materials found on the school site to create an image of themselves which will link to their PSHE work about self image.

Armistice Day

The whole school joined together on Wednesday to show that we are a community of respect. Ben held an assembly to explain why we wear poppies in November, some of our Year 6 children read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' and we learned about the different coloured poppies and their symbolism. After assembly, we gathered at the front of school where some of our Year 6 children read the names of some local fallen soldiers whose graves they saw last week in St John's Cemetery. We all observed the two minute silence at 11am.







Nature Park News

We have had another fantastic week in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 this week. Nursery have been learning about traditional Tales from around the world, and looking at the countries they are from on their globe. Reception have been learning about Diwali and have used clay to make diya lamps. Year 1 have been comparing what the Old Road was like in the past to how it looks now. They have been very interested in finding out about some of the history and looking at pictures from the past.

Attendance Update

We had two fantastic days of attendance this week, well done everyone. However, we had poor attendance on Thursday and Friday, which has lead to a drop in our overall attendance for the year. We are now at **94.2%** which has fallen from last week when we had achieved 95.2%. **That 1% really does make a difference.**

Lockdown Practice

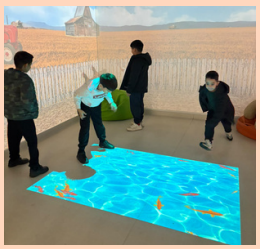
On Wednesday, we held a lockdown practice. It is our legal responsibility to do this under the regulations within Martyn's Law. The children responded quickly and sensibly to the alert, and the whole school was locked down and secure within a couple of minutes. We spoke to all children after to reassure them that this was a practice, in the same way that we practice a fire drill.

Explorers

Laura and Alison took the Explorers group to the Alan Shearer Centre on Wednesday afternoon. The children had a great time playing and exploring.









We are happy to be able to offer another opportunity for families to come and look around our school and talk to staff about what we have to offer. Please contact our admin team to book a place.

If you are unable attend on this occasion, but are still interested in finding out more about us, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can offer one to one visits at a time that would be more suitable for you.