



Just like that another half-term is over and we are half-way through the academic year. Memories of last week are still fresh in everyone's minds – the fantastic experiences that Year 5/6 had on their visit to London and the successes of our Year 5/6 Netball Team are just some of the great things which happened. This week, we have welcomed several visitors to share our teaching and learning. On Monday, Sue Marshall (our School Improvement Advisor from NYCC) came to find out more about our work in Phonics and Geography, and on Tuesday we welcomed two colleagues from Wolviston Primary School who came to take a closer look at Maths. The children were incredible and it was great to share the work we do.

This week has seen a big focus on one of our golden rules 'Be Safe' with Internet Safety Day and a visit from the NSPCC to Woodpecker Class for their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshop. Teaching children about how they can be safe is a key part of our work in school. You can find out much more about this on our school website.

We must also say a big goodbye and good luck to Annie and Rose who leave us today for new adventures in Northumberland – I know they will be missed. On behalf of all the staff, have a lovely half-term break.

Mr. Donaldson

SEND Drop-In

If your child has additional support due to SEND, Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our SENDCO) will be holding in a drop-in event on Monday 27th February between 9.30-10.00. If you'd like to make an appointment to chat to her please do call the school office to arrange a time in advance. Equally, if you are feel your child has additional needs you may also wish to make an appointment.

Art Exhibition

Our 'Change Makers' at the exhibition will be on display from next Friday 17th February and throughout half-term. Do pop into the Artisan Gallery at Richmond Station over the following ten days if you get chance!

Mrs. Flannigan

Mrs. Flannigan has secured a new job at Bedale High School which will begin in March. She has been a huge asset to our school, and has made a difference to many children over the years and we know she will be missed. Her last day in school will be Friday 3rd March and we wish her luck!

Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we said a big goodbye to Annie and Rose as they leave our school for new adventures in Northumberland. We wish them lots of luck!

Let's Celebrate!

As we are at the end of half-term, we have chosen an 'Anyone from Anywhere' for our Care, Aspire & Excel!

	Mrs Dozey	Mrs Tunmore	Miss Pole	Mr Cope	Mr Donaldson
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Lilly	Annabel	Evie M	Isabelle T	Lucy
	Woodpecker Class <i>(Y5/6)</i>	Partridge Class <i>(Y3/4)</i>	Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>	Robin Class <i>(R/Y1)</i>	
Curriculum Award	Darcey - Writing	Rafe	Poppy- Geography	Rose G - Art	
Aims Award	Georgia- Changemaker	Cate- Happy & Healthy	Theo- Inquisitive	Kai- Creative	
Team Points	Richmond				
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker				
Golden Spoon	Margot H				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Friday 17 th Feb – 1 st March	'Change-Makers' -Art Exhibition @ Richmond Station	All	Letter sent
Monday 20 th February	Return from Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 20 th February	SATS Information Evening	Y6 Parents	Information sent
Wednesday 22 nd February	Y3/4 Druids Temple Visit	Y3/4	Letter sent
Friday 24 th February	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition	Some Y3/4	Letter sent
Monday 27 th February	SEND Drop-In	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 27 th February	Book Week	All	Letter sent
Thursday 2 nd March	Castle Hill Book Sale	All	Letter sent
Friday 10 th March	British Values Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th March	Spring Concert	All	Information to follow
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day	All	Information to follow
Mon 20 th / Wed 22 nd March	Parents Evenings	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 29 th March	Whole School Visit to Baltic Centre, Newcastle	All	Information to follow
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 31 st March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	See newsletter
Friday 31 st March	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Monday 17 th April	Staff Training Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 18 th April	Start of Summer Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SAT's Assessments	Y6	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class - Reception: We have been finding out lots of interesting facts about Space in our 'Space' non fiction text this week - ask your children what facts can they remember? We have also been getting creative in our whole school Art week - exploring painting, printing and the artist Louis Wain. In PSHE this half term we have been thinking about feelings and emotions and valuing differences, which fits in perfectly with our 'No Outsiders'. The children really enjoy this aspect of the week with Harold our PSHE giraffe (it really is a highlight of the week). In music we have been keeping to the beat and performing the same song each week 'In the Groove' in different styles including funk, folk, blues, bhangra and baroque. We are so proud of each and every one of our Reception Robin children this half term in their own unique learning journeys- they have been eager to learn, engaged and driven!

Robin Class - Year 1: What a fun filled term we have had! A great end to the week celebrating Art Week. We have been mixing colours through printing, painting and drawing just like the artist Louis Wain, we have had so much fun being creators! Geography has ended this term and we have explored Captain Robert Scott and his trek to Antarctica which was over 100 years ago! We have enjoyed many stories for pleasure this week - we even shared our own short narratives based on our class read Look Up!

Kingfisher Class: It has been great to be back together after London. The children have really enjoyed completing their own version of 'twisted tales' and furthering their understanding of division by sharing and grouping. Art Week has been a resounding success – there has been weaving, printing, painting and even sculpting. Kingfisher Class have worked so hard this half-term and I hope they all have a super rest!

Partridge Class: Art Week is always a popular week in Partridge Class! This time we have been focusing on art and design skills. We have looked at tinting colours with paint, sketching and crafting. We worked hard to produce puppets and a puppet theatre using a range of skills practised throughout the week- our final products looked fantastic! We also completed both our geography and science topics, ready for our new topics to begin after half term. On Wednesday, we took part in an inter school sports competition- we were all happy and healthy! Have a brilliant half term everyone!

Woodpecker Class: After the excitement of last week, we returned to a little more normality this week. In English, the children completed their balanced arguments into whether tigers should be kept in captivity or the wild; the children were split in their opinions on the matter so please do ask them what they think! In maths, we applied the skills we have been learning with fractions to a range of problems and again, the children tackled these with a great attitude. As it has been art work, the children have most certainly been 'creators', producing some work of incredibly high quality which will contribute to our art gallery in Richmond Station later in the month. I hope everyone has a great half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back in a week or so!

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.