



Dear Parents,

This week has flown by, and there is definitely a feeling of spring in the air. The final week of term looks set to be incredibly busy for both children and staff – Art Week, a visit to the Baltic Centre and Quayside, the Easter Labyrinth and our second annual Easter Egg Competition all await us. This week has been a week full of learning- it is great to see how much the children have progressed over the last two terms and spend time chatting to them about their learning this week.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending Parents’ Evenings this week. It is always wonderful to reflect on the progress children have made over the course of the term and celebrate their achievements.

We have also had two photographers in school this week – our school photographer attended yesterday to take the class photographs and on Monday we had a local photographer in school to update our website photographs – we can’t wait to see the finished shots next week. Keep an eye on our school website for updates!

Have a great weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Easter Labyrinth

All classes have been working very hard preparing for the Easter Labyrinth on Thursday 30th March. There are still some slots available to join us for the afternoon – please call or email Mrs. Godlee to reserve your slot. You are in for a treat!

Easter Egg Competition

Hopefully everyone is planning exciting entries for our Easter Egg Decorating Competition on Friday 31st March – we can’t wait to see what you come up with!

Change Makers

I’m pleased to say we raised approximately £83 for Comic Relief last week. A big thank you to the Pupil Leadership Team for their hard work in organising the events.

We also raised £150 for our Shelter appeal through the Bags2School collection. Great change-making!

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported the PTFA Coffee Morning at Newton-Le-Willows on Saturday. The donations of raffle prizes, baking or turning up to support the event was appreciated – and every penny raised goes back to the children!

Let’s Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

	Mrs. Dozey	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Donaldson	Miss Pole	Mr. Cope
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Emily B	Henry S	Riley	Evie F	Sophie R
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Emily W - <i>Writing</i>	Fiona	Poppy - <i>Reading</i>	Henry S - <i>PSHE</i>	
Aims Award	Niamh- <i>Happy & Healthy</i>	Max- <i>Happy & Healthy</i>	Theo- <i>Inquisitive</i>	James- <i>Inquisitive</i>	
Team Points	Middleham				
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers				
Golden Spoon	TBC				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 29 th March	Whole School Visit to Baltic Centre, Newcastle	All	Information sent
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information sent
Friday 31 st March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	Information sent
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
Wednesday 19 th April	KS2 Visit to Bradford	KS2	Information to follow
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday	All	See newsletter
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday	All	See newsletter
W/C Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SAT's Assessments	Y6	Information sent
Tuesday 9 th May	Y2/3 Cricket Competition	Y2/3	Information to follow
Friday 26 th May	Break Up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th June	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class - Reception: The children have been finding out lots about minibeasts this week, going on hunts, making minibeast restaurants and bug hotels to help provide homes for our wildlife - living up to our 'Change Makers' school aim! Our story of the week, 'Dear Teacher' has sparked some letter and postcard writing. This week in Maths we have been looking at 3D shapes, exploring similarities and differences between them, building models, painting using 3D shapes and sorting them into groups. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Appreciation Event on Thursday morning - a brilliant morning was had by all! Thank you for your support!

We finished the week off creating a Robin Class Fact File, becoming scientists by researching questions we wanted to answer to make our own book to share with others! Great work Robins!

Robin Class - Year 1: A wonderful start to the week having a little meeting with you all and sharing how proud I am of your children. They have all worked extremely hard and it was a wonderful opportunity to share this. We had a very exciting delivery this week... a reply letter from the T-Rex!! Can you believe it! The children were ecstatic; it was such a special moment. For our RE lesson this week the children learned all about the Eid-al-Fitr Muslim festival and celebrations. The children have been working hard in their PE lesson, working on skills with a ball.

Kingfisher Class: We have enjoyed becoming Historians this week and learning more about animals in World War One. Who knew that cats, elephants and horses were so useful?! In English we have worked hard to plan our recounts and in Maths we have continued to get to grips with fractions – thinking about recognising and identifying halves. We are very much looking forward to Art Week next week and showing off our talents as creators. We also hope that lots of you can join us for our Easter Labyrinth on Thursday. Please contact the office to book a timeslot.

Partridge Class: This week in Partridge Class we have been enjoying Maths with Miss Moran, learning all about tenths and hundredths. In our writing we chose our favourite animal to research, to help with writing our non-chronological reports. The final reports were full of lots of fabulous facts and were very interesting to read! We finished our science topic, electricity, with an investigation to discover the best conductors and insulators. We have also been working hard preparing for our Easter Labyrinth performance, we can't wait to share it with you all next week!

Woodpecker Class: As we edge closer to the end of term, the children have continued to work exceptionally hard this week. In Maths, we have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as investigating different types of angles whilst in English, we have been focussing on different techniques authors use to end stories effectively - avoiding Mr. Cope's pet hate of ending with 'It was all just a dream...' With next week's Easter Labyrinth quickly approaching, the children have been learning lines and developing actions for our part of the story; I'm sure they will be great as always and we look forwards to sharing it with you next week. We have had another fantastic week and we have a lot to look forward to next week including our trip to Newcastle on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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.