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Special Awards

Year Group Awards were presented today to the following children:

Reception: Anika Bennett Class RC
Year 1: Daisy Westthorp Class 1A
Year 2: Jessica Dial Class 2S
Year 3: Nahima Choudhury Class 3T
Year 4: Taylor Fletcher Class 4G
Year 5: Daisy Johnston Class 5D
Year 6: Olivia Thompson Class 6S

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 2A/R in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a 98.50% attendance rate for week ending Friday 11 March and to Class 5D (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.50% - another good achievement everyone - keep it up!

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Comic Relief

It was great to see all of the school community supporting today's 'Comic Relief' initiative. The staff and children came dressed in various red attire and took part in a range of fundraising activities. We look forward to announcing the winner of tonight's 'Talent Show' in next week's newsletter.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that **parent consultations** have been arranged this term on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March. To accommodate parental working circumstances and after school child care arrangements, we are asking **all parents/carers** to return a slip to school indicating their preferred appointment date and time. These letters will be sent home on Monday next week.

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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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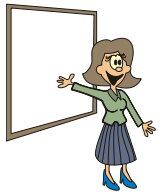
Year 2 Parents' Meeting

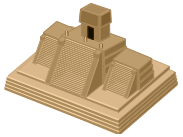


A big thank you to those Year 2 parents who were able to attend Wednesday's end of Key Stage 1 Assessment meeting. We hope that the information provided was useful in providing an overview of the arrangements and assessment tasks the children will undertake during the month of May. For anyone who was unable to go along, some support resources are available from each respective class teacher offering advice on how parents can support their children in the lead up to the assessments.

Year 4 Visit

On Monday our Year 4 children visited Bede's World in South Tyneside to support their topic work this half term. They enjoyed finding out about life in Bede's and Anglo-Saxon times through the use of the museum, the farm, the monastic site, St Paul's Church, dressing up in costumes and role play, and looking at replica artefacts.

Year 5 Performance



Our Year 5 children gave an enthusiastic performance to their parents on Monday afternoon to showcase their work this term on 'The Aztecs'. They shared some very interesting facts together with a few sketches and songs which they have learnt with our visiting musicians, 'Shindig'. The mock human sacrifice was clearly well rehearsed and popular with the children.

Cycle Proficiency

Year 5 have also enjoyed their second round of cycle training sessions this week and have learnt more about control skills and safety which they had the opportunity to put into practice when riding their bikes out in the local community.

A reminder that those children who ride their bikes to school each day should always wear a helmet.

Attendance Initiative

Details will be sent home next week of our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel.

Sport

Tri-golf: After two successful indoor putting sessions, our Year 6 golfing protégés have all lowered their respective handicaps and are now ready to venture out and work on their short game in the multi-use games area next week. So, be ware all of our local residents!

Football: A big well done to those Year 6 children who took part in the latest league fixtures on Tuesday night at Fellside School. The team performed admirably, winning three, drawing three and losing only one game. The children showed great spirit in defence and kept their cool in front of goal. Thanks again to parents for all the support; we will keep you posted on any upcoming fixtures.

Dance: We were extremely proud of our dance team who took part in this year's Gateshead Schools' Dance Festival at The Sage on Tuesday afternoon. The children have been practising for some time with Miss Anderson and Miss Cassidy and it was rewarding to see all of their hard work paying off with a super performance. We are sure that this fantastic experience will stay with the children for a long time. A special thank you to those parents who were able to watch the performance and offer their support- you certainly made yourselves heard!

Active Kids 2011

Our school is once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. The scheme this year runs until 31 May 2011 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at main Sainsbury's stores, including petrol stations and when you shop online.

Beanies

We are currently selling 'Endangered Beanie Animals' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are three different beanies to choose from priced at £1.20 each: a dolphin, a kangaroo and a panda.

School dinner menu on Monday is **Week 1**. A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.