



# New York Primary School Newsletter

It has been a really busy return to school after the Christmas break. Pupils across school have experienced educational visits out of school and welcomed visitors into school and we are not even at half term yet! Well done to our sports teams for their contribution and successes—we await the engraving of the Quicksticks trophy.

Please put the Spring term 'Book Look' into your diary 16.02.17. Our whole school focus on handwriting is making a difference which you will see when you look at your child's books. As ever thanks for your support.

Mrs Shaw

## Y5 Trip

Year 5 visited Woodhorn Museum to find out about explorer William Smith. The children had a fun time exploring maps and measuring in fathoms, also visiting the colliery and finding out about working life in the mines.

## Safetyworks—Year 6

Year 6 have all visited Safetyworks in Newcastle this month. The children learnt a lot about keeping themselves safe and how to keep others safe in a number of different situations. They also learn basic first aid and what to do in the event of a fire. The children had a great afternoon of learning.

February 2017

## Valentine's Disco

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

3.15-4.15 for EYFS & KS1

4.15-5.15 for KS2.



£1.00 entry - pay on the door.  
Tuck Shop will be open selling hot dogs, sweets & drinks.

## AMBER PROJECT

Mr Roberts' class have worked with Catherine from the **Amber Films Collective** to look at portrait photography and the skills needed to do this. Pupils spent an exciting day learning about an artist and developing photography skills by working with digital cameras. Their work has been sent away, ready for the children to receive an Arts Discover award.



## School Buddies



After applying for the position of school buddy, a group of Y5 & Y6 children have completed their buddy training. They have learnt how to listen to other people, what it means to be a good buddy and how pupils can help other children in school. This week buddies were awarded with their buddy badges and will commence their important role in school.

Please discourage your child from bringing toys into school as this leads to distraction and can cause falling out among friends.

## **Science for Families PLZ**

Pupils in KS2 have been thoroughly enjoying the Science for Family sessions on a Friday afternoon where members of their family have joined them to do some science experiments with Mrs Bourne. The families have showed brilliant teamwork and questioning skills and many have continued the experiments at home. Look out for future sessions to get involved!



Think Physics have also spent time in Year 2, with Joe running a botanist workshop with the children. Pupils used microscopes to observe Venus Fly Traps!

## **Art Day**

Last Monday we had a special Art day where we dedicated the whole day to looking at the artist Wassily Kandinsky. Kandinsky is a Russian abstract Artist who painted what he felt rather than what he saw. The art produced across school was magnificent and all year groups managed to interpret his work in different ways. All year groups produced some brilliant work across all areas of the curriculum. As well as the fantastic art pieces pupils produced poems, worked on shape in Maths and wrote stories all inspired by his work. Year 3 even made their classroom into an art exhibition celebrating his work and reviewed it in their Topic lesson.



## **Year 6 at the BBC**

Year 6 really enjoyed having a tour of the BBC Newcastle at the start of the new term. The children were able to see how TV and radio programmes are made and even had an opportunity to make our own news reports and radio drama. The children were allowed to sit in the real news studio and we learnt all about how many people are involved in producing a live news broadcast. The children

loved hearing about all the programs that are filmed in Newcastle and they were very excited to hear about all the celebrities who had visited BBC Newcastle and sat in the same seats they were sitting in.



## **Year 4 Class Assembly**

Year 4 really enjoyed showing their family and friends about their learning last term in their class assembly. They shared their knowledge about Roman culture in Britain and did this through acting, exhibiting their artwork and singing topical songs about the Romans.



# New York Sporting News

## Year 3 Rugby

Year 3 have had an exciting term so far working with the Newcastle Falcons. We have been learning to play Tag Rugby and have been using some technical Rugby terms. Alongside this, we have been learning about a healthy lifestyle (Louise from Newcastle Falcons Community Fund was very impressed with what we had been doing in school already). Last week, we had a special visit from Evan Olmstead, a current Newcastle Falcons player who helped us and answered lots of our questions, along with Flash—the mascot! We were even chosen to be filmed as they had been so impressed with both classes.



## Y3/4 Quicksticks

### **1st place!**

Year 3 and 4 have done us proud in a hockey tournament at Norham beating 3 teams and winning a trophy! 12 boys and girls were invited along to play against schools in the local area and demonstrated brilliant hockey skills and team work. This has put us in good stead for another tournament coming up on the 16th February where we hope to be at the top of the leader board again.

Well done to everyone involved - We're extremely proud!



## **Netball**

Our Year 5/6 netball team played against Percy Main and Collingwood at a tournament held at Norham High School recently. We played fantastically well, showing resilience and determination. Although we were defeated by Collingwood we beat Percy Main 2-0 and came 2nd overall!



# Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

We will send reminders for many of these events nearer the time.

- Thursday 9th February—Y1 Class Assembly 2:45pm

- Friday 10th February - Ensemble Day

- Wednesday 15th February - Y5/6 Intu Hockey @ Norham

- Thursday 16th February - Y4 Hockey @ The Parks / Y3 Rugby Tournament

- Thursday 16th February 2:30 & 5:30 Y6 SATs meeting for Parents

- Thursday 16th February 9:30 & 1:45 Book Look for Parents

- Thursday 16th February EYFS Welly Waddle

- Friday 17th February - Y6 Baltic Visit

- Friday 17th February - FINISH FOR HALF TERM

- Monday 27th February - Children return to school

- Tuesday 28th February—Parents Evening

- Wednesday 1st March - Additional parents evening appointments

- Thursday 2nd March - Y6 Hockey @ The Parks

- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

- Tuesday 7th March - Tim Peake Day

- Wednesday 8th March—Dance Festival @ The Parks

- Saturday 18th March - Green Festival, Tynemouth.

- Friday 24th March 2017 - School Closed - Teacher Training Day

- Wednesday 29th March - Y3 Titanic Day

- Thursday 30th March - Y3 Class Assembly 2:45

- Friday 7th April—BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

- Monday 24th April—Children return to school.

- Week Commencing 8th May - KS2 SATs

- Week Commencing 19th June - STEM Week - further info to follow.

- STEM Fair - Friday 23rd June 2:00 - 4:00