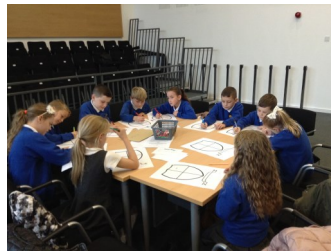




October 2017

Local Democracy Week

On Wednesday 11th October some of our School Councillors attended an event at the Cobalt Business Park. First we had to think about ourselves and what we are good at. Then we had to think about our school and how we can make it a better place. We even got to talk to School Councillors from other schools. All of our children were very well behaved and enjoyed the morning.



Respect When Parking

I have received a number of complaints in recent weeks regarding New York parents parking across local residents driveways and garages. On one occasion the resident reported that the parent was rude when asked to move the car. Please show respect to local residents by not parking inconsiderately even if only for a short time.

Thank you.



Book Look Friday 20th October

Don't forget to drop into to our Autumn book look where you can spend time with your child looking at and listening to their learning. Drop in between 9.30am and 10.30am or 1.30pm—2.45pm.

Halloween Disco

On Monday 30th October we will be holding our Halloween Disco
 EYFS & KS1 3.15 - 4.15
 KS2 - 4.15—5.15.

£1.00 entry payable on the door.



A Tuck Shop will be available selling sweets, crisps, drinks & hotdogs.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

We have a limited number of pumpkins which have been donated. We will be running a 'Carve a Pumpkin' for families to complete during the half term holidays.

Spend some time with your family carving a pumpkin and tweet us a family photograph with the hashtag NYPSpumpkin. Winning photo swill be chosen after half term and prizes awarded.

Pumpkins are available from the office for £1.00—all proceeds to St Oswalds.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.5% which is 1% below our target of 96.5%

w/c	Whole School	Class	%
25/09	94.8%	Y1 KR & Y5 JD	100%
2/10	94.4%	Y6 AH	100%
9/10	95.3%	Y1 KR	97.8%

Harvest Celebrations



Thanks to all who supported in the KSI and KS2 Harvest Festival celebrations. As ever your children have made us all proud and we are delighted with the enormous contribution you have made to our food and toiletries donation to The Peoples Kitchen. We were entertained with a variety of subjects from across the curriculum including Music, Geography, Art, RE and Literacy. Also let's not forget Design Technology with the Big Red Tractor in KSI! Feedback sheets have been sent home in book bags so please let us know what you think by returning them to school.

Thank you.

Governors

We are delighted to welcome 3 new governors on to our governing body.

- **Gill Kemp** is a consultant within the School Improvement Service for North Tyneside.
- **Mike Furze** is a Director with Kier Group.
- **Jim Crinson** is a recently retired Headteacher.

They join our existing governing body with the recently elected Chair of Governors Mrs K Simmonds and Vice Chair Mrs A Wilson.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor should anyone require additional information please contact the office.

Social Media

Social media such as Facebook is a very public forum for communication. Please consider what you post on social media particularly criticising school. In a recent example, facts posted about our school were not accurate and the content of some of the posts was unpleasant. New York is a highly inclusive school where parents are welcome. All teaching staff and management are approachable and always willing to speak with parents so there is never any reason to use social media to criticise when you can come and speak to us directly. Any defamatory social media posts will be taken seriously and account holders will be asked to remove the posts immediately. Staff and pupils are very proud of New York and I will not allow the reputation we work so hard to maintain to be tarnished with inaccurate comments on social media.



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Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported our Scholastic Book Fair! It was a roaring success and we made a grand total of £500! We look forward to ordering some fantastic class books with our £200 commission.



Daisy Dog—St Oswalds

Daisy Dog's fundraising efforts saw a grand total of £201.42 being raised for St Oswald's Hospice. Keep your eyes peeled on Daisy as we've heard she has a new outfit for half term!



Y5 Assembly

Thank you to all our friends and family who came to watch the Y5 Ancient Greek class assembly. Those who attended were treated to an afternoon of Greek singing and facts about Modern and Ancient Greece.

Using the Talk 4 Writing approach pupils wrote and performed a hilarious version of Theseus and The Minotaur with some superb acting and good, clear speaking. Well Done Year 5.



Science for Families

We have enjoyed our third group of Science for Families on a Friday afternoon in Key Stage 2. Families have joined their children in Mrs Bourne's classroom to take part in different science experiments each week and have continued some of these at home. It is lovely seeing all the excitement around science! Thank you to all of the families who have supported this so far. There will be more to come!



Students In School

You may have noticed a few extra faces in school over the past few weeks and that is because we have welcomed students from the NT SCITT, NEP PE SCITT and Northumbria University. These trainees are here to support our children and we very much welcome the contribution they make to the life of the school.

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Activity Centres





On Friday 13th October all of Y6 set off on a weekend of adventure for the annual visit to Robinwood in Alston. With a mission to challenge themselves, develop communication and teamwork skills the children threw themselves into every activity.

Along the way there were giggles, laughter, tears ... of pride and that was just from Miss Hollywood, Mrs Blakey, Mr Howard, Miss Robinson, Miss Hubbard and Mr Lisle.

We hope you had a good look on Twitter over the weekend, if not go and find us and check out the pictures.

All of the children will be awarded their certificates and mementoes in a special assembly after half term.



Y4 Italy Day

On Tuesday 17th October, Year 4 celebrated Italy Day. We enjoyed activities such as learning about Romeo and Juliet and using our map skills to locate Italy. Throughout the day we enjoyed lots of opportunities to taste Italian food such as olives and mozzarella however we finished the day in style by tasting our very own homemade pizzas.



School Photographer

On Wednesday 1st November the School Photographer will be taking individual photographs of all children.

If you require a family photograph including children currently not at our school, these will start at 8:15am.

No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday 4th October, we celebrated No Pens Wednesday at New York. Teachers planned creative lessons outdoors, using ICT and using talk rather than writing in any books.



In Year 4, pupils were learning how to measure accurately and investigated whether their arm span was the same as their height. We found that this was true for some people, but not true for others! Children thoroughly enjoyed using other methods of recording their findings, rather than writing



in their books.

In Reception we made our mark in porridge oats rather than using our pencils when we were learning our new sound 'u—under the umbrella and down to the puddle'



In Year 2, we developed our place understanding by playing lots of games in the hall. Pictures of Dienes cubes were stuck up around the hall showing how many tens and ones different numbers had. We had to choose a number from the floor and find its corresponding picture on the wall!

New York Sporting News

Littleton League

On Thursday 5th October our Year 5/6 football team headed off to John Spence for their first matches of the Littleton League.

The team showed great promise, winning their first game 1-0 against St Cuthbert's. The game against Waterville ended in a 1-0 defeat. Mr Lisle is greatly impressed with the effectiveness of the team and their level of Sportsmanship throughout all the matches. The next fixtures will take place on Thursday 30th November at John Spence.



Sports Hero Lunch

On Thursday 5th October we held a NT Sports Hero Lunch. Thank you to all of the extra children who joined us for lunch this year, we were one of the top school in the LA and are eagerly awaiting to see if we have won the big prize of £200 worth of sports equipment for school.

We had lots of golden ticket winners who went home with a selection of prizes.



Swimming

After the half term break it will be the turn of Mrs Potter's Year 3 class to go swimming.

Children will need a towel and either a swimming costume (no bikinis) or swimming shorts (above the knee). Goggles are optional.

We ask for a contribution towards these sessions of £1.50 per week. Please make sure this is handed to the class teacher.



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.
 We will send reminders for many of these events nearer the time.
PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- Friday 20th October—Children finish for half term.
- Monday 30th October—Halloween Disco
 EYFS & KSI 3.15-4.15
 KS2 4.15 - 5.15
- **27 Wednesday 1st November. Family photographs starting 8.15am**
- Wednesday 1st November— Parents Evening
- Tuesday 7th November- Year 4 Romans Visit to Arbeia
- Wednesday 8th November—Year 6 cinema trip
- **28** Thursday 9th November—Years 1 and 2 cinema trip
- Monday 13th November —AntiBullying Week
 Workshops for all year groups throughout the week.
- Tuesday 14th November—Year 5 cinema trip
- Wednesday 15th November—Years 3 and 4 cinema trip
- **29** Friday 17th November—Children in Need Spotacular Day £1.00
- Monday 20th November—STEM Day
- Tuesday 28th November - Y5 Greek Fighting Forces Trip to GNM
- Wednesday 6th December - KSI & 2 Bigfoot Panto
- Thursday 7th December - EYFS Bigfoot Panto
- **1** Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Performances
- Wednesday 13th December EYFS & KSI Christmas Performances
- Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- Friday 15th December - Family Christmas Crafts am & pm
- **2** Monday 18th December—Y5/6 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 19th December—Christingle
- Tuesday 19th December EYFS Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20th December— Y3/4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 21st December—Christmas Carol Service & Christmas in a Box judging day.
- **3** Thursday 21st December—Y1/2 Christmas Party
- Friday 22nd December—Children finish for Christmas
- Monday 8th January—Children return to school.

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