



What a fantastic few weeks our pupils have experienced and how proud have they made us? We have featured on television, radio, newspaper and internet! Our learning of the US elections really impressed people and developed our understanding of politics at home and overseas. Our pupils have performed on stage at the Whitley Bay Playhouse, the Whitley Bay Christmas Market, Rake Lane Hospital and of course on stage in school for the fabulous Christmas Performances. KS1 and KS2 pupils have visited the cinema and used the films they saw as the theme for learning in the classroom. In sport we have been busy with girls football, dance, boys football and enjoyed learning volleyball with Nathan French, a 2012 Olympian.

We would like to thank all our families and friends for the great support you have provided in attending the many events in school in recent weeks. It was wonderful to see so many of you covered in glitter and glue at the craft afternoon and of course your cheering and clapping at the productions and Carol Service. We really enjoy having families in school and hope to see more of you in the New Year. On behalf of all staff may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and see you back on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Mrs Shaw.



The Grand 400th

Breakfast Club Launch!

On Thursday 8th December we welcomed 20+ Greggs Dignitaries and the Mayor into school for the Official Launch of our Greggs Breakfast Club. They joined us (in Christmas Jumpers) to cut the ribbon and commit to providing funding for our FREE breakfast club for the foreseeable future. They brought special breakfast treats and judged our 'Christmas Scene in a Box' whilst some of our breakfast clubbers judged them on their Christmas jumpers!



Christmas Crafts

What a fantastic turn-out this year for Christmas crafts.

Thank you for the great feedback and supporting such a great family event. Due to its popularity we will

definitely splitting this event next year.



Roman Invasion!

To conclude our Autumn Term topic, Year 4 have been making Roman shields. Using our historical research, we designed our own criteria for a great Roman shield. The children then designed and made their shields so that they looked truly authentic. We will be using the shields to learn how the Romans defeated a massive Celtic army, and the fearsome Queen Boudicca, during the infamous battle of Watling Street. We hope to see all Year 4 parents at our January class assembly (date to be confirmed).



Social Media

Social Media is a great way to share and communicate information and in school we enjoy tweeting so you can receive up to date information about what is going on. Sometimes however it can snowball into complaints and criticisms some of which are inaccurate and staff are unaware of. If you have an issue you would like to discuss please speak to a member of staff to resolve it rather than criticise so publicly on Facebook. This ensures that we all have a clear understanding of the accurate facts and can work together to sort things out. In a busy school like ours with lots of different events and activities, there are times when pupils mislay items such as jumpers, coats and PE kits. As soon as you make us aware of it we will do our very best to find the missing item. You can help us do that more quickly by ensuring that your child's clothing and bag is labelled. Very often the lost item is on a different peg or in a different drawer. We work hard with our children to support them in taking responsibility for their own property by having routines for putting things in the correct place.

Year 6 Tuition

After school tuition for Year 6 children will start next year from the week beginning Monday 9th January.

Children in Need

This year we had a very spotty day for Children in Need. A grand total of £341.40 was raised in support of this fantastic charity.

PDSA - Looking after our pets.

On Tuesday 29th November, Tina, a vet from the PDSA came into school to tell us how to look after our pets and animals. We listened to Tina and she told us how to keep our pets safe, making sure they have plenty of food to eat and water to drink, a safe place to rest and a large enough space to run around.



New York Sporting News

Girl Power!

Year 3 and 4 girls recently took part in North Tyneside's football festival, however, due to a mix up with emails we were unaware that it was a mostly boys tournament rather than a girls only tournament. But



did this stop our girls? No! All the girls that took part showed courage, passion and endeavour in order to represent New York to their upmost ability. After watching a team in our group beat another team 6-0 we were all feeling a bit nervous. However, after an 'inspirational' team talk the girls rallied together and held the first boys team to a 0-0 draw. This was then followed by more resolute defending and a superbly taken goal from Ellie Davison to draw our next game 1-1. In our final game after a dubious penalty in the last minute Milly 'the cat' Lyall was called into action to save a penalty so we could draw the game 0-0.

New York are extremely proud of our Supergirls!

Volleyball

On 21st and 22nd November KS1 & 2 children were fortunate enough to experience two days with 2012 Great British Olympian - Nathan French!

Nathan delivered fun and energising volleyball lessons for each year group where we learned new techniques and skills as well as promoting an active lifestyle through engaging in a new sport.

Nathan also delivered workshops to educate our children on healthy lifestyles and factors that contribute to this which we found useful and

To end the session, Nathan delivered an inspiring assembly about his own experiences and answered

lots of well-thought questions from the children.



Year One Discover the Museum

On Wednesday 14th December, Year 1 visited the Discovery Museum for a 'History of Toys' workshop. We identified toys from the past and present day, sorted them into groups according to their material and described and labelled our favourite toy. We were able to look around the museum and really enjoyed looking at the Victorian toys.

Outdoor Carols

Well... the snow didn't arrive but we enjoyed singing Christmas Carols on Thursday morning. Thanks to everyone who joined us for a glass of mulled juice and a mince pie.



