



Headteacher's Blog

17TH MARCH 2025

Last Week's Round-up...

We completed our consultation meetings for the spring term last week, with the exception of a few meetings for Oak class which will be rescheduled. Apologies to those whose meetings had to be cancelled.

Across school, children engaged in a number of activities for British Science Week.

Activities ranged from imagining ourselves jetting off into space and learning what it takes to be an astronaut, through to exploring how animals adapt to their surroundings and live in their habitat.

We were fortunate to have Lucie Oxley, who is an engineer, to join us in school once again. Lucie worked with Reception, KS1 and LKS2 children with activities in coding, programming an Indi robot, and Micro Bits. The children loved the trial and error and decision making that these activities involved in order to get a successful outcome.

In addition to this, 10 KS2 children visited Quotient Sciences, a drug development business in Alnwick. The children were met by principal researcher and professor, Stephen Byard, as well as the Mayor of Alnwick, Geoff Watson. The children saw science in action by observing a chromatography demonstration to explain why leaves turn brown in autumn, and a demonstration to show how the -196 temperature of liquid nitrogen freezes a banana in minutes. The children also had the opportunity to see some of the laboratories and to ask lots of scientific questions.

We hope that these activities, and the scientists that our children have had the chance to work with, have inspired the young and enquiring minds of our children to pursue an interest in sciences.

What's on this week...

Clubs begin again this week on Monday and Thursday after school. I know that many were disappointed not to get their choice of clubs when the new selection came out last week.

We do try hard to find a system to allocate places that is fair for all.

Master Classes for some of our Y6s also begin this week. Maths will be on Monday (for this week) and English will be on Thursday.

We look forward to welcoming Plum family and friends for lunch on Wednesday. Please book your place by 15.00 on Monday and come to the main entrance for 11.40.

As part of this year's Wonderful World Festival, we will be welcoming David Cartwright to school on Thursday. David will work with our Year 6 children as they begin to prepare a theatre piece that will be performed alongside youngsters from other local primaries and DCHS this summer.

On Friday, we welcome back Image Theatre who will visit us with their production of The Jungle Book. Children in Y1-4 will enjoy this performance.

With Comic Relief upon us once again on Friday, children are invited to take part in a non school uniform day. A smidge or a smattering of red is encouraged but not essential! Those who are able to are encouraged to bring in a suggested donation of £1 towards this great cause.





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

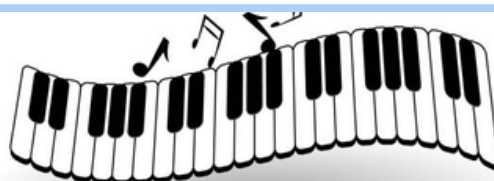
Indie Webster, Grace Goodwin, Skylah Freeman, Ruby Robson, Aria Hughes, Mario Ventre, Henry Frost, Jack McGowan, Joseph Hodson, Abbie Carter, Cooper Catlow, Daniel Casini and Ollie Findler
We are very proud of you all!

Children in Chestnut enjoying exploring their micro:bit session on Thursday



SECRET HEAD TEACHER SPOT

I was passing just at the right time this week to hear Angela, one of our wonderful piano teachers, celebrating with one of her students. Angela was so impressed with **Lucas from Ash Class** who has been making great progress in his reading of notation. In particular, Angela was delighted with Lucas' inquisitive approach to applying what he already knew to new notes that he was learning. Well done Lucas, keep it up!



HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

As I write this, there's still an hour or so to go until kick off! Here's hoping that it's a celebratory piece of music as we listen to it next week in our assemblies. Good Luck to Newcastle United!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgqJiuV_1tY

