



Headteacher's Blog

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Last Week's Round-up...

We have had a super start to the new half term! Staff enjoyed sharing progress and achievements with families at consultation meetings. We hope you found these conversations useful and took pride in seeing the children's work.

Oak class performed a wonderful assembly for family and friends on Wednesday afternoon, taking us on a happy journey through all of the fabulous books that their curriculum has been built on through the year so far. The children's engagement and love for these texts shone through.

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday. Costumes were brilliant - so much variety, care and thought. Thank you to everyone who supported the children to become their favourite characters!

In addition to this, we had the grand opening of our Reading Den which is situated on the little yard beside the entrance to Plum class. We received a kind donation from the Free Masons of Alwick to support this project and we were delighted to be joined by George Skipper from the Free Masons who cut the all important ribbon with his Granddaughter, Georgia. It was a special moment. There will be photos in the newsletter out in the next few days.

We also awarded certificates to children who were nominated by staff for their commitment to reading. These youngsters joined me on a trip to Barter Books in the afternoon to select a new book for themselves and some additional books for our reading den.

A thoroughly enjoyable day!

We kicked off our celebrations of British Science Week with a visitation from the Planetarium from The Centre For Life. See next page for more details!

We joined in with the Biggest Ever Football Session on Friday with our girls getting stuck in on the football field - photos on page two!

What's on this week...

Consultation meetings continue this week with meetings scheduled for Pear, Oak, Chestnut, Maple, Larch and Rowan classes.

On Monday afternoon, Northumberland County Council School's Librarian, Jackie Barnes, will be in school to train our next group of Junior Librarians. These KS2 children will support Mrs Crowe in all aspects of management of the school library and will be reading ambassadors by supporting story times for younger children both in the school library and in the reading den.

The new clubs selection will be with you in the week for children to pick the after school activities they'd like to join in with.





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

Willow Donahoe, Jack Hollingworth, Ada Bell, Isla Edwards, Ffion Read, Grace Schmidberger, Charlotte Goodfellow, Charlie-Mae Nesbit, Eliza Telfer, Jonathan Waite, Grace Chatterton

We are very proud of you all!

As part of UKS2 Space Explorers work with the Life Science Centre, we welcomed a huge inflatable planetarium into school on Friday. Our UKS2 children had a fabulous time inside the planetarium travelling to the moon and exploring it once they had landed. Here is a quick picture, there will be more, along with the children's reflections in the newsletter.



Girls in KS2 at Swansfield got stuck in to some skills training as part of Friday's "Biggest Ever Football Session". We enjoyed being part of a nationwide celebration of girls' football - perfect timing for International Women's Day on Saturday! Well done to all involved - and if you're interested in joining a team get in touch with your local football club!



HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

With International Women's day on the 8th March, let's celebrate a female composer who has a special place in the heart of our school - Cheryl Camm. Here is the girls choir of St Cuthbert's College, Wellington, NZ, performing The Swing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4FQ9W0sets>

