

# KS2 Team Newsletter - Autumn 2 2022



As our second half term draws to an end, the KS2 team would like to share some highlights from this time. We are all so proud of the children's enthusiasm for their learning and how hard they have worked throughout the term - they've been stars!

#### **This Half Term's Attendance**

We aim for 96% attendance as a minimum for each child. The attendance figures for this half term are:

Class 7 – Year 3– Miss	82.2%	Class 11 – Year 5 – Miss	91.5%	
Bradley		Bowen		
Class 8 – Year 3 – Mrs	89.8%	Class 12 – Year 5 – Mr	87.7%	
Jones		Newton		
Class 9 – Year 4 – Mr	91.6%	Class 13 – Year 6 – Mr	87.7%	
Beadle		Harker		
Class 10 – Year 4 – Mr Curtis	89.5%	Class 14 – Year 6 – Mrs	77.3%	
		Osborne		
		Class 15 – Year 6 – Mrs	91.8%	
		Coates		



Well done to Class 15 who are this half term's attendance champions!

### Year 3 - Volcano Art

In Year 3 our geography topic has been 'Why is Nature so Destructive?' The children have been learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. They have also been reading a book about a volcanic island. During art lessons they have created some amazing volcano pictures by using pieces of paper, pastels and paint. They have learnt techniques such as blending and the effect of flicking paint. The outcomes were amazing and their completed work has been photocopied, so the volcanoes can 'erupt' in their best piece writing books to match their writing.









#### **Year 4 – Sport Opportunities**

In Year 4, we have had some fantastic opportunities this half-term to take part in sports sessions inside and outside of school. Within school, we have developed our running, jumping and throwing through our sports hall athletic topic. We have then built upon our gymnastic skills to create routines, including bridges and apparatus within them. Outside of school, we have been fortunate enough to take part in three different sporting events across Darlington. First, some of Year 4 went to Darlington Arena to practise the tag rugby skills we learnt at the beginning of the year. Second, some others in Year 4 went to the Dolphin Centre to develop teamwork, communication and confidence in a range of sporting activities. Finally, we also went to the Dolphin Centre to take part in sports hall athletic events alongside other schools. What a great half term!







#### Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful half term! We have worked hard, had fun and experienced lots of brilliant activities. We particularly enjoyed our Science topic (properties and changes of materials) where we carried out a range of interesting investigations. To start with, we investigated who 'stole' Mrs Jones' laptop. We did this by carrying out chromatography tests on the suspect's pens, checking fingerprints against a database and causing chemical reactions to see whose shoe sample placed them at the scene of the crime. It is safe to say we did a fantastic job of identifying the culprit and had lots of fun doing it.











#### Year 6

Year 6 have had another fantastic term, enjoying a range of activities organised as part of the In2 Project. The children were taught some wacky circus skills, such as spinning a toothbrush on their fingers, plate spinning and juggling! The teachers were very impressed with how quickly some of the children picked up these skills and the resilience of others to keep trying. As a one off session, the children learned how to make their own Christmas crackers. This festive craft included writing their own jokes, making paper crowns and designing badges to go inside their crackers. The final workshop of the term involved all the children showing off their acting skills in the role of a fairy tale character. This led on nicely to a special visit to watch the pantomime held at the Hippodrome *The Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan*. A fabulous time was had by all – *oh yes it was*!







## This term's certificates:

Class	A Good Start	Being Thoughtful	Respecting Others	A Good Influence	Encouraging Others	Kindness Award	Tremendous Term
7	Artur Derkach Nevaeh Gill	Ellianna-Rose Wardell Anthony Lee	Alfie Edwards Sophie Taylor	Emily Pilkington Jamie Littlefair	Billy Liddle Elijah Finney	Amelia Stone Mckenzie McFarlane	Mia Lyle Jimmy Stewart
8	Patrick Boswell Scarlett Hartley	Freya Haymer Jimmy Chapman	Jeremy Pena Elexis Harrison	Isla-Jane Whiteway- Wilkinson Layla Gallacher	Sara McCaw J.J. Taylor	Leeona Stabler Lily Wilson	Mel Halter Jason Bruce
9	Kaitlin Milner Holly Barningham	Damian White Fallon Hutchison	Jake Fowler Florence-Anne Storey	Myah-Leigh Rowland Cameron Maguire	Sav Edwards Megan Norman	Sydney Smith Erin Nelson	Cameron Maguire Kaitlin Milner
10	Henry Barton Adriana Flannigan	Chloe Bruce Joshua Riding	Liam Wytcherley Rehela Ciontu	Daniel Hunter Isabella Akanni	Natalie Irvine Mohammed Rashid	Jude Harcourt Leyla Blythe- Forster	Ernest Chapman Polly Durham
11	Leighton Baker Faith Wetton	Gabriella Akanni Lillie Scanlon	Lilly-May Glasper Alex Stabler	Silvia Pavydyte Blessing Eharevba	Mason Bales Caitlin Charlton	Casey Armstrong Bobby Flannigan	Patrick Lindsay Blessing Egharevba
12	Sheldon Lowther Isabelle Kennedy	Wally Welch Ava Burnside	Luke Firmin Brooke Barton	Isla McCaw Terry-Rob Flannigan	Gabriel Whiteside Ben Millard	Susanne Boswell Caleb Norman	Julieanna Burnside Nethan Bhoopelly
13	Bobashley Finney Oliver Stone	Aleks Bardhi Evelyn-Rose Storey	Keeley Doxford Bobby-James Thompson	Ella-Louise Lee Harry Stephens	Milli-Lou Kitchen Ryan Langan	JJ Mackintosh Olivia Fawcett	Oliver Stone Milli-Lou Kitchen
14	Joy Eme Jayden Henry	Jade Johnson Bailey Houfe	Praise Egharevba Jake Moorhead	Maja Besler Ollie Jones	Uesli Hasandoci Bayley Longstaff	Ellis Evans- Appleby Riley Waters	Uesli Hasandoci Jayden Henry Jade Johnson
15	Stephen Rees Ava Hayden	Nevaeh Boswell Ebony Lee	Jasmine Henry Caleb Tinoco	Macie Schroeder Ayden Hunter	Adam Pattison Logan Graham	Duggy Moses Seb King	Caleb Tinoco Macie Schroeder

From the Key Stage 2 team, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We wish you all a happy new year and look forward to welcoming the children back in school on **Thursday 5**<sup>th</sup> **January 2023.**