



Autumn Newsletter 2022



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022-23. This year, we feel like we are operating as normal with the re-introduction of large gatherings in school. We had two very successful parents' evenings in October, where we saw more than 90% of our families, which is fantastic. During the sessions, parents were given the opportunity to look through the English, maths, sketch and creative curriculum books, whilst waiting to see the teacher. Then, during the one-to-one sessions with teachers, I hope you were able to raise any questions you may have had whilst hearing about progress and next steps for your child. We have two further parents' evenings on 22nd and 23rd March, 2023, so please save the dates. Obviously, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us outside school in the morning, or make an appointment by visiting the school office or giving us a call. Remember, every teaching team also has their online platforms, Class Dojo for Nursery and Reception and Seesaw for the rest of the school which you can also use as a vehicle to track homework, follow progress, and get up to date information about what's going on in school. Again, if you do not have access, please speak to one of our team.

We have also restarted our class assemblies, where the children share with the audience their learning. So far, we have had four assemblies from Y5 and Y6. Y6 children shared with us how it was to live as a Victorian child, and Y5KS shared their knowledge of the Global Development Goals, and how we link them in our curriculum. Whilst Y5CB looked at the benefits of having a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset. Again, these were very well attended and we look forward to welcoming you to the future Friday class assemblies in 2023.

In the last couple of weeks, we have been fully embracing the festivities. Our School Choir have been out and about across Newcastle performing in various locations. We have also had several performances in the hall. The first one was from the Rocksteady Music Bands, who showed us the progress they have made with their musical instruments. We then had two performances from the Early Years' Team where they shared with us The A to Z of Christmas, which demonstrated the message of all of us working together as a team. Key Stage One then presented 'Hey Ewe' which told us the tale of a very curious little sheep. Finally, Key Stage Two shared with us 'Christmas Around the World.' I was so proud of all of our pupils who had worked so hard to learn an amazing number of lines, and I know many of you were suitably impressed too. Thank you for all your kind messages of support. I really appreciate it. Like I shared after each performance, we were telling the story of Christmas, and whilst we appreciate many of our school family may not celebrate this festival, it is about all of us gaining knowledge about different religions and festivals associated with each one. We are all different, we join our Wingrove family, where we celebrate difference and what really matters is what is in your heart and how you treat others. We believe in treating everyone with kindness. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you on January 10th 2023.

Mrs Mullarkey

'NU' FOOTBALL BOOTS

"In December, thirty lucky children from across the school were chosen to attend NUCASTLE (Newcastle United Foundation's fantastic new community hub) to collect a new pair of football boots to keep. Thanks to the fantastic work of the Newcastle United Foundation, in partnership with the Michael Carrick Foundation, hundreds of pairs of football boots were made available to schools in the local area. We met Sarah Burn of the Newcastle United Foundation, who was co-ordinating the project, and she talked us through the different boot sizes and brands on offer, as well as which boots would work best for different surfaces. For example, some boots are suitable for wet grass and some are only for use on AstroTurf pitches. We were allowed to select our own boots, and nearly all of us tried on at least 5 or 6 pairs to make sure they were suitable! We had a fantastic morning and we hope this opportunity is offered to us in years to come." - Fola, Y4



Visits and Visitors

“Our first topic in Year 2 was learning about how the seas and oceans change over time. In late September, we visited St Mary’s Lighthouse in Whitley Bay to help us develop our knowledge. We travelled by coach and we were met by Brian when we arrived. After he talked to us about the area and what we might see and find, we were able to go out on the rocks around the lighthouse to complete a rock pooling activity. It was great fun, but we had to be careful not to slip into the rock pools! Although the creatures proved quite tricky to catch, we eventually were able to catch some small fish, crabs of all sizes, prawns and many more. Once we had viewed each other’s buckets, we carefully put the animals back in their rock pools. After lunch, we climbed to the top of the lighthouse and the view was amazing. It was quite hard climbing to the top as there are lots of steps and it is very narrow at the end. However, we all made it to the top.” - Arham, Y2



The children in Year 3 enjoyed visiting Thornley Woods this term, as they have been developing their geography field work skills using maps. They were great at following trails in the woods using signs and symbols. In the woods, there is a sculpture trail with wooden animals carved into tree stumps and trunks and the classes worked together to navigate from one point to another through the trees. Hala said, “I enjoyed searching for different wild animals and looking at different species of trees in Thornley Woods!” Abdallah added, “I liked going to the woods and playing with my friends.” Ana thought more about the future by saying, “We need to plant more trees and look after the woods - don’t throw rubbish on the ground.”



During this half term, Year 3 have visited the Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha and St. James’ and St. Basil’s Church to share in their religious and cultural traditions. “We listened to music and talked about the gurus and their importance. We even shared a biscuit in the community kitchen. At the church, we saw lots of beautiful décor, as it is the Christian celebration of Christmas. The vicar was very kind and played the organ for us. We had a great time at both places of worship. The insides of both religious buildings were really opulent!” – Zara, Y3



Dame Allan’s School kindly invited Year 6 to be part of three different master classes at their school: science, philosophy and PE. Osama went to the science masterclass and said, “I liked the experiments that we did and how nice the teacher was. I enjoyed mixing the chemicals to make different colours.” Daisy-Mai went to the philosophy masterclass. She commented, “I liked all of it, especially when we put on different glasses and looked at the world through a different perspective. It really was quite intriguing.” Thank you to Dame Allan’s for their lovely offer.



Year 6 have had an amazing first term of the year. "We started the school year with a trip back to Victorian times at Beamish Museum, near Stanley. We had a great day exploring, spending time in the Victorian school, the village and the town. It is incredible to think that this is what life was like. My favourite part of Beamish was the old school and being taught as if it was in the olden days. The teachers were very strict! Some of us, however, thought the best part was visiting the sweet shop as the bon-bons were delicious." – Maheen and Mahir, Y6

Space Mission

Year One have had an amazing second half of the term learning all about Space. Wahib said, "We have explored objects that we thought were from a missing space shuttle, made our own rockets, learnt facts about the planets, tasted space food and found out all about the first Moon landing, to name just a few things that we have done." In addition, Year One visited the Centre for Life to learn more about their topic. Ranveer comments, "We had a fabulous trip to the Centre for Life. We visited the planetarium and watched a really cool science show. We also discovered what it would be like to be a real astronaut in the space zone and even saw a space toilet!" It has been amazing to view the spectacular project homework that has been completed over the half term. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children in making a project. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing these in school and they have looked fabulous in the Key Stage One corridor for everyone to admire.



Kindful Kitchen

Following great success with their Kindfulness sessions for Key Stage One last year, we have welcomed back Katy and Amy from Cornerstone this term to work with Year 2. This year, they are focussing on the idea of a Kindful Kitchen. There will be six sessions across the year, with the first one having taken place in November. The sessions explore mindful cooking and eating, with a specific food chosen each time where its origins are discussed and how it is used in cooking, before the children are able to cook with it. Yusuf said, "It was great fun. This time, we used corn as our main ingredient and we made corn muffins. We had to weigh and mix our ingredients, before Katy helped us put them in the oven. I couldn't believe how tasty they were. I am looking forward to the next sessions where our main ingredients will be wheat and oranges."



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council team have had a busy first term. Sa'ad, Y5, said, "We have been continuing the good work from the last academic school year and been working towards achieving the *Plastic-Free Schools'* award. For this, as well as regularly recycling pens within school, children have been making some further changes to help reduce single use plastic. One of our ideas was to use more environmentally friendly crackers for our Christmas lunch and it was a big success." In addition, the members have been on a short visit this term. Safiyyah notes, "In November, we made the quick walk over to Sutherland Court, where we were able to donate some of the poppy wreaths we had made as a school for Remembrance Sunday. The residents smiled and were pleased to see our different designs." Hala, Y3, explains another part of the School Council's work this term. "We met with the other West End Schools' Trust School Councillors to discuss what action we can take together to make a difference to our local area. We shared our ideas for helping to look after the planet. We are going to be working closely together on helping to clean up our local area in the Spring Term. We hope it will make the area a nicer place to live in."



Global Goals & FareShare

During the term, Year 3 have written to footballer Marcus Rashford and emailed our local MP, Chi Onwurah, regarding the Global Goals issue of food poverty in Newcastle upon Tyne. The children created posters and researched how to help support families who will struggle with food poverty this winter, drawing on inspiration from Marcus Rashford and his FareShare charity. We were grateful to receive a reply from Chi Onwurah, explaining how she had also discussed this problem with the government and Prime Minister. She thanked the children at Wingrove Primary for raising awareness and for their kind food donations to the Newcastle West End Foodbank. Please see her email below:

Dear Miss Chaudry,

Thank you very much for getting in touch on behalf of your Year 3 Class. They raise a very important issue – everyone should have enough to eat and indeed to grow, prosper and blossom. As you may know, today was the Autumn Statement which was an important opportunity for the Government to take steps in that regard. I will look into the implications of the decisions the Prime Minister and Chancellor took today and get back to you, together with my own thoughts and actions on the subject.

*Best wishes,
Chi*



Inclusive Sportshall Athletics

In late November, ten lucky children were chosen to participate in an Inclusive Sportshall Athletics event held at The Parks Sports Centre in North Shields. The event was jointly held by Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside



Council and provided children of all abilities throughout Key Stage 2 the chance to take part in events and activities, in a safe and fun environment, that they may not have normally had the opportunity to do so. There were hundreds of participants from schools all over Tyneside and the atmosphere was fantastic. Maria in Year 5 said, "I absolutely loved it. I want to come here every day!" Mia commented, "I had a great time, but I was so tired, I almost needed a nap when I got back to school! I hope I will be able to attend again."