

Newsletter 2 – 15th September 2023

Our Bus





I'm sure you will have seen our amazing double decker bus in the school grounds. The bus is filthy and is in need of a really good clean before we can even begin to think about renovation. Wea re looking for volunteers to come into school one morning or afternoon to help us clean out the bus. If you are interested in helping, please ring the office and let us know your name and the date/time that works for you from the options below. Thank you in advance for your support.

Bus cleaning volunteer sessions- can you help us on any of these sessions? Wednesday 20th September from 1-3pm Friday 22nd September 9-11am

Uniform

We have lost property already and lots of it is not labelled so it can't be returned. It is such a shame to lose items of uniform and coats, especially so early into the new school year. We all know how much lost property accumulates in school every week so can I please ask that all uniform items, coats and shoes are clearly labelled with children's name and class as this makes it much easier to return items to their owners.



PE Kits

During COVID, children began coming into school in their PE kits on their PE days. This has had a real positive impact:

- no time is wasted in getting changed
- children do not need to worry about getting changed in front of others
- children with sensory issues to not need to change or put back on clothing e.g. socks

Children are to come into school on PE days in their PE kit (see timetable below). NO LOGOS OR FOOTBALL KITS TO BE WORN. If children come to school in incorrect PE kits, parents will be contacted.

PE kit consists of:

- plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- navy joagers or shorts
- navy school sweatshirt
- plain black trainers

PE Days

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5A - Monday morning and Monday afternoon (Swimming)

Year 5B - Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday

Cheerleading Breakfast Club

We have an exciting opportunity for Year 5 and 6 pupils to be cheerleaders at the Newcastle Eagles on Friday 20th October 2023. To be part of this wonderful opportunity please sign up to our Wednesday morning cheerleading club via Arbor. Ticket information for the match will be available in a couple of weeks.





Swimming

Due to the increased amount of pupils swimming at the same time, Heworth Leisure Centre swimming section is closed to the public whilst school swimming lessons take place. This means that parents who are picking children up are to wait outside of the leisure centre. Once your child is ready, a member of staff will bring them over to you. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter as the leisure centre is enforcing this to avoid breaking fire regulations.



Wellies

What glorious sunshine we have had in our first week back, the children have enjoyed getting stuck right back into OPAL. Knowing our lovely British weather, the sunshine might soon change to rain and we want the children to be ready. Children need to bring a pair of wellies to keep at school so they can access all the school grounds and keep their new school shoes nice and clean. If you need any support with this, please speak to Hannah as we have lots of pairs that were kindly donated last year. We have also numbered all the sheds so each child



will be allocated a number for their welly shed making it easier to find and put away their wellies. The children are very excited about our new water area that is in progress and as a treat the first class to fill their welly shed will be the first class to try our fantastic water area.

<u>Playing out in all weather</u>

A big part of our OPAL journey is having all children playing out come rain or shine. In order for this to happen please send your child to school with a waterproof coat. Let's hope this beautiful sunshine last for a while longer but also be ready for our children to enjoy the fun that comes with rain too.



OPAL



A new academic year calls for new developments in the world of OPAL! Although one thing will remain the same, lots of happy children.

We had a blast last year introducing Opal to the school, but that was just the beginning. This year we have major plans in the works, to ensure that our children are receiving the best possible play times.



Did somebody say sand pit?

Welcome to our water area!

The sand pit may be a strong possibility; however, we can reveal that very soon to be up and running is... **THE WATER AREA!** A water area is a fantastic way for our children to experiment with one of the earths raw materials, just like sand and mud. There are many advantages to water play: it is great physical activity; improves our fine and gross motor skills and is also an excellent way for us to practice our mathematical skills by looking at water measurements. Now the water zone will obviously be a welly zone, nobody likes wet feet, so it is vital that we bring in our wellies. The first class to completely fill their welly shed will have **first access to the water area!** Sounds like a perfect reason to **bring in those wellies!**





<u>Homework</u>

Children in Years 1-6 will have a homework task set on Seesaw by Monday 11th September. There will be a variety of activities for children to complete over the half term linked to one of their current topics. There will be activities from many different subjects to offer a wide variety of interests. Homework remains voluntary and children can complete as many activities as they choose. They will receive house tokens at the end of the half term:

- 1-3 pieces of work 1 token
- 4-6 pieces of work 2 tokens
- More than 6 pieces of work 3 tokens

Photos, videos, writing, drawing or physical projects are all welcome as we love to see how creative the children are. These can be shared on Seesaw or if it is a bigger project (often art based) we would love children to bring them into school to share with their class. This can be done at any point throughout the half term. Thank you for your continued support with homework.

After School Clubs

We are excited to offer a wide range of after-school clubs. As places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. We will let you know if there are any spare spaces.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places		
Monday	Sports	Year 2	NUFC	FULL		
Tuesday	Futsal	Year 1	Mr Burrell	FULL		
	Science	Year 3	Mrs Crawford/Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor		
	Lego	Year 3	Mrs Moyle/Miss Hill	Places available – please book via Arbor		
	Bootcamp	Year 4	Mrs Jackson	FULL		
	Mindfulness	Year 5	Mrs Clydesdale/Mrs Atkinson	Places available – please book via Arbor		
	Sports	Year 6	NUFC	Places available – please book via Arbor		
Wednesday	Street Dance	Year 4	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor		
	Breakfast Cheerleading	Year 5/6	Coach	Places available – please book via Arbor		
Thursday	Football	Year 5/6	Mr Bloomfield/Mr Rippon	Places available – please book via Arbor		
	Crafts	Year 2	Mrs Watson	Places available – please book via Arbor		
Friday	No Clubs					



Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime.

If any class has 100% attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!

	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	89.3%	Y3B	97.6%
YRB	90.4%	Y4A	95.2%
Y1A	95.4%	Y4B	99.3%
Y1B	99.7%	Y5A	93.7%
Y2A	98.5%	Y5B	97.1%
Y2B	98%	Y6A	99.3%
Y3A	97.9%	Y6B	99.3%
Whole so	chool attendance:	96.86%	

This week's Superstars

I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars – watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows:

Year Group	<u>Superstars</u>	
Reception	Archie L and Georgia N	
Year 1	Joanna O and Darcy C	
Year 2	Alfie N and Jochebed O	
Year 3	Katie R and Chloe McG	
Year 4	Emily B and Daniel R	
Year 5	Nathan G and Matty W	
Year 6	Leon H and Osith K	

<u>This week's House Tokens</u>

This week's winner is Hylton!



<u>Bamburgh</u>	135
<u>Hylton</u>	215
<u>Warkworth</u>	145
Lumley	145
<u>Dunstanburgh</u>	150
<u>Alnwick</u>	200

Out of School Achievements





Emily ran the Junior Great North Run (2.5 mile) at the weekend and received 5th medal & . She has currently raised £345 for the North East Autism Society.

A huge well done to ... Oscar!

Oscar not only competed in the Junior Run on Saturday in the extreme heat, he also gave up his whole Sunday to volunteer at a water station on Felling bypass to help keep all the athletes hydrated at the main event. He even managed to hand Sir Mo a bottle of water! Well done, Oscar!



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A huge well done to ... Archie!

Archie was awarded with Star of the Week at his theatre school last week for amazing effort and achievement. In the words of Dr Seuss ... why fit in when you were born to stand out!

A huge well done to ... Edward!

Edward has been doing acting classes at Stagecoach Performing Arts School for nearly 4 years now. He's been in quite a few productions and shows and loves performing. He has appeared in Matilda, Bugsy Malone and Annie the Musical. He has also performed alongside The Opera Boys at the Customs House in South Shields and also had important parts over the summer in Mama Mia and High School Musical.

Just before summer holidays Edward was awarded with the Creative Courage Award. This is given to one student at the end of every year to recognise hard work, dedication and development across the whole year. Well done Edward!



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ARTIST OF
YOUR OWN
LIFE.
DON'T HAND
THE
PAINTBRUSH TO
ANYONE ELSE.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 4381287 or via email at:

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Best wishes,

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