



# Northburn News

## Dear Parents

Welcome to our new style newsletter. Now that we have the facility to email newsletters I am able to create a more informative newsletter. I hope to be able to develop it further in the future ,to include items written by children as well as regular items and points of interest. You can also keep up to date with our activities on Twitter: @NorthburnSchool

Yet another half term has flown by and as usual, there has been plenty going on at Northburn.

I thoroughly enjoyed Key Stage One assembly and was most impressed by the general knowledge of the children. Parents have told me that they appreciated the opportunity to look around the classrooms

and see books. Thank you for your donations towards tea and coffee. £55 was raised, which the staff have decided to spend on their library area.

Children in Nursery and Reception had fun preparing for their Easter Open Day which was on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of

March. They have also been very busy celebrating Chinese New Year, being scientists, growing magic beanstalks and flying into space to meet aliens who love underpants. They assure me that they haven't seen any giants but that they have seen signs of spring!



## S.T.E.M week



Everyone in Key Stage 2 has also been very busy. A huge thank you to those parents who came into school to talk to the children about their jobs as part of the activities planned for national S.T.E.M week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

We heard from an Electrical Engineer, Doctor, Welder, Scientist and I.T consultant. The children were truly inspired .

Year 5 children accepted the challenge set by The Great Exhibition of the North, (Discovery Museum), of transforming children's invention ideas into real-life objects. A number of our children's designs have been shortlisted and their inventions can be

viewed on the 'Little Inventors' website. ([www.littleinventors.org](http://www.littleinventors.org)) Individual pupil links will be uploaded to Twitter. After Easter, Year 5 children will begin the construction phase of the Green Car Challenge.

Children in Key Stage one and two have been on a mission to 'Train like an astronaut'. They have been set a number of challenges and been keeping a training log.

## World Book Day and Sports' Relief

The children enjoyed World Book Day and Sports' Relief day, there were many fantastic costumes paraded, at both events.

On Sports' Relief Day, everyone had the chance to complete a fitness session with body coach Joe Wicks and complete a step challenge. The step challenge continues this week as Mr Aird is determined to reach the million step mark (currently at 929,610).

To continue our fitness theme, Ross Flintoff from the NUFC (Newcastle United Football) Foundation delivered an assembly on healthy eating.



## Sporting Success

We have continued to experience sporting success. The behaviour and sportsmanship of our children is regularly commented upon. The children are super ambassadors for Northburn.

In February our Year 3 and 4 gymnastics team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Level 2 Schools Games competition. In March, our Year 5 and 6 netball teams also competed in the Level 2 School Games and secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. We are very excited about our new basketball posts which are due to be erected in the Easter holidays. We will also have a pitch marked out on the playground.

All the children watched a video of the skipping festival competition, which many children in Key Stage 2 participated in. The children had to be extremely fit in order to have the stamina to complete the programme. I was exhausted, just watching! Overall, we finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with many individuals winning awards for specific skipping moves.

Our Year 6 football team completed their league in 4<sup>th</sup> place and have further matches to play, after Easter.

Finally, our Year 6 hockey teams both reached the finals in the Level 2 School Games. Team A finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Team B finished (in their group) in first position.

Well done to all those involved.



# School Challenge Award



Since the children have been setting themselves challenges in order to complete their School Awards, I am increasingly discovering they have many hidden talents. It is great to be able to recognise achievements made outside of school, in school. I have been offered tractor driving lessons ! That certainly would be a new skill for me to learn. When your child reaches the end of a phase, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6, and if they have completed sufficient challenges, they will be awarded a badge in an assembly . The badges have been designed by children and can be seen above. Exceptional effort will be rewarded with a gold badge.



## Governors

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Garry Schulz and Carl Harvey who put themselves forward for the role of Parent Governor. They bring to the table, a range of skills which will contribute to the further development of our school.



## P.T.A

I would like to thank the P.T.A for the amazing work they do. Our school budget is incredibly tight and funds raised through events are critical if we are to continue to provide an exciting and inspiring primary school experience. As usual, the Easter Fair was a great success.

## 100% Attendance

Well done to all who have managed to attend every day since the beginning of the spring term.

Those children who attend every day are entered into a termly draw . The winner receives a Vue voucher. Rosie Wilkinson is our winner this term.

At the end of the year all children who have 100% attendance for the year will receive a £5 voucher.



## House Teams

Green have won the cup for the half-term. They will have a non-uniform day on

**Friday the 20th of April**



### Save the Date

I am excited by the launch of our OPAL project. The original launch was unfortunately snowed off. There is a meeting for parents on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 5pm, where you will be able to find out more about our plans.

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely and, hopefully, sunny and warm Easter and I look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.**

Clare Scott

## Dates for your Diary

Drop in	Wednesday 18th April 3.15-4.15pm
OPAL meeting for Parents	Tuesday the 1st May 5pm
Y6 S.A.Ts	Week beginning the 14th May
<b>New</b> Nursery and Reception Parents' meeting	Wednesday the 20th June at 5pm
Y6 Transition Day	Thursday 5th July
Summer Fair	Saturday the 7th July
Drop in	Wednesday the 11th July 3.15-4.15pm



### Easter Fair raffle prize winners

1st	Kieron Mullen
2nd	Harry O'Neill
3rd	Aiden Johnstone
4th	Owen Nichol
5th	Luke Dutton
6th	Maria Brown
7th	Mary Wilson
8th	Alfie Rutherford
9th	Mel Smith
10th	Sarah Hyde

11th	Julie Jackson
12th	Rebecca Rice
13th	Oliver Common
14th	Mark Ross
15th	Nicola O'Neill
16th	Nathan Fisher
17th	Emma Fagan
18th	Zach Fellows
19th	Irene Carroll
20th	Helen Pringle

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