

### Important Dates

**Monday 12th March**—Parents Evening and Book Fair

**Monday 12th March**—Artist to visit Y3, Parents invited 9.30am-10.30am

**Tuesday 13th March**—Y3 Trip to Hancock Museum 9.30am-12pm

**Tuesday 13th March**—Parents Evening and Book Fair

**Wednesday 14th March**—World Book Day

**Thursday 15th March**—Early Years 'Learning Through Landscapes Day' Parents invited 9.15am-10.15am.

**Thursday 15th March**—Y4 Open Art Afternoon Parents invited 2pm-3.30pm

**Tuesday 20th March**—Year Reception trip to Walker Activity Dome.

**Wednesday 21st March**—Year 2 art exhibition at Laing Art Gallery. 1.45pm. Parents invited.

**Thursday 22nd March**—Easter assembly-2.30pm parents welcome

**Friday 23rd March**—Year 5 Celebration Event.

**Week commencing Monday 26th March**—Alive in Learning week.

**Monday 26th March**—Y1 Celebration Event, Parents invited 2pm-3.30pm

**Wednesday 28th March**—Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Theatre Royal.

**Thursday 29th March**—Early Years 'Ultimate Play Day'

**Thursday 29th March**—Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 16th April**—All pupils return back to school.



Each half term we will be focusing on one of our core School Values. This half term our school value is **PERSEVERANCE**. Assemblies and awards will be focused around this theme. Please ask your child about our theme and what they have been learning.



### Late's last week..

YR-3      Y1-3      Y2-0      Y3-2  
Y4-3      Y5-1      Y6-5



**Early is on time. On time is late. Late is unacceptable.**

### World Book Day

World Book Day will now go ahead on Wednesday 14th March. All of the activities that were originally planned will go ahead and children will be invited to dress up as their favourite character for the day.

### Easter Assembly-Change of date

We would like to make parents/carers aware the Easter assembly will now be on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 2.30pm. Sorry for any confusion.

### Parents Evening and Book Fair

Just to make you aware. Parents evening and the book fair will be on Monday 12th March and Tuesday 13th March 2018. Appointment letters have been sent out will be sent out early next week.

### Nursery Applications 2018

If your child is due to start Nursery class in September 2018 the deadline to apply is **Friday 30th March**. Please call into the office to pick up an application form. If you have any further queries please speak to Mrs Cleary or the front office.

### Assembly this week...

Was held by Helen from Blue Cross for Pets. Helen talked to the children about staying safe around dogs: how to recognize a dogs mood based on a traffic light system: what to do when you meet a dog or are being chased by one. All pupils were given a leaflet with the information on to share with you.

[www.bluecross.org.uk](http://www.bluecross.org.uk)

### Y3 Art Morning

Year 3 have a specialist artist coming into school on Monday 12th March and would like to invite parents/carers into school 9.30am-10.30am to help your child create their lanterns as part of their Spring term Project 'What Lights up our Lives'.

### Y4 Art Afternoon

As part of this terms project 'What makes me a hero' Year 4 are making clay superheroes on Thursday 15th March and would like to invite all parents/carers into school 2.30pm-3.30pm to work alongside your child to help create their clay sculpture.

### Learning through Landscape Day

Just a reminder that our Early Years Learning Through Landscapes Day is next week, on Thursday 15th March, and you are invited from 9.15 a.m.-10.15 a.m. to take part in all of our outdoor activities with your child.



### Successful Learners

- YR-Crystal for great perseverance when reading very tricky stage 4 books.
- Phoenix for great perseverance when writing about our story of the week.
- Y1-Noah for persevering with his handwriting-a super improvement during grammar when adding 'ed'
- Georgia for great perseverance when writing a report in library.
- Y2-Aisha for great perseverance trying to meet all parts of her literacy RUBRIC.
- Farhan has persevered really well trying to improve his literacy this week.
- Y3-Macie-May for persevering during all lessons this week.
- Zaane for persevering with tasks even when they were tricky.
- Y4-Selahaddin for persevering in maths this week.
- Tilly for persevering with her handwriting.
- Y5-Leo has a great attitude to his work and always perseveres with difficult tasks.
- Jack for continuing to persevere with his work and because of this is making progress.
- Y6-Alex for persevering with his handwriting.
- Ruby for her perseverance in maths this week especially arithmetic.

### SMART- New Half-Term Attendance challenge

Registration Group	%
Year 3	98%
Year 6	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 4	95%
Year 2	94%
Year 1	91%

and all children receive a limited edition t-shirt. Metro Radio will also be there to entertain you and competitors. Please complete an on-line entry form to join our team:

1. Log on to [www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk](http://www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk)

2. Select 'Enter now' and you will be asked to log in or sign up to Everyday Hero - this is an essential part of the registration system and only takes 2 minutes to sign up

3. Complete your entry form, selecting our school name from the drop down list

4. Click proceed to payment to complete the registration for you and your family

Please note that the three and five mile courses are suitable for children over 7. All children must be supervised by an adult (parents can accompany their children on the Mini Mile without registering but please register if you would like to receive a medal and picnic). We would encourage you to do what you can in order to raise sponsorship as all of the funds raised will be used to fund the research team at Newcastle who are working to find better treatments and cures for childhood cancer.

Every penny raised will make a difference, helping more children beat cancer. Please raise funds using either the paper sponsor forms that will be provided in your run pack, or the on-line fundraising page created when you register on-line. You will receive your 'On the Day guide', run numbers and start time through the post and your children's t-shirts will be sent home with your child the week before the run. If you have any questions in the meantime please get in touch with our school lead for the event. <https://www.necr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2018/>

#### Girls West League Football.

The final matches have been played. The girls from Y5 & Y6 have worked well as a team and the matches played have been exciting to watch-with plenty of pressure on the oppositions goal and excellent goal keeping from Ruby. Matches played on a Thursday were Wyndham 0-1 St Marks, Wyndham 1-0 Knoplaw. Final table positions have yet to be confirmed by currently we are sitting a respectful middle of the league table.

#### Simpson League-Boys Football

The boys football team continued their battle against some strong teams in the Simpson League. Despite two losses on Thursday the team played well together and did manage to score in once of the matches (well done Lewis) There are still a few games left...come on lads-we can do it!

#### Year 5 Open Art Afternoon

Thank you to all the Year 5 parents/carers who joined us for an art lesson on Wednesday afternoon to help make our props for the musical. We hoped you enjoyed listening to our songs too. Year 5 have produced some amazing artwork. Well done everyone!

#### Year 2 Open Art Afternoon

Thank you to all parents and family members who joined Year 2 at their creative art afternoon on Tuesday. The pupils have created some AMAZING pieces of artwork to share at their pop-up exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st March. We will confirm specific times in due course. Hope you enjoyed it as much as the class and staff enjoyed having you in.

## Kenton Bright Ideas

Do you have an idea to involve people in your community or improve it?

Then get in touch with us and you could receive up to £1000 to make your idea



Pick up an application form from the following places:

- \*Church of the Ascension\*
- \*Kenton Bar Tenants and Residents Association\*
- \*Kenton Library\*
- \*Montagu Estate Residents Association\*

Applications close Thursday 29 March 2018

For more information or to receive the form by email: contact [joe.hogan@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:joe.hogan@newcastle.gov.uk) or tel: 0191 2772072

#### Universal Credit

Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals? If you receive Universal Credit then your child is entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost £400 per child per year, and could enable school to gain over £2000 per year extra per child as well. Therefore, even if your child does not take the free meal or your child is given a free meal because they are currently in Reception or Key Stage One, ...you should apply now if you have not already done so. With the extra money school can support further staffing, resources and trips which would benefit all pupils in school.

From 1st April 2018, the government are introducing a Universal Credit earning threshold of £7400 per year for free school meal eligibility, which means that some families who are eligible at the moment will not be if they apply after the 1st April 2018. All children assessed as eligible before 1st April 2018 will continue to be eligible until at least 2022 without the need for further eligibility checks while Universal Credit is rolled out across the country. To make sure you do not miss out please apply now. If you receive Universal Credit and are not already claiming free school meals for your children then please apply online at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). If you would prefer to complete a paper application form please call into the school office and we will provide you with one. If you would like further information or help with completing your application please come into the school office and speak to Miss Burke.

#### Year 6 Nissan Trip

Year 6 had a excellent trip to Nissan today they explored the exciting world of manufacturing through the use of a Lego production line in which the children set up and built car models.