



Mountfield News

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School Review

On Thursday 18th October, we had an internal school review conducted by our CEO, a Head Teacher from the Trust and an HMI inspector. Reviews are always useful to help identify our strengths and areas for development. The visitors were all impressed with behaviour around school and the positive relationships between children and adults. They recognised the huge improvements in attainment over the past 3 years and felt systems were in place to enable this to continue.

Geography Quiz

What a fantastic response we had to the World Wise Family Challenge!

Congratulations to our winners and a massive thanks to all who took part.

Year 6 have requested a History Challenge this time. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!



Christmas is coming!



Christmas is getting closer and we are starting to plan all our activities. Sam Hall has started organising the Christmas Fair which will be on Thursday 6th December but needs help in the form of donations and volunteer support on the run up to the fair. Games need organising, tombola prizes ticketed up and stalls sorted. Sam would love to hear from anyone who can support in any way.



Diary- November 2018

Wednesday 6th November	Forest School- AM Nursery, PM Reception. Parents welcome
Thursday 8th November	Local Governing Board meeting
Friday 9th November	Reception height and weights
Tuesday 13th November	Trust council to Kenton Bar
Wednesday 14th November	Forest School- AM: Year 4, PM: Year 3
Friday 16th November	Children in Need Day. Non uniform day- £1 donation Sponsored run
Wednesday 21st November	Flu immunisation reception to Year 5 Forest School- AM: Year 4, PM: Year 3
Thursday 22nd November	Road safety assembly
Wednesday 28th November	Forest School- AM: Year 4, PM: Year 3- Parents
Thursday 29th November	Road safety sessions Nursery to Year 2
Friday 30th November	Non uniform day for Fair donations KS1: chocolate or sweets KS2: Bottles please

Dates of Christmas activities to follow

PARKING

Please do not park on double yellow lines outside school. They are there to protect our children by enabling them to cross the road safely. Parking there obstructs the view of traffic coming down the road and makes crossing hazardous.

Before half term we put names of all children with 100% attendance in a hat and drew 1 lucky prize winner who was rewarded with 5 tickets for bowling.

Look out for more incentives next term- be in to win!



Attendance

The attendance so far for this half term:

- Nursery: 90% (oh dear)
- Reception: 95.7% (could be better)
- Year 1: 95.1% (could be better)
- Year 2: 97.3% (excellent!)
- Year 3: 97.8% (excellent!)
- Year 4: 97.7% (excellent!)
- Year 5: 97.8% (excellent!)
- Year 6: 98% (excellent!)



Nursery

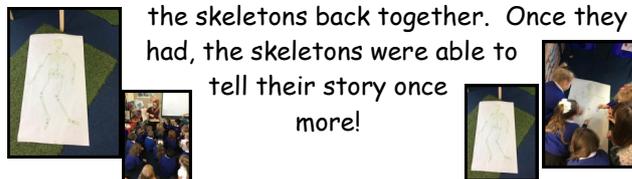
Nursery have been learning lots of new skills and exploring the areas in the classroom. They are becoming more independent using lots of ICT equipment including the CD player, the computer and some mechanical toys! Many of the children could use the mouse to drag and select on the 2Simple programme.



Reception

Reception came in from playtime last week to some strange goings on! They had been reading the story of Funnybones before they went outside- and when they came back the pages of the story were blank! There were bits of skeleton all over the classroom too!

They had to use their careful counting skills to put the skeletons back together. Once they had, the skeletons were able to tell their story once more!



Year 1

This week Year 1 visited the Quayside to find out where the Great Fire of Gateshead started. We learned all about Newcastle and Gateshead during the Victorian period and looked at how the bridges had changed over the past century. We ended our trip by visiting the Gateshead Sage and sketching the Tyne Bridge from the viewing platform. It was a brilliant morning!



Year 2

Class 2 had lots of support from their grown-ups when they came in to help them make a boat they had previously designed that Grace Darling could have used to rescue the survivors of the shipwreck. The boats look amazing and the children are very proud of them!



Year 3

Year 3 have been taking part in rugby sessions run by Newcastle Falcons. We have been learning about keeping a healthy, active lifestyle in class and in PE we have enjoyed learning to play tag rugby.



Year 4

We had a visit from Dr Jo who told us all about the Ancient Maya Civilisation. Most of us hadn't even heard about the Maya before, so we all learnt lots of new facts, played Mayan games and even got to try some Mayan food.



Year 5

After the invention of the camera, art changed significantly. We have been finding out about Lowry—an impressionist artist from Manchester who painted pictures of industrial life. Here's a sneak peek of our versions ready for our Art Gallery!



Year 6

Gillian Bell, who works for the Houses of Parliament, visited Super Six for their project. She gave an assembly on the Houses of Parliament and then held a democracy workshop. We also explored more about King John and the history of Magna Carta.

