



## January's newsletter

Welcome to this month's newsletter - a round-up of all the wonderful achievements, events and developments across our school recently.

### Our Christmas productions

For those who were fortunate to see either our KS2 production of *The Wizard of Oz* or our EYFS & KS1 production of *Humph The Camel* or both, I'm sure you'll all agree that the children were fabulous and put on brilliant shows. Not only were we as staff extremely proud of them all, several parents, caregivers and governors also wrote to us to share their appreciation and thanks, commenting with words and phrases such as, 'incredible', 'magical', 'brilliant' and that they were, 'blown away'.

Thank you for supporting them through costumes, learning lines and songs as well as having so many of you attend the range of performance times that we put on.



### Sport

Over the course of last half-term, our KS2 children took part in a multi-skills competition between all the schools in the region. There were several challenges for each year group and all scores had to be recorded and submitted to our School Games Organiser. With only the top 2 best of each year group going through to the Virtual County Finals, the stakes were high!

All children gave their very best and did themselves and the school proud. Year 3 came 7<sup>th</sup> in the region whilst Year 4 came 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 students came 3<sup>rd</sup> and so had just missed out on going through to the finals. However, due to the school that came 2<sup>nd</sup> having to pull out, our Year 5s have been awarded a place in the finals! In addition to this, our Year 6s came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their year group competition and so go straight through to their finals!

We look forward to both Year 5 and Year 6 competing in their finals on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January!



## School developments

### History

Ensuring that we deliver the highest quality of education for our children, staff have been busy reviewing our provision for History. We have tailored the units that we cover so that they are reflective of an ambitious and progressive curriculum but also that they reflect the global, regional and local aspects of what makes our school, county and country so wonderful.

Much of these new approaches and teaching and learning has taken place already to extremely good feedback from the children. We – like the children - are excited for our next units of work during this term.

### RE

Our provision for RE has always been a key focus for our school and the Autumn term saw a continuation of this focus. We want our children to have an inspiring exposure to a broad range of cultures, faiths and ideology in addition to our rooted Christian beliefs and curriculum, as such we plan to have as many visits/ visitors in RE as possible. One such visit recently was Class 1's visit to the Newcastle Reform Synagogue in Newcastle from which not only did we get good feedback from the children but also from the Synagogue about how well behaved and respectful the children were – well done Class 1.

KS2 are looking to visit a Hindu temple within the Spring term.



### Thank you to Matt and Jess from The Bosk

As Mrs Athey stated in her blogs and Class Dojo & Tapestry messages, we were very grateful to the Bosk for being able to let us borrow their chefs to provide hot school dinners during Mrs Arkle's absence. Thank you both for your efforts and time.

### Snow White at The Playhouse

This year, our EYFS and Class 1 children had a trip to see the production of Snow White at The Playhouse in Alnwick. Once again, the playhouse provided a wonderful production that the children were excited about and enjoyed, most definitely putting them in the Christmas spirit.



As you can tell from this snap-shot of the last weeks of the Autumn term, our children experienced and achieved a vast range of things; Spring term is set to be filled with just as many learning opportunities and experiences that we look forward to sharing with you.

Once again, thank you for your continued support,

Mr Charlton - Deputy Headteacher