

# Headteacher's Blog



Friday 24th June 2022.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This week has been particularly busy!

On Monday we had been asked by the company who create the Year 1 Phonics Test to trial the format that is used each year. This is a process that is done regularly in schools across the country to check that the timings of the test and the relevance of the words are suitable and this year was our turn. The children in Year 1 took taking this 'practice' test in their stride and I was extremely proud of them. Also this week, the Year 4 children completed their Y4 Multiplication Check. Mr Charlton was very impressed too.

Classes 1, 2 and 3 have been practising singing the songs for their 'Sage' experience and we hope to share some of these songs with you at the Leavers and Whole School Celebration on Monday 18th July in Church from 9.30a.m. ( everyone is welcome).

Finally, as part of National Sports Week we had Sports Day for all classes which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported us, the PTA and friends for helping serve refreshments and the staff and children for making this a fantastic day. Mr Charlton and I were discussing this afterwards and we would like your feedback for next year:

- Is it best to have EY/KS1 and KS2 Sports Day on the same day or would separate days be preferred?
- If we were to have separate days are mornings or afternoons best?

A quick email to me or feedback in person while I am on Gate Duty would be great.

Thank you to those of you who took time to give feedback to staff after sports day or via email. It is always good to hear about ways in which we can improve but it's even better when we have positive feedback. I am also pleased to hear that you enjoyed looking at the children's artwork around the outside of our school grounds. However, more feedback yesterday was that many of you would love to be invited into the classrooms. The diary for the rest of the term is very busy for a whole school event but I will look to book in an Open Day early in September where we can plan the best way to facilitate this so that the children can show you around their class.

Unfortunately, Miss Trafford continues to be off which is resulting in me continue to be heavily classroom based. My time in the office is extremely limited so thank you for your patience if queries or questions answered take a little longer than usual.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions as to how to make our school even better.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

## Rota Kids prepare for Environmental evening.

I am very proud of our Rota Kids who have really taken practising their words seriously. This is part of their presentation at the Rotary Club celebration at St James' Hall in Alnwick tonight. Good luck girls!



## Thank you PTA

Thank you to the PTA for funding the Leavers Hoodies again this year. There was great excitement when they arrived in school this week. Mr Charlton has arranged the Year 6 Leavers Treat and will confirm details to you. We have also arranged for the Year 6 children to have a crazy golf session at Alnwick Gardens while we are at our final Roots and Shoots session next Friday.



## Northumberland School Games Event

The children really enjoyed all the activities on offer at the Common Wealth Games Celebration. They were praised by numerous people for their good manners and participation which is lovely to hear.

