

Date: 15th March 2018



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "No matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow." Proverb

Dinner Menu	Week 2 New Summer Menu
Day	What is happening
Monday 19th March	10am - Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 20th March	3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Charlton 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3/4 Freestyle Disco Club Blyth Valley 3.15pm - 4.15pm Gardening Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y2 Maths Club Miss Davison & Mrs Stiansen 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y4 Reading Club Mr Smith
Wednesday 21st March	10am - Easter Assembly Hall 2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Maths Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Mrs Atkinson 4pm - Robinwood Meeting Y5 in the Hall 3.30pm - 5.50pm Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd March	12.30pm - 3pm Y5/6 Hockey 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Ross 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.30pm Y2/Y3 Athletics
Friday 23rd March	9am Onwards Centre for Life visiting Y6 1.00pm onwards - Dolphins swimming lesson 2pm - 3pm Y5 Group Assembly and project share

Star Pupils of the Week

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Starfish - Mia
Seahorses - Jaxon
Puffins - Neave
Penguins - Danny
Lifeboats - Riley
Coastguards - Mackenzie
Kittiwakes - Liam
Oystercatchers - Jacob
Whales - Anthony
Dolphins - Max
Galleons - Liam
Submarines - Elliot
Neptune - Casey
Atlantis - Sam

School Library

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that our School Library is open each Monday and Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4pm. It is located in The Rockpool (previously known as The Studio). Parents and carers are invited to visit the library with their child after school to read, borrow or return a book or to use the quiet space to support their child while he or she completes homework. Computers are available for the children to use (each child has log in details) but unfortunately, due to E Safety regulations, these computers are not available for parent or carer use.

Considerable investment has been targeted towards our new library so it would be great to see it being used at every opportunity!

Parents' Evening

Appointments that were due to take place on Wednesday, February 28th are currently being rearranged for Wednesday, March 21st. Please contact a member of staff if you have any questions in relation to this event.

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World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Friday March 9th and it was a wonderful day! It was fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed in such wonderful costumes that depicted character from so many books! We enjoyed whole school assembly together to start a day that hopefully helped to inspire a love of reading across our whole school community. Thanks to parents and carers for supporting our celebration of this day.

Science Week and the Port of Blyth

It is National Science Week and lots of exciting curriculum activities have been taking place throughout school. In addition, pupils from Y4 and Y5 have visited the Port of Blyth to take part in some fantastic work around renewable energy.

This has involved understanding the mechanisms of wind turbines and helping to construct a kit car powered by renewable energy! We will add photos and details to our school website as soon as possible and we're delighted that the children enjoyed such a fantastic experience! Grateful thanks to the partnerships extended by the Port of Blyth and we look forward to developing these still further in the future.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is currently in school and can be visited in the Conference Room after school today or tomorrow. Many thanks.

Disabled Badges and Parking

If a parent or carer has a disabled badge for a vehicle, can this be brought to the School Office as soon as possible please so that we can make a note of the relevant details and ensure that access to our school car park is maintained. Unfortunately, it appears that some drivers are claiming at the barrier intercom to have a disabled badge when this is not the case. This is an abuse of the system designed to support disabled individuals and seems very unfair on all our other able bodied parents and carers who correctly park some distance away and walk on to the school premises. I'm very sorry that the behaviour of a minority of adults is resulting in our need to challenge all drivers more robustly. Please understand the reasons for this challenge and also that disabled access must only be sought if the disabled individual is in the car and is needing to walk on our school premises.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **96%**. EYFS winners last week were **Full Pebbles** with **99%** attendance, KS1 attendance winners last week were **Puffins** with **99%** attendance, Lower KS2 attendance winners last week were **Dolphins** with **100%** attendance and Upper KS2 attendance winners last week were **Atlantis** with **99%** attendance.

Team Points

Our weekly team points are:

Red = 1299, Green = 1345 and Yellow = 1340.

Winners for last week were Green Team (Alnwick), well done!

Pupil Success

Well done to Reid in Y3 who has just been awarded his blue belt in kickboxing!

Word of the Week

Reasoning and was awarded to Kaden in Year 3. Kaden receives a pack of gel pens for always listening to problems and visualising them to work them out. Well done Kaden.

Yours sincerely
Mrs AM Armstrong
Headteacher