



Newsletter 7 – 1st December 2023

Dates for Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

06.12.23 Christmas play at Village Hall 6-7pm

12.12.23 SEND review meetings

14.12.23 Pantomime at Richmond theatre

19.12.23 Christingle in school followed by carols

19.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day

19.12.23 End of term back to school 4th January 2024



Congratulations to our Times table Rockstars this week:



These Children have beaten the time of 21 mins per week and were the highest in their year group.

After School Clubs

Due to rising costs for the school, we will be raising our breakfast and after school club charges from January 2024. The cost of Breakfast Club will be £3.50 per day (extra £2 for the earlier start) and After School Clubs will be £3.50 for the first session and £4.50 for extended care.

Please be aware that after school club finishes promptly at 4.30pm. Although we understand that people are occasionally delayed, if children are collected late on a regular basis a charge will be incurred for the next hour.

Christmas Performance

Please can all children be at the Village Hall by 5.30pm. Costumes will be sent home so that the children can arrive at the Village hall ready for their final flourishes.

Friends of The School Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale before the school play on Wednesday 6th December.

All Proceeds that are made will go towards paying for the coach to take the children to the Pantomime on Thursday 14th December.

Pantomime

This year's pantomime at the Richmond Georgian Theatre is Rapunzel. The whole school including nursery children will be going on Thursday 14th December in the afternoon leaving school at 12.10pm and returning approx. 4.15/30pm. The Friends of the school are paying for the bus so the cost will be £10 per child. Refreshments will be provided. Please pay on Parent Pay by no later than Friday 8th December to secure your place.

Play and Stay

Play and stay will be on the following Friday before Christmas:

Friday 8th December 2-3pm

EYFS Staffing Update

We are delighted that Mrs Meroniuk will be joining us at February half term as our new EYFS teacher. Mrs Meroniuk is a very experienced teacher in Early Years and is very much looking forward to joining our team. We are very pleased that in the meantime, Mr Stevens will continue to teach the class.

Mrs Cowper came to visit us in school last week and has shared with us that she has decided not to return following her maternity leave and to focus on her young family. We wish her all the best!

We are really pleased that Mrs Rogers, who has been a wonderful addition to the EYFS team, has agreed to take the role on a permanent basis.



Learning Around School

Blackbirds

This week, Blackbirds have been thinking about how we can help our planet and our environment. We have looked at how and what we can recycle. Children sorted things into what can and cannot be recycled. We also read a story about a carrier bag called Stanley who ended up in the sea and how the creatures were affected by him. The children had plastic in the water area, alongside some sea creatures. We now know the importance of disposing of plastic correctly.



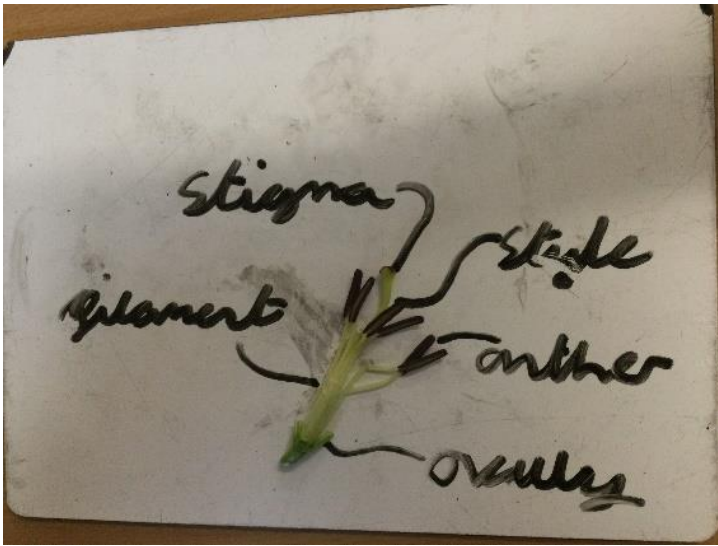
Owls

This week in Owls the children have been writing their own version of 'The sound collector' which is based on the poem by Roger McGough. The children have been continuing their learning about onomatopoeias. The year 2 children as part of their Geography made rain gauges to measure any rainfall over the next week.

Robins



This week year 3 and year 4 have read the North- East myth - The Lambton Worm. The children enjoyed listening to the story of a young boy called John, who went fishing and caught a worm, which he threw into a well. The children thought this story was fascinating and created some wonderful drawings to show the Lambton Worm wrapped around Penshaw Monument.



This week year 5 and 6 have been labelling the different parts of the plants. They particularly enjoyed looking at and dissecting real flowers!

After School Clubs

Please give 24hrs notice of bookings or cancellations

- Monday – Crafts
 - Tuesday – Board/card games, puzzles
 - Wednesday – Homework (not suitable for nursery children)
 - Thursday – Stories/ Drama
 - Friday – Animation
- Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club

Application for a School Place – September 2024



If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year you will have received a letter about how to apply. The application process will be open on 5 September 2023

Guidance on how to apply is available on the following website:

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Community News

Raby Castle Cricket Club

Raby Castle Cricket Club have five Junior Cricket teams (U9s, U11 girls, U11s hardball, U13s and U15s) and they are looking for new players across all age groups especially U9s and the U11 girls' softball team. They train on a Tuesday evening 6pm-8pm at Barnard Castle School over the Winter and over the Summer at Raby Castle Cricket Club. They are actively looking for players for all junior teams in particular U9s and U11s girls' team. Please contact Scott Hedley on 07590537953 or by email smh281994@outlook.com for more information.

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