

Junior School Bulletin

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ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

Ishaan D (3S) would like to share some of the artwork that he produced recently.

Here are his sketch of the Sydney Opera Houses and his acrylic painting of glaciers on the mountain on a sunny, crisp morning:





Well done, Ishaan - what wonderful artwork!

CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION



A **BIG** well done to Class 3T for winning the class breakfast the week before the half term break! The children all showed excellent manners moving around school.

Here they are enjoying their well-deserved croissants!



Mrs Cree

TOKENS

CONGRATULATIONS....

... to Tristan E-S (3T) who plays football for Red House Farm and was recently awarded *Most Improved Player 2021* at the end of season presentation, due to his continuous effort and development with the game. Tristan was thrilled with the award and is very grateful for all the help and support from his coaches. He's now looking forward to next season where he will play in the U9s.



Well done, Tristan - what a tremendous achievement!



GYM CLUB CANCELLATION

Please note that there will be no after school Gym Club on Wednesday 16th June as Mr Mackay is due to attend a training course on that day.

Late Room will operate, as usual, until 6pm on that day.

DEXTER TAKES THE PLUNGE FOR CHARITY!

On Saturday 5th June Dexter B-L (6L) abseiled 90ft down Langley Castle to raise funds for *Maggie's*, the cancer care charity at the Freeman Hospital.

It was his first proper abseil and it was a bit scary but really exhilarating! It was a perfect, sunny day and Dexter was very brave and really enjoyed the whole experience.

Thanks to the generosity of family and friends he has raised over £1,000 so far for *Maggie's*. The link is still open if anyone would like to donate to this very worthy, local charity:

<u>Claire Brissenden is fundraising for Maggie's Centres</u> (justgiving.com)





Well done, Dexter - what an amazing experience!

L HÉLÈNE COMMUNES WITH NATURE

Hello, Miss Noble.

I had a great holiday with lots of sunshine, a meal in a restaurant after 8 months and we visited an escape room and escaped! I would like to tell you about one of our Science subjects this term: plants.

I have been learning about Laburnum and how it is poisonous, but not for bees. This is probably as otherwise it would become extinct. Also our rhubarb has become very tall, nearly as tall as I am, and it is flowering, ready to be pollinated. We are trying to save the seeds to plant and grow more rhubarb.

Kind regards,

L Hélène



Well done, L Hélène - Dr Spencer will be proud of you!



PLEA FROM THREADAWARE

If you have any good quality second-hand school uniform that your child no longer requires, please consider donating it to *Threadaware* as we have a shortage of some items, particularly PE kit. Items can be handed in to either of our reception desks. If you have any queries regarding *Threadaware* clothing, please contact Rachel McCabe:

R.McCabe@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk.

Thank you

BEN'S NEWS

Ben G (3S) recently enjoyed his glamping break and walk along Hadrian's Wall.

Here are some pictures of him on his adventures:



Thanks for sharing your lovely photos with us, Ben!

CONSEQUENCES

In assembly and around school, we have been discussing and considering consequences – good and bad. The children demonstrated a good understanding of a positive chain of events occurring after a good deed, and similarly a negative spiral following a bad decision or poor bit of judgement. We have broadened this thinking to how we behave online and as the cricketing world has shown of late, offensive or mean messages posted online can leave an indelible mark. In the case of England cricketer Ollie Robinson, he is now finding out how hard hitting the consequences of something he did almost 10 years ago can be – and rightly so. In schools, in society and in sport, we cannot let offensive behaviour go unchallenged or without consequence. The challenge to all our young people is to embrace technology to make the world a better place – it's a gift

we must use wisely.

Consequences

Y6 MATHS SUCCESS

HUGE congratulations to all the students who took part in the UKMT Junior Challenge this year. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to test themselves against some perplexing problems.

A special mention must go to Archit U (6N) who received the highest mark in school and to Kevin K V (6L), Aarav S (6L),

Jinfan C (6N) & Jamie B (6N) who all received their gold certificates and have been invited to take part in this year's UKMT Junior Kangaroo Challenge.

Great work everybody and good luck for the next challenge!



Mr Lloyd





CONGRATULATIONS....

... to Liam B (5B) whose football team, Gosforth Ajax, has had an excellent season, finishing top of the U10 Northumberland Champions League for the first time.

Normally in goal, Liam even managed a cameo out in the second half of the last game and scored!

Well done to you and all of your team-mates, Liam!

Mr Miller

GABRIEL AND FLORENCE HELP OUT

Gabriel B (5C) and Florence B (4LW) had a fun half-term helping out at their parents' new shop, *Jump*, in Gosforth. This is an independent children's shoe and lifestyle store. Florence enjoyed helping tidy the shoes and chatting with children who came in for new school shoes, sandals and trainers whilst Gabriel enjoyed learning to use the till - perfect maths homework for him! They both spent quite a lot of time eating lots of sweets in the stock room too!





Exciting times - thanks for sharing your news!

KATHY'S NEWS

Kathy P (5C) was keen to share these lovely pictures of her visit to beautiful Wales during the half term break. She did a 3 mile hike to Abber Falls, did some mountain climbing (Mount Orme) and wrote her name with rocks on the *Hill of Names*.







Fabulous photos, Kathy - thanks for sharing them!

FRASER KEEPS ACTIVE

Fraser H (6L) recently enjoyed a sunny week paddle boarding, cycling and hiking in The Lake District.







Looks like you had a great time, Fraser - well done!

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED, PLEASE!

Dear Parents

We are in low supply of newspapers in the art room. We preferably need broadsheet newspapers as these are more suited to current art projects. Please drop off any newspapers to the School Office.

Many thanks.



Mrs McCulloch

BUSY BERNARD

Dear Miss Gravely,

I have spent my half term break in Robin Hood's Bay. I had a brilliant time walking (couple of miles on the hills), cycling (23 miles on the Cinder Track), playing cricket on the beach, fossil hunting (we found dozens of them), cleaning the beach and having a private firefighter training.

On one of our walk we encountered an adder. It slivered through my mum's legs! Be aware of adders on your walks, they like to sunbathe in the middle of the sunny paths!

Kind regards,

Bernard S (4M)





Fabulous, Bernard - we'll all watch out for those adders!

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

On Thursday 20th May, the spot-lights illuminated the Miller Theatre stage and the excitement levels were high. Mr Miller and I donned out glitziest sequins in honour of the House Music Competition Finals. The final 16 children, painstakingly whittled down from 90 applicants, waited patiently for their time in the spotlight to come. Whilst there wasn't the usual buzz of anticipation from a live audience, the sense of occasion was still palpable.

The standard of musical performance was quite exceptional, and the unenviable task of selecting a winner for each category fell to our very own Mr Fazlic (Director of Performing Arts in the Senior School). All of us involved in the event agreed that never had there been such a high standard of musicianship on display in the House Music Competition. There was clearly hours and hours of practice that had gone into preparing our young performers for this moment!

The recording of the event was sent out to all parents via email and I would urge you to watch it if you haven't yet had the opportunity. I guarantee it will put a huge smile on your face!

I would like to say a big thank you to the technical team in the PAC – Mr Burton and Mr Squire – for the technical support they gave on the day. I would also like to thank Mr Fazlic for adjudicating the event and providing such insightful feedback to the performers. I know he spent hours reviewing the recordings before deciding on the winners for each category. It is also very important that I thank all the instrumental teachers for encouraging and inspiring their pupils to perform to such a high standard.

<u>Winners:</u> Y3 - Allan Z (Stowell)

Y4 - Jeffrey L (Stowell)

Y5 - Shuquan G (Eldon)

Y6 - Clara L (Eldon)



