

ELLIE STRIDES OUT

After enjoying walking Hadrian's Wall from the East coast to the West coast during October, my family set a new hiking challenge. At weekends over the last two months, we have walked the 64mile Northumberland Coastal Path which runs from Cresswell to Berwick upon Tweed. We have seen seals, crabs, seabirds and eaten plenty of ice creams but my favourite memory was seeing a pod of four dolphins who joined us on our last leg.

Ellie A-J (5C)



Thanks for sharing your news, Ellie - such beautiful photos!



CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION



A **BIG** well done to Class 6W for winning the class breakfast last week! The children all showed excellent manners moving around school.



The winners of the cinema trip will be announced next week - so watch this space!

Mrs Cree

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Maggie C (6N) played in a Tynedale Festival of Cricket in Stocksfield last Sunday. They won 2 of the 3 games they played and had a fantastic afternoon.



Well done, Maggie!

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



RAFFY THE SCIENTIST

This is me doing an experiment on tomato plants to see whether they grow better in coffee compost (aka coffee grounds) or home-made compost from rotten plants or shop bought compost.



I measured all the plants to make the sure they were the same size before I planted them in the same size pots with the same space, same amount of water and same amount of sunshine. Afterwards I will measure them every week to see how much they've grown. I'm doing this to see whether coffee grounds are nutrient rich and give plants lots of nutrients and vitamins as a good source of compost - because lots of coffee grounds are poured down the sink instead of put in the compost bin where they could be used as a useful compost. Raffy B (6L)



What a great experiment, Raffy - please remember to let us know the results!

SOLAR ECLIPSE

The clouds cleared at just the right time, which meant it was perfect for all of the children to see the partial solar eclipse. They used special eclipse glasses to safely see about 40% of the Sun covered by the Moon, as the Moon came between the Sun and the Earth.

"It looks really cool," was probably the most spoken phrase! Our next chance will be October 2022 – let's hope for clear skies then too.

Dr Spencer



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to *Wideopen Galaxy* who finished top of their league on goal difference so it was a close one! What a way to end the season - they've all worked so hard. James P (3T) and William P (3S) both got onto the score sheet in the last game.



Well done, boys - a perfect way to end to the season!

NEWS FROM ALISTER

Alister C (3D) visited RHS Harlow Carr last Saturday and then made an innovative weather station complete with alpine plants in the base. The gardens and plants were amazing, there were cool play areas and he would recommend it as a good place for a visit.



What an amazing weather station, Alister - well done!

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Amelia R (5B) and Oliver A (6L) both took part in the Great North Swim in Lake Windermere on Saturday 12th June in aid of the Bradley Lowery Foundation - a charity that helps raise funds for children to receive medical treatment/equipment.

They completed their mission successfully and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. The sun was shining and a good day out was had by all.



Very well done, both of you - what an achievement!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Oliver S (3S) plays football for Newcastle East End FC who were the champions this season! His teammates voted for him to receive *Player of the Season*.



What a double achievement - well done, Oliver!

HEMADRI THE MASTER CHEF

Hemadri P (6L) loves cooking and especially enjoyed it during the lockdown when he couldn't go out. He loves to make fried chicken, Korean spicy noodles, pulao, noodle broth, sugar doughnuts, flat breads and stir fried vegetables.



WOW! Those doughnuts look really delicious, Hemadri!

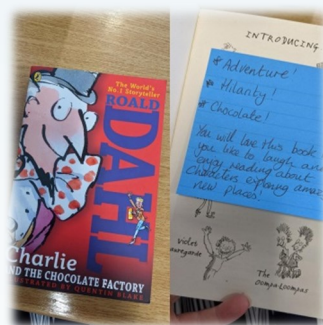
RECYCLE-A-READ

As part of our Partnership work, the RGS works with a number of schools in the wider Newcastle area and has been making reading links with other primary and secondary schools. As part of this, we would love for each of our Junior School children to choose a book from home that they have enjoyed and are willing to pass on, bring it into school, and then write a brief 'post-it review' to stick inside the front cover to encourage a new reader to give it a try!

Collection boxes will be located in Lambton foyer and Brandling top corridor. Please could each child choose just one book to donate on this occasion. Donations will be open from Monday 21st June and will close on the last day of term, Wednesday 7th July.

Thank you in advance for your recycle-a-read donations!

Miss Close



MORE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Ambika V (3S) plays for Ponteland Lynx U8s girls' football team who were formed a year ago. They have completed their first full season in the *Northumberland Football League*. The team finished the season strong, with 3 wins in a row. In the final game the opposition coach commented on Ambika's skills, especially her drag backs!



Well done, Ambika - keep up the good work!



LATE ROOM VACANCY

From September 2021 we are after a Late Room Supervisor to work with our wonderful children from 4pm – 6pm, term time only. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, please drop me a line for more information:

j.n.miller@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk

Thank you.

Mr Miller

A NOTE FROM MRS DEARING

Hello children - I am missing you all already! I just wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** for all the lovely thoughtful gifts, cards and especially the beautiful words so many of you wrote to me last week - I can't tell you how overwhelmed I felt and what an emotional day leaving you all on Friday was. I have truly loved working with you and watching you grow in every way over the last 4 years. Each and everyone of you has made me smile and my time at RGS a very special one and I know you will all go on to do greater things in life. Enjoy the summer, be happy and keep making us all proud. With love and fond memories,

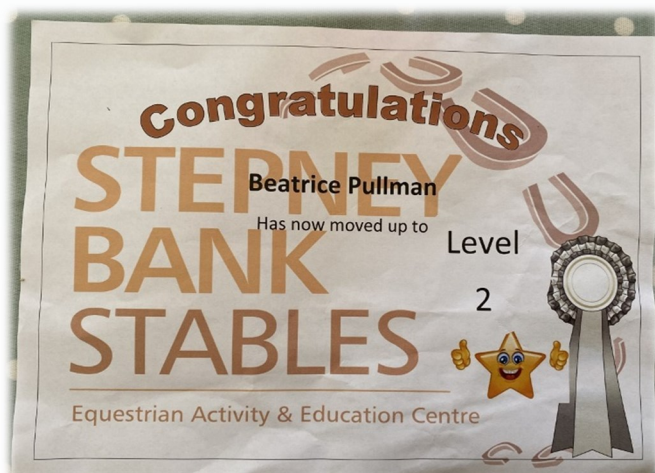
Mrs Dearing

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CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Bea P (4M) who moved up to **Level 2 Horse Riding** this week and is very excited!



Well done, Bea - you have every reason to feel excited!

Y3 CRICKET

Our Year 3 children have been very busy these past few weeks competing against Mowden Hall and NPS at cricket. We travelled to Mowden Hall last week for a lovely round robin of pairs, diamond and Kwik Cricket and then welcomed NPS to our school for the same. It was great to see all the children enjoy themselves and they are making really good progress. Well done everyone!

Mrs Barlow & Mr Cragg



THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (端午节)

Mengze H (6N) who was keen to share the following information about the traditional Dragon Boat Festival in China.

What is the Dragon Boat Festival?

This year Duan Wu Jie is Monday 14th June!

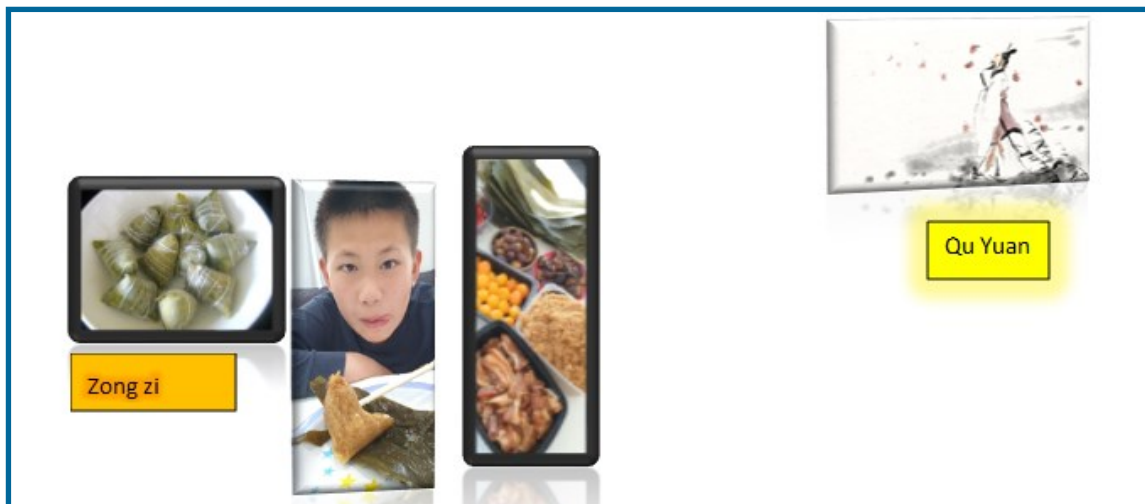


The distinguished Dragon Boat Festival, also known as Duan Wu Jie (端午节), falls on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month. Every year, in China, we do Dragon Boat Races (rowing boats) and eating Zong zi (粽子). It remembers the death of Qu Yuan (屈原), a Chinese poet and officer to the emperor known for his allegiance, loyalty and contributions to classical poetry and eventually became a national hero.

The Story Of Qu Yuan & How The Dragon Boat Festival Began

Qu Yuan was the left minister of the emperor of Chu. He was an amazing poem writer and was likable in every way. Unfortunately, in 278Bc, the Qin State captured the capital of Chu, bringing Qu Yuan in great despair. Eventually, he committed suicide by drowning himself in the Miluo river.

The news of Qu Yuan's suicide spread immediately. People went on boats to find his missing body. This eventually became the annual Dragon Boat Race, or the Dragon Boat Festival. Scared that fish might eat his body, they made Zong zi (sticky rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves) and threw it into the water for the fish to eat instead of his body. This became the traditional food to eat every Duan Wu Jie. To remember Qu Yuan's death, the people at that time made the Duan Wu Jie Festival on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month, as it was the date he died.



Thank you vey much for sharing this fascinating story with us, Mengze!