



Dear Parents/Carers

17 November 2023

Remembrance Parade

Thank you to our children who represented Front Street on Sunday at the Remembrance Service. Some of our children had their poems and words of thanks read out at the Cenotaph which was a great honour. All children made us feel very proud as they conducted themselves with maturity and responsibility. Well done.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in today's Remembrance Day Event in Whickham.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, our ward councillors, uniformed organisations, all seven schools and many of our pubs and other businesses took part in our service of commemoration, together with 27 local community groups and our churches, led by Father Barry, with great support from St. Mary's Church Choir and our bugler from 1313 Whickham Squadron RAF Air Cadets; Sergeant Wilkinson.

This is a true community event. In all 50 wreaths were laid and I have included a couple of photos of these.

We are also grateful to Gateshead Council for their support. Kind regards, Peter



Thanks to the Ali and her team for the yummy biscuits and cakes they made in celebration of Remembrance Day and Children in Need this week.



Very Special Weekend

Last weekend, both Hindus and Sikhs were celebrating very special occasions. Hindus celebrated Diwali, the festival of light. Because it is the festival of lights, you might have noticed fireworks or houses decorated with lights. At this time, Hindus also often get together and exchange gifts. They remember the story of Rama and Sita, and how good defeated evil. Sikhs were celebrating the festival of Bandi Chhor Divas. This means 'liberation of prisoners day'. Sikhs remember the story of Guru Hargobind, and how his bravery and wisdom saved many people. Sikhs often celebrate this occasion with fireworks and decorate their workplaces and homes with lights. Maybe you have noticed some. We hope everyone involved enjoyed these special times with family and friends.

Bikeability

Some Year 5 children have participated in Bikeability this week and have done extremely well.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week we have a Scholastic Book Fair arriving in school. We will have three trolleys offering a range of books, hopefully there will be something for everyone! The Book fair will be available from **Wednesday 22nd - Tuesday 28th November from 3.30 - 4.00pm** in the library. Please feel free to come and have a look at the books. Payment can be made either by cash or by scanning the **QR code** where there is access to the Scholastic parent pay website. Any child who visits and purchases a book from the book fair will be given a raffle ticket. Before the Book Fair is collected a raffle will be drawn and five children will have the chance to win a £5 book voucher which they can exchange for a book!

There is no obligation to purchase any books. We look forward to seeing you!

RRSA

As a Rights Respecting School we would like to share an article from the UNCRC each week to continue to raise awareness between home and school about Children's Rights.

This week we have been learning about Anti-Bullying week. Our article of the week this week is:

Article 2 - (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background. What is bullying? What would you do if someone did or said something to you that you didn't like? Talk as a family about respectful ways to deal with this and think of ways we can promote kindness and respect.



Festive Fun & Activities

Please see link below for the The Raring2go! WINTER magazine. Lots of information about things to do over the festive season! [Raring2go! Newcastle, North Tyneside & Gateshead](#) including some amazing competitions? The new Treetop Adventure Golf at the Metrocentre have offered us a round of golf for a whole class of children! The prize is 30 x £11 gift vouchers. Anyone can enter!

Reminders

Tuesday 21st

Thursday 23rd

Y4 Durham Oriental Museum

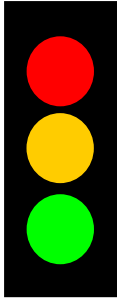
Athletics Finals

Reception Bikes Workshop

Year 6 Channy Concert (please pay for your T-shirts if you haven't already done so)

Attendance

Congratulations to 4ON & 3S who had top attendance this week.



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%

Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 96%

Green - Safety Zone - 97% - 100%

Class 1B	95%	Class 4ON	99.5%
Class 1S	91%	Class 4G	94%
Class 2K	95%	Class 5L	95%
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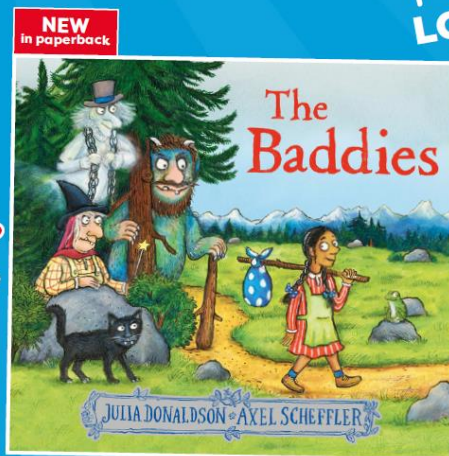
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