School Newsletter: Friday 29th Nov 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been making our own music to the story 'The Gingerbread Man', using different instruments at different parts of the story. We have explored playing fast, slow, quiet and loud to show expression when the story changes.
We have also looked at different shapes and ordered them biggest to smallest using vocabulary such as big, tall and small.

Key Stage 1

Class 1 have enjoyed practising for our Christmas play this week. Each child has their own special part and at least one song they will sing. I have sent the children home with their lyrics, please encourage them to practise at home.
We also thoroughly enjoyed our Multi Sports session and the coach was impressed with the fantastic sportsmanship shown by all of the children.
Reception have enjoyed creating musical instruments and playing together as a band. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed locating Newcastle on a map and observing aerial photographs of West Pelton.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a multi-sports session ran by the sports leaders in Year 6. We had fun practising our throwing and aiming.
In our maths lessons this week, we have started our unit of multiplication and division and will continue to work on this throughout the term.
I would just like to say a huge well done and thank you to you all in Class 2! I am going to miss you all but I know you will all do amazing as you continue throughout the school year. Mrs Ridley.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have enjoyed continuing to read our class test Cosmic and learning about the other competition winners who will be travelling with Liam. In our extended writing session, the children wrote diary entries in the role of Liam and added brilliant detail into their finished pieces.
In DT, we have begun to draw around template sections (from our prototype bird houses) onto pieces of wood ready to cut and assemble these next week.
In geography, we have been learning about the different types of volcanoes and discussing the difference between a dormant or active volcano.

Maths Café

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Maths Café's this month, Durham learn were very impressed with the turnout and we hope you enjoyed the sessions as much as the children did.

Week commencing 2nd December

Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – KS2 – French After School Club

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

In assembly this week we discussed h*ow can we raise awareness of important issues. We looked at the* 2024's Earthshot Prize winners. The earthshot prize celebrates and supports people and companies to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. We covered the British Value of democracy and UNICEF Article 29: Aims of education this week.
More information about this can be found at https://earthshotprize.org/

In our music appreciation we listened to **So Amazing** by **Luther Vandross**. During his career, Luther sold over twenty-five million albums and won eight Grammy Awards including Best Male R&B Vocal Performance four times.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Nursery Theatre Trip (AM)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Festive Fun Run (Whole school)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Nativity (Whole school) – 1:30pm
Monday 16th December 2024 – Nursery Xmas Party (AM)
Monday 16th December 2024 – KS2 Xmas Party (PM)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Panto Trip (R to Y6)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Reception/KS1 Xmas Party (PM)
Thursday 19th December 2024 – Carols at Methodist Church 1:30pm
Friday 20th December 2024 – Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Return to school
Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break

Please check doio for further dates and details