

Weekly Newsletter
3rd February 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 38:
Children should be protected during war
& not allowed to fight in the army.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Osborne organised an excellent programme of events to celebrate **National Storytelling Week**. The theme this year was **'Reimagine Your World'**. **EY pupils** engaged in activities to enhance continuous provision based on the book, **What Will I Be?** by Frances Stickley. **KS1 pupils** used their imaginations and orally created a story based on current topics eg, Where will Paddington Go Next?

Lower KS2 pupils enjoyed being involved in a Storytelling project which kickstarted with a virtual **storytelling** event with Y4 **Key author, Joseph Coelho**, based on his book **'Our Tower'**. **Upper KS2 pupils** were equally as captivated with an **interactive story building event** with **author, Tola Okogwu**, based on her book **'Onyeka & the Academy of the Sun'**. Projects like this inspire children to be deeply **experimental, creative**, and develop **confidence** in their own **writing** ability. We presented certificates, bookmarks & Winter stickers to the 23 children who successfully completed the **'Winter Reading Challenge'**.

This week we celebrate **Children's Mental Health Week** with a little help from the characters of **'Inside Out 2'**. The theme is **'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'** which is the focus of the charity **'Place2Be'**.

Enjoy the week ahead!
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



It was fabulous to see how many parents, Carers and grandparents of reception pupils attended the first **Open Morning of the Spring term**, last Thursday. Activities included **Cosmic Creativity**: following instructions to make a speedy straw rocket, **Scrumptious Space**: baking delicious space rock cakes, **Astronaut Academy**: completing space themed physical challenges and **Rocket-fuelled Reading**: finding out more about our fantastic reading opportunities and receiving a **Myon** login for use at home.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Many of you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's learning journey via their beautiful journals. Thank you to those who completed 'Proud Clouds' for your children.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Week Commencing 3rd Feb	'Children's Mental Health Week'
Thurs 6th Feb	Y4 visit York Chocolate Story
Fri 7th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y6 Pupils
Mon 10th Feb	Y1 Wheels Day
Tues 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day - Online Behaviour Workshops Delivered by Bigfoot Arts Education to Y3-Y6 pupils.
Wed 12th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y5 Pupils
Tues 18th Feb	10 Pupils Attend Y4 Active Learning Competition at Durham University - PM
Thurs 20th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
Fri 21st Feb	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February
Monday 3rd March - Children Return to School

Week Commencing 3rd March	Careers Week
Tues 4th March	Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education Shrove Tuesday
Weds 5th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day & Readathon Celebration
Mon 10th March	Launch of British Science Week
Tues 11th March	Y1 visit Shildon Railway Museum Y5/Y6 Dance City Workshops
Wed 12th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y3 Pupils
Tues 18th March	Y2 Snappy Spring Music Event at Thornaby Pavilion - AM
Weds 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils Y2 visit the Washington Wetland Centre
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Mon 24th March	World Maths Day
Mon 24th—Wed 26th March	Y5SW attend Trust Residential at Streonshalh Field Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.
Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March	Y5M attend Trust Residential
Tues 1st April	12 Pupils from Y5/Y6 - Hockey at Norton Sports Complex
W/c 7th April	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
Fri 4th April	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils
Fri 11th April	Children Break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April
Mon 28th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School





Y1 pupil **Harry Robinson** attends Billingham Rugby U6 Team.

Harry was super proud to be nominated 'Star of the Week' in recognition of his **positive attitude** and **teamwork**.

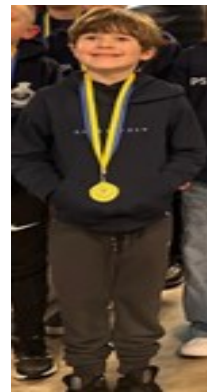
This month, Y5 pupil, **Lily Lloyd**, has been part of the cast of '**Peter Pan Junior**' Billingham Players Youth Theatre. Lily performed in two different roles '**Crocodile**' and a '**Lost Boy**'.



Congratulations to Y6 pupil, **George Robinson**, who competed in a regional trampoline competition in Carlisle.

He placed 2nd and was presented with an impressive medal.

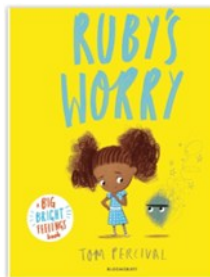
George constantly pushes himself and he was really pleased to beat his **personal best** in time of flight.



Y2 pupil, **Fionn Baker**, is a member of **Stockton Wheelers Cycling Club Cyclocross Squad**. Fionn has demonstrated great stamina as he's completed a number of **challenging cyclocross races** & was awarded a **medal** from former **Commonwealth Games Champion, Paul Curran**. Very well done!

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Durham**
'Ruby's Worry' by **Tom Percival**



This is the first book from Tom Percival's **Big Bright Feelings** series and is perfect for discussing childhood **worries** and **anxieties**, no matter how big or small they may be.

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad.




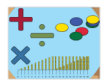
How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

Y1 enjoyed a fabulous **visit to the Fire Station** in Norton as part of their '**Great Fire of London**' topic. The firefighters prepared activities to build on & quiz their **historical** knowledge. The children met **firefighters** who shared what it's like to be a firefighter. The children were amazed to hear how varied the job can be - it's not all about fires! The firefighters demonstrated how to use **cutting equipment**, they talked about their special **protective uniforms** and all the types of **equipment** stored on a fire engine. One of the highlights was when the children were invited to practise using the powerful hoses.

Stockton Fire Station



Week Ending 31st January 2025
 Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Rory Liddle	Katelyn Ackroyd Swales-Clark	Edith Lewis	Mabel Dodds-Day
YR Miss Dixon	Grace Harris	Ivy Laing	Poppy Daniel	Dexter Dobson
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Ruben Black	Dylan Allon	Destiny Murray	Katy Coates
	Hallie Richardson	Jason Adekunle	Jack Bourne	Delilah Dodds-Day
Y2 Mrs Durham	Jacob Matthews	Issac McCarthy	Lincoln Wardle	Esmea Skipp
Y3 Mr Horkan	Skyla Wilks	Jack Blasco	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Lincoln Rose
Y4 Miss Robinson	Lacie Love	Lewis Harris	Hannah Liddle	Edward Gardiner-Jukes
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Autumn Lonsdale	Max Devlin	Skye Stainsby	Brooke Love
Y5M Mr McConnell	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Lily Lloyd	Fearne Fisher	Kayci Scott-Mullin
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Eliza Unsworth	George Robinson	Tyler Curry	Scarlett Rogers



YR & KSI
Hunter Lake

Y3 & Y4
Kian Jewson

Y5 & Y6
Charlie Kibbler