

Weekly Newsletter  
14th February 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 29:

Your right to become the best you can be.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Driving into school, it is good to see some glimmer of daylight on a morning. The snowdrops are out, catkins are appearing and there is a growing chorus of birds, which can be heard from the Forest Area so it feels as though spring is definitely on the way!

It was also **'Children's Mental Health Week'** and **'Internet Safety Week'** last week, with so many important issues being covered and discussed. Please take time to talk with your children about the messages that have been shared in classes. Although there has been a specific focus this week, we continue to drip-feed these messages throughout the year as part of our planned curriculum. Having high aspirations is so important and we like the children to think about this throughout their whole educational journey with us.

Please remember the last day for pupils to attend school this half term is on Friday, 18th February. Staff have a PD Day on Monday, 28th February.

Have a wonderful half-term and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, 1st March 2022!**

Mrs E Bramley & Miss C Champion



Stockton-on-Tees is being transformed into a giant game and our school is invited to play! **Beat the Street** is a free, fun, walking and cycling game which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Stockton-on-Tees game runs from **2<sup>nd</sup> March to 13th April 2022.**

The children watched a virtual assembly explaining that Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving. This can be achieved by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. Parent/carer packs will be distributed this week. Our school will sit on school leader boards that can be viewed by visiting [www.beatthestreet.me](http://www.beatthestreet.me). The leader boards will be live once the game commences, and will see schools compete to win hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers.

## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Tues 15th Feb Y5 Jarrow Hall Visit  
Fri 18th Feb Last day of the half term.

### HALF TERM Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

Mon 28th Feb **PD Day 5 for Staff Training** (school closed for pupils)

Week commencing 28th Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight Celebrations

**Tues 1st March Children return to school**  
Pancake Tuesday

Thurs 3rd March Mayor Visit Y5  
World Book Day

Tues 8th March Y3 Stone Age Visit

Week Commencing 11th -20th March 'British Science Week'

Mon 14th March Launch of British Science Week  
Fri 18th March Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day

W/c 21st March Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1  
Mon 21st March YR Visit to Hall Hill Farm  
Wed 23rd March World Maths Day

W/c 28th March Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of KS2

Mon 28th March Y2/3O Visit Washington Wetlands  
Wed 30th March Y2F Visit Washington Wetlands

Fri 8th April **Children break up for Easter**

### EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

Mon 25th April  
Summer term commences—children return to school



**Weekly Awards - week-ending  
Friday, 11th February 2022  
Congratulations to each of our  
Star Pupils:**



*Our skills led careers curriculum focuses on the skills that are essential for children to succeed in the world of work. The children have been developing their **TEAMWORK** skills.*

- ★ Nursery - Delilah Dodds-Day & Oliver Hall
- ★ Reception - Alex Wainwright
- ★ Little Willows - Eliza Copland
- ★ Y1L - Spencer Jardine
- ★ Y2F - Brooke Carse
- ★ Y2/30 - Kayci-Lei Scott
- ★ Y3R - Emily Smith
- ★ Y4L - Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn
- ★ Y4SW - Isaac Dobson
- ★ Y5BE - Jessica Noon
- ★ Y6G - Ethan Wood
- ★ Y6S - Caleb Owens

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**Congratulations to each of our  
Remarkable Readers:**

- ★ Nursery - Mia Hudzicka & Joseph Luker
- ★ Reception - Lillymae Morgan
- ★ Little Willows - Alyza Bateman
- ★ Y1L - Aalia Dobson
- ★ Y2F - Leighton Harvey
- ★ Y2/30 - Jacob Stephenson
- ★ Y3R - Kara Dixon
- ★ Y4L - Jack Tunney
- ★ Y4SW - Kaveesha Soyza
- ★ Y5BE - Coden Owens
- ★ Y6G - Alex Metcalf
- ★ Y6S - Kacey Richards

**Recommended Read**

This week's recommended read is from Miss O'Sullivan. An activity book called **"50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾"** by Sandra De La Prada.

This book provides some ideas of how to keep your children busy over half term. These activities are also free to access on this website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) Lots of outside activities are just as fun in the winter. Make sure you wrap up in your warmest clothes - and maybe take a hot drink with you - before setting off.

Many of the activities can be completed at home or in your garden.



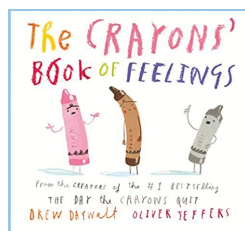
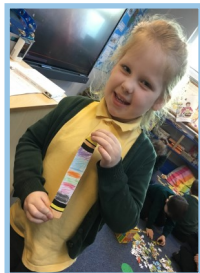
Our nursery is involved in a research project in collaboration with Newcastle University called 'Talking Times'. Mrs Guest set up a **Curiosity Case** to further promote early language development. The nursery children have been using the props to role play and retell the story 'Goodnight Gorilla'. This has inspired children in their imaginative play. Jacob Jackson created a model of "the man looking after the animals at the zoo."



### Children's Mental Health Week

In Reception this week, the children had read and listened to *The Crayons' Book of Feelings* by one of our **Key Authors**, Oliver Jeffers. YR talked about how the crayons were showing different emotions. They were able to think about times when they felt happy, excited, sad or nervous and they shared them with the class. They also used a crayon template to think about their feelings and what colours represent their emotions.

*"Mine is a rainbow crayon because I can feel lots of emotions"  
"I like green. I have a teddy bear at home that is green."*



**Wheels Day** Last week, Y1 pupils were invited to bring 'wheeled toys' into school to explore the different features they each have, how they work and how different they are. They spent time talking about how to keep safe when riding them and practised crossing a role play road. Fun was had by everyone and we look forward to seeing some excellent wheels related writing!



Last Monday the children in Y1 embarked upon a **train adventure** to support their learning about transport. They thoroughly enjoyed a short journey from Billingham to Seaton Carew, exploring our local North East train line. It was great fun to find out about careers in transport too when the Y1s met the train driver and ticket inspector!

The children loved stopping for an ice cream, enjoyed a brief visit to the seafront and exploring the adventure playground before their return train journey.



Y3 had a fantastic morning in the **forest!** In English the children have been writing instructions for how to make a stone age fire. The children enjoyed following their instructions to help build the fire. They collected the tinder (woolly mammoth wool), kindling and logs. They cooked a whole fish on the fire and enjoyed toasting marshmallows! A very authentic experience.

