



Autumn Newsletter 2021

Charity Fundraising this term:

Macmillan Coffee Morning:
£738.37

Hello Yellow: £123.28

Children in Need: £273.75

RBL Poppy Appeal: tbc

Huge thanks to all for their generous contributions.



It gives me great pleasure to share this term's newsletter with you.

We have had a very busy few months since returning to school in September. I think pupils and staff have enjoyed being back to a more 'normal' school, with children being able to move freely between lessons and being taught in specialist teaching rooms. There have been a wide range of activities for our pupils to get involved in, both as part of their lessons and extra-curricular.

Hopefully this letter will give you a snapshot of some of the excellent work that has been going on, both in and out of the classroom!

SPONSORED FUN RUN!

October saw the return of the annual sponsored 'Fun Run'. This was a huge success and we were overwhelmed at the generosity of those who sponsored our pupils. We raised an enormous £3400 and we would like to thank everyone who took part in the run itself and who sponsored someone. Well done to Gracie, who raised a whopping £165, Rufus, who raised £150 and Aurora, who raised £125. Special thanks to Miss Curry for all her hard work in organising this.

Storm Arwen

Earlier in the term we



planted more trees to add to our wildlife area/forest school.

It is lucky we did, as sadly, Storm Arwen has blown down some of our older trees!





The whole of **Year 6** and their teachers went to the beach in November to work with 'Surfers Against Sewage', a campaign to reduce plastic use, to help save our oceans. They had a talk about plastic pollution to begin with and then they enthusiastically cleaned Seaton Sluice beach, finding all the usual rubbish but also collecting loads of micro plastics and nurdles using sieves. Some great finds were a zombie Halloween mask, a plastic turtle toy and lots of used fireworks. The whole school is now super keen to get started with plastic free school status and have already been involved in a whole morning of activities highlighting the effects of plastic pollution.



Year 5 met some members of the fire service. The children were very excited to ask lots of questions about their role and experiences. Trying on the specialised clothing was lots of fun but also very informative. After that, the children were given the opportunity to find out all about the different functions of the fire engine and were lucky enough to explore inside too!

Mrs Middlemiss

Remembrance Day:

Handmade poppies for Remembrance Day: **Year 8** made their own poppy installation in school. They created a powerful visual commemoration, which not only served as a beautiful display, but also a location for personal reflection. Art Prefects Jenna and Ava sold the poppies to raise money for the RBL, raising more than £50. In addition to this, Lana in Y7, used her own initiative and tremendous creativity and skill to make and sell her own fabric poppies, raising £12. The Year 8 pupils also put together a Remembrance Assembly and delivered a variety of pieces to the school on Remembrance Day. The assembly included information on how the war started; the meaning and history behind Remembrance Day and poppies; and a recital of 'For the Fallen', by Lawrence Binyon.

Miss Gibson



KS3 Netball

The KS3 Netball team are playing matches again! They have played 4 matches - 1 win against Whytrig, 1 draw with Ponteland and 2 lost to Ovingham and Bede. The whole team has been playing brilliantly and is making great progress.

Miss Curry



Computing News:

The children took part in the 2021 Bebras challenge last week in their computing lessons. The challenge introduces problem solving and computational thinking to students with over 50 countries getting involved. It's designed to get students excited about computing. We usually perform well but this year we were delighted with the results. Lucy, Adam and Sienna in **Year 7** received results in the top 10% nationally - a fantastic achievement. They will all receive certificates. A huge well done to them!

Anna and Ronnie in **Year 7** wrote a fantastic e-safety script in computing, using fruit as their characters, to tackle cyberbullying and highlight the important steps you must take if it ever happens to you or someone you know. They're now working during their lunchtimes with Computing Prefect, Oliver, in Year 8 to put the script to life in a stop motion animation .

This is an image of one the fruit characters they created!



Mrs Mason

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Seaton Sluice Middle School, I would like to wish you, and all your loved ones, a very Happy Christmas 2021 and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Karen McSparron



Dates for the diary:

- * **December 10th-**
Christmas Jumper Day 
- * **December 15th -**
KS2 Panto trip
- * **December 16th-**
Christmas lunch and reward activities
- * **December 16th -**
Reports out
- * **December 17th -**
school closes for Christmas break 1.30pm
- * **January 4th -**
Teacher Training Day
- * **Wednesday, January 5th-** pupils return to school