

Key Stage

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite this being a short half-term, the children have worked incredibly hard and shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We are very proud of the effort they have put into all areas of the curriculum and their determination to do their very best each day. A special mention must go to our Year One children, who have shown great dedication and enthusiasm in preparing for the Year One Phonics Screening Assessment. Their commitment to practising and improving their reading skills has been wonderful to see—well done, everyone!

Throughout the half-term, the children have enjoyed a wide range of engaging and fun lessons. They have particularly loved taking part in cricket during PE, developing their teamwork and coordination skills. MADD STEM Week has also been a highlight, with the children fully immersed in a variety of practical and creative activities which sparked curiosity and excitement.

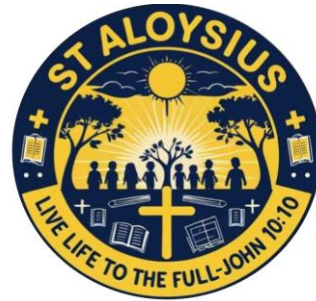
In addition, the children have thoughtfully explored the meaning of Pentecost, reflecting on how fortunate we are to have received the Holy Spirit. They have been prayerful and reflective, considering how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus by being brave, confident and respectful in their everyday lives.

We are extremely proud of your children...and they should certainly be proud of themselves too! Well done on another successful half term.

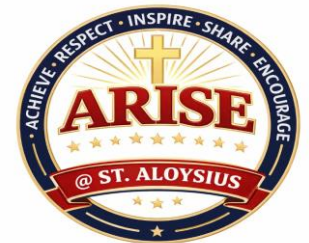
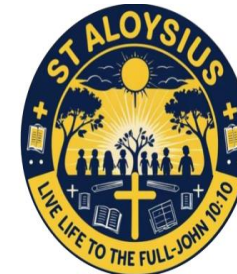
Warm regards,

Mrs Storey
Key Stage 1 Lead

Key Stage 1
Year 1
&
Year 2



Summer 1



Key Dates

- Wednesday 3rd June – Infants Sports Morning
- WB Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Monday 15th June - INSET Day
- Friday 22nd May – School closes for Half Term (Normal Time)
- Wednesday 17th June – Y1 Celebration of the Word
- Friday 19th June – Y2 Celebration of the Word
- Monday 22nd June - St. Aloysius Feast Day Picnic
- Thursday 25th June – Non-uniform day – bring a bottle or sweets
- Friday 3rd July – INSET Day
- Monday 6th July – Summer Fayre

Reminders

We would just like to remind you to try to support your child with their reading by encouraging your child to have **five entries** in their reading record.

As the weather is beginning to get warmer, please can you ensure that your child has a **water bottle, suncream and a hat**.

If your child has grapes for their home snack, please ensure that they are **cut lengthways** (in half or quarters) before they come into school.



"I had lots of fun making my Bumblebear mask. Do you like his yellow face?" Jemima Scott – Y1PS/NS



"This is so much fun! Look how high I can bounce" - Ava Murray - Y2





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN KS1...



A Message from Deputy Head Boy and Girl:

As Deputy Head Boy and Girl in Year 2, we have been so excited to see and experience the exciting opportunities each day brings for us at school. ARISE has inspired us to aim high, while cricket sessions and MADD STEM Week help us learn new skills, work together and have lots of fun with our friends. What a great half term!

Deputy Head Girl and Boy:
Neve Falconer & Ethan Naylor



Cricket Sessions

This half term, we have enjoyed taking part in two cricket sessions with a professional cricket coach. During the session, the children were introduced to the basic skills of cricket such as, holding the bat and throwing and catching control.

Plants in Year Two

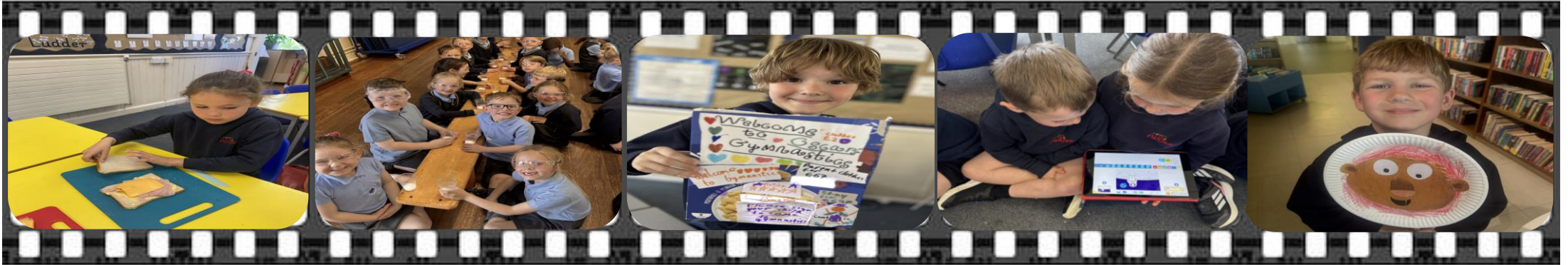
In Year Two, the children have recently started a unit focusing on 'Plants'. The children have enjoyed taking part in an experiment where they had to plant sunflower seeds and observe how they would grow with different amounts of light!

The Lion INSIDE our classroom!

What an exciting few days we have had in the Year One classroom! One morning, we walked into the room and there was a cardboard box covered with warning signs in the middle of the carpet! We did not get any closer as we did not know what was hiding inside. Quietly, we all shuffled into a circle around the box and our teachers bravely opened the box to see what was inside. It was a lion! The lion was a little scared so had to be so quiet as we listened to the story of 'The Lion Inside'. We believe a zookeeper had dropped the lion off and left us all a little animal biscuit treat and some juice. How kind.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN **KS1...**



Friendship Club in KS1

Friendship Club had continued over from Spring B at the start of this half term for a few weeks. The children who attended had so much fun making sandwiches for their friends. They had to listen carefully to the ingredients their friend wanted and make their friend their sandwich. For the final week, the children enjoyed a party with their friends. They listened to music, coloured in and had lots and lots of fun together.

MADD STEM in Y1

What a busy week Year 1 have had with MADD STEM week. The week started with Science Buddies where the children became little scientists and made bath bombs. The children also enjoyed learning a dance with Miss Atkinson and Mrs Coppock which we performed together as a whole school. As part of Engineering, the children enjoyed designing and building a bridge using junk modelling to allow the Billy Goats to cross.

MADD STEM in Y2

Year 2 have had just as much fun during MADD STEM week too! At the start of the week, they had a science challenge where they had to rescue characters from some frozen ice. They tried so hard using different tools! In their Engineering lesson, the children had to design and build a tower using marshmallows, paper and spaghetti. The children had to think really carefully about stability and the size of their creation. Towards the end of the week, the children enjoyed a Science/Art challenge where they had to create light up houses using tealights, torches and candles.

Library Visit in Year 1

Mrs Storey's Year One class enjoyed a visit to Hebburn Library. The children all travelled on the minibus and arrived at the library to listen to the story of 'Bumblebear'. They enjoyed hearing the story and creating their masks using paper plates and crayons.

African Masks in Year 2

Year 2 became little artists during their recent 'Sculptures' unit in Art. With inspiration from the works of Esther Mahlangu, the children explored different colours and textures. Using different materials like pasta and rice, the children created their African mask to make it 3D. They looked amazing!



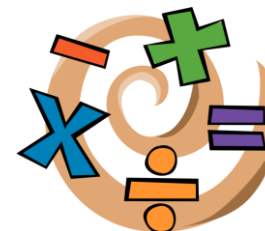
Interviews from our **School Council** Representatives...



School Rep: Ruby

What are you most proud of achieving this half term?

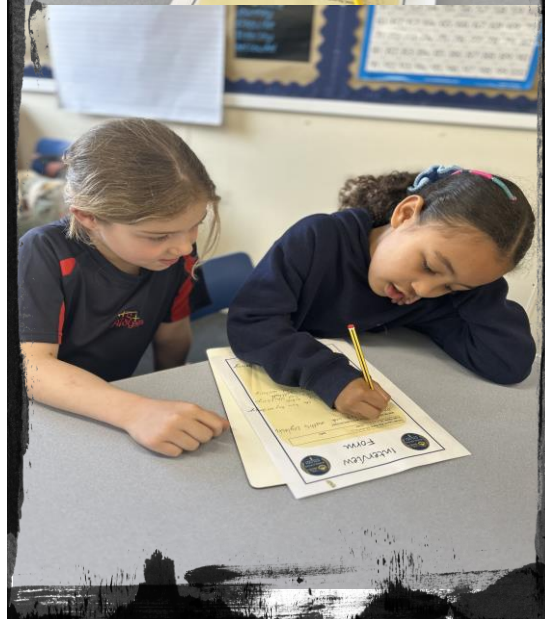
I got an award for my maths (Luca)



School Rep: Max

What have you enjoyed most about writing stories?

I enjoyed writing chunks (Jedd)



School Rep: Francesca

What fun learning have you been up to in class this half term?

I have enjoyed doing PE, Art and maths and English (Norah)



School Rep: Jasper

Tell me something that you have learned...

I have learned about Delaney in Art. They did hard paintings. (Georgia)

