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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

23.12.2022

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16



Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023 to you all. Thank You for all your kind messages to staff and Christmas treats and gifts, we really appreciate all you do for our lovely little village school.

*****Christmas Performances*****

We hope you enjoyed seeing your amazing children in their Christmas performances. The staff and children have worked hard for weeks putting these together. We would like to thank you for all your help and support with costumes and props.

ATTENDANCE, Sickness and illness

Please read recent email from NCC/DFE regarding STREP A/Scarlet Fever advice.

Please can we remind all parents you must ring school to advise why your child is absent, and that pupils must stay at home for 48 hours if they have vomited or had diarrhoea. Thank you.

******AFTER CHRISTMAS SCHOOL CLUBS**** – SPRING TERM - £1 per club to support cost of living crisis - Numbers and age limits for all clubs******

Mon – After Christmas Mrs Evans – ART Club – PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

Tues – After school NUFC Sports club Or Singing club. LUNCHTIME CLUB - Change the World- KS2(Free)

Wed - Football

Thurs - Little Movers + After Christmas Mrs Waters – CRAFT Club - PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

If you would like to book your child into a club please contact the office, and then make payment via SIMS.

Remember – Payment must be made before your child attends after school club.



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Applications for Reception places

Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will be open on the 1st of November 2022.

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If your child is currently in Nursery you will need to apply please.

TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years

Autumn 2 Review - Festivals

Our topic this half term has been festivals and celebrations. We have enjoyed learning about bonfire night; creating our own firework artwork and chocolate sparklers. We have also learnt all about the festival of Diwali and used clay to make our own Diya lamps. We then painted them and added glitter. We all created poppies for Remembrance Day and learnt all about Sikhism for Interfaith Week. We also talked about our birthdays and looked at how we celebrate our special days. We commented on how we have all changed since we were babies.

We have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts. We have made Christmas cards, baubles and calendars. We learnt our lines to perform our Nativity and learnt about the birth of Jesus in R.E. Both Acorns and Oak have enjoyed having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. We have also had football sessions this half term where we have learnt many new skills and played lots of fun team games. All of the children have loved our Dough Disco and wiggle squiggle sessions to strengthen our fine and gross motor skills. We have had a fabulous half term!

Key Stage 1

Autumn 2 Review – Deadly Dinosaurs

The children in Beech class have loved the deadly dinosaurs topic. We have researched in books and on the internet about different dinosaurs, their habitat and diet. The children have used the words herbivore, carnivore and omnivore as well as living, dead and never been alive throughout the half term and can confidently talk about what each means.

One of the highlights of the term was learning about Mary Anning and fossils. They loved acting out how fossils are formed and were able to investigate things they could see within the fossil to help them identify what it was originally.

To end the topic the children will be using clay to create a dinosaur inspired art piece that they have loved.

Key Stage 2

Autumn 2 Review – Feel the force

What a busy and action-packed term this was for Willow and Chestnut. The children thoroughly enjoyed the science focus to the term, learning about air resistance, water upthrust, gravity, magnets and friction through a variety of experiments and investigations in the classroom, and particularly enjoyed making their own origami boats to assist with their water upthrust investigations.

In Literacy, we were immersing ourselves further in our small steps English profession. They wrote non-chronological reports relating to their forces work and developed their skills in characterisation by describing an imaginary scientist.

At the start of the term, we had an interfaith week focussing on Sikhism. It was great having the sessions supported with a dance workshop, food tasting, henna art and a visit from the North Sikh Service. We were especially proud of how well they learnt and performed their lines and song lyrics for the Bethlehem Bake-off Christmas performance, considering this was their first time 'post Covid' performing to a live audience, they all found their loud clear voices and were fantastic.

It has to be said, that their highlight of the term would no doubt be the trip to the Sunderland Glass Centre, the glass tiles they created were wonderful and the glass blowing demonstrations and experiments certainly captured their interests and enhanced their learning.

*******NEW Diary Dates*******

- 9th Jan – SCHOOL REOPENS
- 16th Jan – Dogs Trust visit to school
- 23rd Jan – Pupil First Aid Training

TT days - Mon 27th Feb 2023

E-safety - Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

**** Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online.

ATTENDANCE - The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses' school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning.

Week ending: 16.12.2022



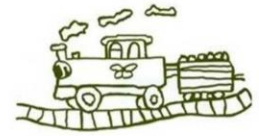
Well done to Willow Class who won with 99.5%

Acorns – 91%
Oak – 92.7%
Beech – 98.2%
Chestnut – 97.8%
Willow – 99.5%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 96.7%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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Safe to Learn section

This is a section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of. Mrs Rebecca Griffin is our Chair of governors and safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding Lead staff.



Mrs Laskey - Head



Mrs Chapman - Assistant Head

OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION

The original initiative was aimed at supporting children who are affected by domestic abuse. The next part of the project will help all children to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Operation Endeavour - This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour commenced in November 2018, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Onecall

Onecall is the number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable to keep safe and well 24-7.

Telephone - 01670 536400