



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Once again we have had another busy week in school and I have spent some time this week in classrooms looking at all the fantastic learning that has been taking place. I have been delighted to see children across the whole school engaged and involved in all of their lessons, asking really good questions and working very hard for themselves and their teachers. There is a very positive working atmosphere in all of our classes which can only help to improve outcomes for pupils and ensure they get the most out of each day in school.

I have also had lots of children visiting my office for awards and congratulations on their wonderful efforts in school. Daily examples of fabulous homework, children getting 100% in their Accelerated Reader quizzes and children showing a great attitude and effort in school all contribute to a very positive learning environment. Well done to all our children!

Our celebration of European Day of Languages over the last two days has proven a huge success with the whole school learning about the country of Wales. Mrs Salkeld led art/craft activities to design and make the Welsh flag. Mrs Clark was teaching children about Welsh sports, in particular the sport of rugby. Mr Clarke explored Welsh culture with children, whilst Ms Simons worked with children on learning the Welsh language. Mrs Craig and Mrs Wheatley in Reception and Nursery also took part in the celebrations today combining a selection of art and craft activities with learning about Wales.

Thank you to all those who attended today's McMillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. As the newsletter is produced on a Friday morning, I can't let you know how many people attended or the amount of money we raised, however for those that did take part I hope you enjoyed the lovely range of cakes that were available and the opportunity to see children taking part in our weekly celebration assembly. I will let you know the total amount raised next week!

Looking to next week, we are delighted to let you know that on Saturday 3 October two members of our school staff, Miss Atkinson and Miss Wilkinson, will be travelling to Ghana as part of our British Council Connecting Classroom project. They will be visiting our partner school Great Commission Academy for a week of work in the school learning from their ways of working and supporting their school improvement. You may recall that last year our visits were postponed, so it is great to get our relationship with Great Commission Academy back on track. In the near future we will welcome colleagues from Ghana to our school but as yet dates have not been finalised. I will let you know the plans as they develop in the coming weeks.

Also next week, our annual Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Monday. The book fair offers a wide selection of books for children of all ages and as a school we receive a share of the total amount raised to purchase books for our school. The book fair will be open every playtime and after school until Friday. Should you wish to send money for your child to spend in school, please do so in an envelope with your child's name clearly printed on the envelope. Thank you for supporting our school book fair.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines,
Headteacher

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<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

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Pictures From European Day of Languages



Children's Safety in Howden le Wear

As the dark nights begin to draw in, it seems timely to remind parents and children about the importance of children being safe when out and about in Howden le Wear after school. In recent years we have received reports of pupils playing out quite a distance from where they live, playing out late at night and riding bikes and scooters through the village with no lights, helmets or paying due care and attention to vehicles travelling through the village.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could speak to your child about the importance of road safety and we, of course, will continue to reinforce these messages in school.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery Class



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Alfie Smith** for fantastic mark making when forming the letters in his name. Great work Alfie!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Finley Abbott** for his brilliant writing and comparing size and weight using letters and parcels in the Post Office role play area! Well done Finley!

Ms Simons' Year 1/2 Class



Ms Simons would like to say a huge well done to **Luke Thompson** for his excellent manners in class and all round brilliant behaviour. Well done Luke!

Mr Clarke's Year 3 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Sophie Howe** for all round brilliant work in all areas of her learning. Great work Sophie!

Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld's Year 4 Class

Mrs Lowden and Mrs Salkeld are really pleased with **Matthew Lawrence** for being a really good role model in class, always working hard and trying his best. Great work Matthew!



Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class

Mrs Clark would like a special mention this week for **Elen Halliley** for fantastic descriptive writing in her Literacy work. Well done Elen!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

