



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 September 2021

In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ European Day of Languages Celebration;
- ◆ Early Years children explore the old school building.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Parents Consultation Meeting on Monday at 2.30pm to find out more about the proposal for our school to join ALP Multi-Academy Trust.

Our celebration of European Day of Languages on Thursday proved a huge success with each class learning about a different country of Europe. Children in Early Years enjoyed learning about Switzerland and the sport of curling. Year 1 children researched facts on Spain and learned some Spanish phrases; whilst Year 2/3 children discovered all about Russia and how half of Russia is on the continent of Europe whilst other areas of Russia are in Asia. Year 3/4 children found out about Italy, taking part in some food tasting and learning sentences and songs in Italian; whilst Year 4/5 in Miss Natrass' class explored our nearest neighbours France, finding out about its culture and its language. Finally, Year 5/6 in Mrs Clark's class found out about Germany. Below are a selection of photographs that illustrate some of the great activities that took place.



Last week, I wrote to all parents and members of our school community to inform them that the consultation period on the proposal for our school to join the Advance Learning Partnership (ALP) Multi-Academy Trust is now underway. The consultation period lasts five weeks and will close at **1pm on Friday 22 October**. During this time, everyone who is involved with the school and the wider community are encouraged to find out more about what these proposals will mean for our children and our school and are invited to complete the online consultation form to share their views and ask any questions they may have.

As part of the information sharing aspect of the consultation, an FAQ sheet was distributed with last week's letter and our school website now has a dedicated page that outlines the proposed changes for everyone to view. Added to this, a parents' meeting has been organised for **Monday 27 September at 2.30pm** in the school hall where Kelvin Simpson, the Chief Executive Officer of Advance Learning Partnership, will talk about the work ALP do, outline what joining ALP will mean for our children and school and answer any questions you may have. The time has been organised to coincide with the end of the school day, so please consider coming down to school half an hour early on Monday to hear all about the proposed changes. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments, we are more than happy to organise future meetings before the consultation closes, so please just let us know.

Our Governing Body would very much like to hear your opinion and would encourage you to respond to the consultation by completing the feedback form via the following link: <https://forms.gle/wvyA6rqiriLkzFUN7> This link is also available on our school website.

Finally, for your information, our Autumn term parents' consultation meetings have been scheduled for Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October from 3.30pm - 5.45pm each day. In line with our current school risk assessments and following advice from Durham County Council, parents' meetings in the autumn term will again take place virtually via the School Cloud video conferencing system. More information on how to access your School Cloud account and book an appointment with your child's class teacher will be available in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr C Baines
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

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

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Early Years Children Explore Old School Building

As part of Early Years curriculum work on the topic of 'Being me in the World', our children in Nursery and Reception found out that some of our family members came to our village school in the past and we looked at a selection of old school photos to see if we could spot any of our (much younger) mums, dads and grandparents! However, we were amazed to be sent a picture from 1910 that shows Harry and Daisy's, great, great grandmother with her sister and brother when they attended the old school at the end of School Street. To follow this up, children then went on a walk to look at the old school building. They looked at how the old school building was different to the more modern one we work in now and they then drew some pictures and talked about what they could see.

Children also noticed the school name carved into the old school building too! Well done to all our Early Years children for their fantastic work and thank you to Harry and Dad's mum in Reception adding this fantastic photo to Seesaw!



1910—picture of Harry & Daisy's great, great grandmother with her sister and brother.



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:

Miss Atkinson's Nursery



Miss Atkinson would like to congratulate **Betty** for trying the sport of 'curling' where she used a brush to push a curling stone towards the target when learning about Switzerland for European Day of Languages. Well done, Betty!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Harrison** for using his super scissor skills to create his own clock when learning about Switzerland for European Day of Languages. Great work, Harrison!

Mrs Sheard's Year 1 Class



Mrs Sheard would like to say a huge congratulations to **Rory** for his positive attitude towards learning and the high quality work he has produced this week. Super effort, Rory!

Mrs Gray's Year 2/3 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Charlotte** for putting her hand up and getting involved in all lessons this week. Congratulations, Charlotte!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Joseph** for making a big effort to form his letters correctly and improve his handwriting. Congratulations, Joseph!

Miss Nattrass' Year 4/5 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Kai** for his concentration and effort in Art and handwriting this week. Keep up the good work, Kai!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class



Congratulations to **Brogan-Leigh** for always working really hard and producing great creative writing in history this week. Excellent news, Brogan-Leigh!



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

