



Friday Flyer

18th November 2022

Head of School Update

It has been such a busy week in school! The children have worked extremely hard and have enthusiastically embraced the variety of learning.

Lots of children came into school on Monday wearing odd socks. In assembly we talked about how our odd socks represent how we're all different and unique but all equal and the importance of celebrating our differences. The children were able to see how when we empathise with others we can see things from their perspective and this helps us to get along better. The children have discussed in class the value of reaching out when they are experiencing difficulties and identified trusted adults at home and at school who they can talk to.

Thank you to the children and staff for supporting Children in Need today by donning all the spots and making a donation! It is lovely to see how keen our children are to help others and they are always looking for ways to make a difference. On that note, our Pupil Ambassadors on the School and Eco Council have visited all classrooms to discuss the charity Norah's North Pole which collects Christmas gifts for children who may not otherwise receive presents. The children have unanimously decided that they would like to support this charity and so we are asking any families who are able to donate any new children's toys. Please see the additional letter which has been sent out regarding this.

Best wishes
Claire Johnson

Value of the Month

Our value for November is empathy: understanding the feelings of another person and seeing things from their perspective.

This week the children have been learning about positive friendships and how to be kind as part of our anti-bullying work. We have thought about how we can empathise with our friends and help them when they are experiencing difficulties.





Hosanna Rock Christmas Performance



A reminder that we are performing Hosanna Rock this Christmas in school on Monday 12th December at 9.15am. We would be grateful if you could arrange a costume for your child to bring into school before 5.12.22 in time for dress rehearsals.

Reception - Stars

Year 1 - Angels

Year 2 - Donkeys

Year 3 and 4 - Children have been allocated individual roles and parts chosen by themselves and Mrs Wigham

Year 5 and 6 - Narrators to dress in a coloured t-shirt and plain bottoms

Please do not feel an expectation to purchase expensive costumes; simple homemade costumes made up of items you already have at home will be perfectly suitable.



BELSAY PTA FORTHCOMING EVENT



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP SHOP - DETAILS & DATE TO FOLLOW



Upcoming events:	
2nd December	Teacher training day - school closed to children
8th December	PTA Christmas Fair (TBC)
12th December	Christmas performance 9.15am
13th December	Belsay Carol Singers perform at Kirkharle (TBC)
14th December	Christmas lunch day (wear Christmas jumpers)
16th December	Pele Trust Primary Choir Music Concert at St Mary's church
20th December	Whole school trip to the pantomime
23rd December	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas break
9th January	Return to school
15th January	Closing date for Reception applications
All dates may be subject to change.	



The week in Reception

We have had a fantastic week in Reception! Our morning activities are proving to be very beneficial to the children. It is lovely to see the children coming into school and settling very quickly. We have had a very busy week. On Tuesday we tried to see the ultra marathon but unfortunately we missed it. Not to waste any opportunity, we decided to link this to our theme of road safety. We watched all of the cars and lorries that went past and decided if they were going fast or slow. Sadly the general consensus was that most were going too fast. We talked about the 20 is plenty campaign, and how this should encourage drivers to slow down.

We have also thought about anti-bullying week, and how we can be good friends with each other. We discussed the meaning of bullying and linked this to our whole school theme of empathy. The children were brilliant at knowing how to be good friends already! We have also completed lots of retelling of our story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have loved this story and know most of it without having the read the words.



Miss Houghton



The week in Key Stage 1

KS1 have been further studying their core class text *The King Who Banned the Dark*. We enjoyed mapping out the story plot in English and writing a retelling of the events in our own words. We used lots of interesting vocabulary and adjectives in our writing and were very proud to read our stories aloud to each other. We have been planning how to innovate the original story by changing the main character, setting and ban. There were lots of creative ideas to discuss and we are looking forward to using our plans to write a new version! In Art, we have been practising our drawing skills and had lots of fun sketching the king from the text. We will be using the skills we have learnt in our sessions to create a final illustration piece over the next few weeks.



Miss Dixon



The week in Year 3 and 4

What an exciting week in Year 3 and 4! We have been producing beautiful work in English by retelling Boudica's story and then writing a diary entry from her perspective the day before the battle against the Roman Army. In geography we have been exploring map grids looking at Europe which then allowed us to explore maps of our local area and how this may look different to the map of Europe. We were able to explore volcanoes through paint which we loved and have also spent the week having lots of class discussions around anti-bullying week and road safety and shared our experiences and thoughts around these ideas. In aid of anti-bullying week we have also been enjoying the kind circle of spreading positive and kind thoughts we have about our classmates which has ended our day in an enjoyable way.



Miss Cruse

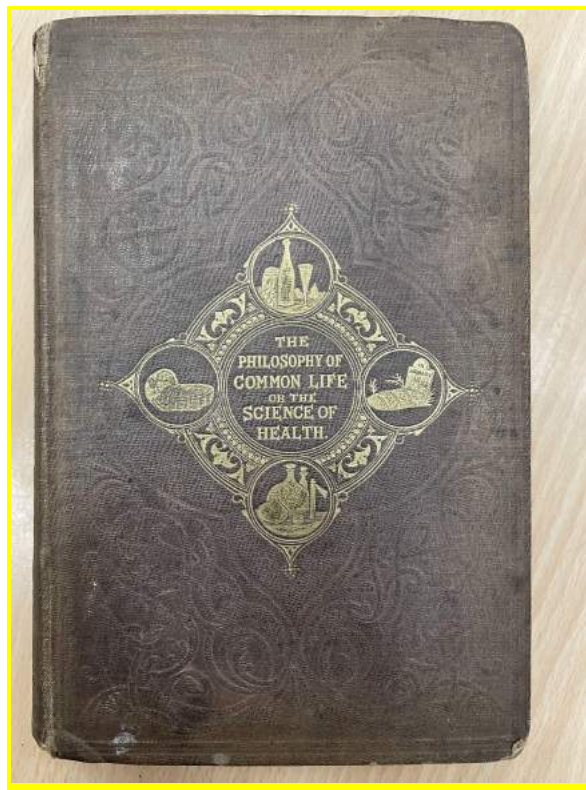


The week in Year 5 and 6

We have had a great week again in Year 5 and 6. The children have created their own playscripts in English, using our novel, *A Christmas Carol*, as a stimulus. We have been reminding ourselves of the features of playscripts and some of the Year 6 children were reminiscing back to the time when they were at Northern Stage performing *Romeo & Juliet*; our stage directions, scripts, lighting and music were vital.

Narrator	Stage directions	Scene number	Present tense in stage directions
Theatre words	Brackets/parenthesis	Description of setting	Character names on the left

Thank you to Abigail for bringing in a book she owns, dating back to 1857, around the time of the release of Dickens' famous story. We couldn't believe that we were holding a book that is 165 years old!



Max celebrated his birthday this week and showed amazing kindness when he announced that he will be donating one of his birthday presents to the charity, Norah's North Pole (as mentioned in Mrs Johnson's update - what a lovely thing to do.

We have launched our new art topic focussing on the creative work of William Morris, known for his famous wallpapers. The children have been studying his use of pattern and bold designs. We thought this was a great quote.



'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.'

- William Morris



Mr Harvey



Hartburn

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday

19TH NOVEMBER

10am - 4pm

Hartburn Church, near Morpeth, NE61 4JB

FREE ENTRY



Cash &
Cheques
Recommended



Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor

Are you, or a friend or relative, interested in a role in school? We are looking for additional Lunchtime Supervisors to support the supervision of children at lunchtime, between 12pm and 1pm Monday to Friday (we can be flexible around days if you would prefer not to work every day).

You will:

- Provide support and guidance to children in the school setting during lunchtimes.
- Work as part of a welcoming and supportive team of staff, parents and governors
- Have excellent communication skills and a commitment to working within a team
- Be a positive role model for all of our pupils and uphold our school values.

Salary details:

£9.50 per hour (equated to account for term time working)

Access to the Local Government Pension Scheme

This school is strongly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to obtain an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the DBS and a range of other recruitment checks.

Please contact Claire Leightley at c.leightley@peletrust.org.uk or 01661 864426 if you wish to apply, or for a further discussion about working hours.