



# Friday Flyer

13 October 2023

## Headteacher Update

As we come to the end of week 6, our school continues to grow from strength to strength. We have had photographs this week, visitors working with Maple Class and the cross-country at Temple Park in South Shields. If you add to this all the amazing and wonderful work that has been produced in school, it is quite incredible!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our cross-country runners. As we turned up at Temple Park it was evident that this was a massive event with hundreds of children. Our runners from Year 3-6 represented our school with passion and pride and ran their hardest. I felt honoured to be there with them all, true role models and superstars - well done to you all!



Our theme of kindness has continued this week and the children were all set a challenge of trying to carry out 'acts of kindness' which could be something as small as saying thank you to something a little more, such as washing the pots or tidying up at home. Challenge your child to tell you what they did this week.

Exciting news this week was that our science electric equipment arrived! This was only possible due to the kindness of our PTA and the whole community who support our PTA events. They are so invaluable for schools and without your support many of the amazing resources we have in school would not be possible. Thank you so much!



On the topic of community help, do you have any board games at home you no longer need? We are looking for board games, in good condition, to have in our classrooms so that when the wet weather arrives we have games to play inside, to keep our children occupied whilst also developing social skills. If you are able to help please send them in with your children in the next 2 weeks.

Finally, I would like to celebrate not only the wonderful things we get up to in school but also the vast array of what happens out of school. I have been asking the children to send in photos of themselves in their club colours, riding gear or whatever their hobbies might be. I think they may be a little shy or simply not asking you because so far I have not had any sent. Therefore, the parental challenge this week is to find pictures of your children doing their favourite hobbies and sending them to the class email addresses. These will only be used in school and added to a display and no names will be added.

Thank you as always for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Craig Shaw

### Check this out...

Have you been on our website recently? If not please do check it out as we have lots of really useful information on there such as who to contact with queries, school menus, what your child will be learning this year and all our policies eg. safeguarding.

Our exciting new edition is our school calendar. If you click on the tab 'News and Events' and then 'School Calendar' you will now be able to see all of our events up until Christmas. This new feature should keep you up to date with everything you need to know so be sure to check it regularly as events are being added all the time!

### Richard Coates Consultation...

We have been informed by Pele Trust that Richard Coates, a partner school in the Trust, are looking to reduce their PAN from 60 to 30. This is now an open consultation and further information can be found on our website under 'News and Events' - 'Friday Flyer'.



| Class     | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Reception | 100        |
| Y1/2      | 96.09      |
| Y3/4      | 98.82      |
| Y5/6      | 96.77      |

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.

| Attendance    | Description                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 98 -100%      | Excellent                             |
| 95-97.9%      | Good                                  |
| 92-94.9%      | Caution                               |
| 90- 91.9%     | Cause for concern                     |
| 89.9 or below | Persistent Absence<br>Serious Concern |

Every child has the right to a good education. We want our children to thrive, and to be healthy and happy. For this to happen the majority of young people need to be attending school, seeing their friends, and learning in the classroom. Most children in England agree with this assessment. The Children's Commissioner for England's 'Big Ask' survey from March 2022 gathered over 550 000 responses from children and demonstrated during the pandemic how much they had missed face-to-face teaching, spending time with their friends, and the extra-curricular activities that brought joy and excitement to their lives.

The benefits of school are many. It offers positive adult role models and gives children a strong foundation for their interactions in society. School helps young people build confidence, which is crucial to healthy self-esteem. It encourages independent critical thinking and self-expression. These skills translate to every area of life, whether it is in academia, the workplace, or relationships. School widens a child's horizons and influences their aspirations. Schools are more than just classrooms, they are communities.

The NHS has recently published a really useful document to refer to when your child has a suspected illness and you are not sure if they could come to school. It can be found [here](#).

**Dates for the diary...**

| <b>Autumn Term 2023</b>                   |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Monday 23rd October                       |                    | Flu Immunisations   |
| <b>Tuesday 24th October</b>               | <b>3.15-5.00pm</b> | <b>Halloween Disco</b>  |
| Friday 27th October                       | 9.15am             | Harvest Festival (Parents/Carers Welcome)                             |
| Friday 27th October                       |                    | School Closes for Half Term   |
| <b>Monday 6th November</b>                |                    | <b>Teacher Training Day</b>   |
| Tuesday 7th November                      |                    | School Re-opens after Half Term                                       |
| Friday 10th November                      |                    | Remembrance Day Assembly  |
| Monday 13th November                      |                    | Odd Sock Day  |
| Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th November       | 3.15-5.30pm        | Parents' Evenings   |
| Thursday 7th December                     |                    | Christmas Jumper Day  |
| Thursday 7th December                     | 1.45pm             | Joint Christmas Performance (Parents/Carers Welcome) <i>Venue TBC</i> |
| Friday 15th December                      | AM                 | (TBC) Whole School Christmas Performance                              |
| Tuesday 19th December                     | 10.00am            | Christmas Pantomime at Tyne Theatre                                   |
| Wednesday 20th December                   | Afternoon          | KS2 Christmas Party   |
| Thursday 21st December                    | Afternoon          | Reception/KS1 Christmas Party   |
| Friday 22nd December                      |                    | School Closes for Christmas   |
| <b>All dates may be subject to change</b> |                    |   |



### Extra-Curricular Clubs:

We are looking to start these from next week. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

| Day       | Activity               | Time                                      | Age   |
|-----------|------------------------|---|---|
| Monday    | Dance                  | 3.20 - 4.15pm                             | Reception - Y2  |
| Tuesday   | NUF Multi-Sport        | 3.20 - 4.20pm                             | Years 1 - 3   |
| Wednesday | Pele Trust Multi-Sport | 3.20 - 4.20pm                             | Years 4 - 6   |
| Wednesday | Spanish Club           | 3.15 - 4.15pm                             | Years 3-6   |
| Thursday  | Badminton              | 3.15 - 4.00pm<br>starts<br>21st September | Years 5 - 6<br>(cost)   |
| Friday    | Band                   | 8.30 - 9.00am                             | All band members from last year and children who can play an entire scale are welcome |
| Friday    | Choir                  | 11.45 - 12.15pm                           | KS2   |

Would you or someone you know like to run a club? If so please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### Remember...

As the weather changes and we move into colder, wetter times (not much different from our Summer), please remember to send your child to school with a waterproof coat and pair of wellies. We aim to try and get the pupils in the fresh air as much as possible during break and lunch!



## Keeping Children Safe Online

# Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time and in these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

**TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE**

**CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS**

**AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS**

**TRACK YOUR SCREEN TIME**

**TAKE BREAKS**

**REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

**PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST**

**BLOCK BULLIES**

**BE KIND & BE CAREFUL**

**GO TECH FREE BEFORE BED**

**STAY ACTIVE OFFLINE**

**LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES**

NOS National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday



Competition Time...



# THE GREAT GEORDIE BANGER OFF

Get ready for some **sausage-tastic** fun as we've teamed up with our pals at the Geordie Bangers to create their next big flavour in a **Pele Trust wide competition.**

## THE COMPETITION

Entrants will need to come up with the name, ingredients and drawing of their tasty creation to impress the judges.

## THE PRIZES

The winning sausage will be made by Geordie Bangers and will appear in the next menu cycle for all schools within the trust. The winner will also receive 5 Kilos of their new sausage to take home and enjoy with their family.

There will also be runner up prizes for each primary school, with each finalist receiving a certificate, as well as their sausage being created and put into mini sausage sandwiches for the whole class to enjoy.

**Entry forms will be available from w/c 23rd October 2023**

We can't wait to see what wonderful creations you come up with!

Richard Bell | Area Catering Manager  
Vin & David McDonad | Geordie Bangers



## The week in Willow Class

Autumn has well and truly landed and we have had some beautiful Autumn days this week. We have discussed changes that we see in Autumn time and the story of the Leaf Thief has become one of our favourite books to read. The children have enjoyed learning about why the leaves change colour and we have used the word 'hibernation' when talking about the animals that are preparing to hibernate. We have discussed changes we will start to see very soon, such as darker mornings and nights, as well as needing warmer coats, now that the weather has become colder. Mrs Moffat was really impressed with how much the children could remember. During forest school with Mrs Moffat, the children enjoyed collecting Autumn leaves to make a leaf necklace, it was a lovely treat to come back to the classroom and to have my very own. Thank you Team Willow!



As part of our maths work this week, we have thought about the numbers 2,3 and 4. We have thought about them in 1s and discussed how many 1s are needed to make each number. The children are becoming brilliant at recognising numbers, whether it is in a set or a numeral. In discovery time we have made lots of different creations with the cubes (photos are on Tapestry) and the children have loved estimating how many cubes they have used. We have counted to some very big numbers this week.

Next week we are looking forward to the story of the Little Red Hen. Me and Mrs Moffat have lots of fun activities planned for the children and we can't wait to make bread with them on Friday. If anyone has any allergies that I need to be aware of please let me know. Sadly, we will not make enough to bring home but I will share lots of photos on Tapestry with everyone! I am hoping that the children in Willow Class will want to join in making it, unlike in the story of the Little Red Hen. Watch this space to see what happens!

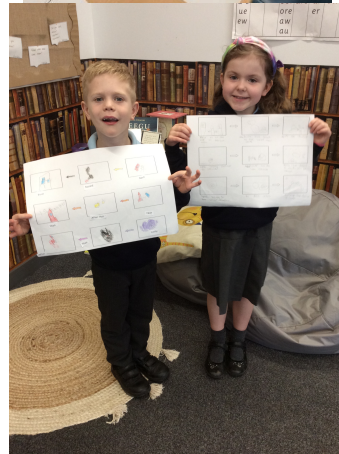
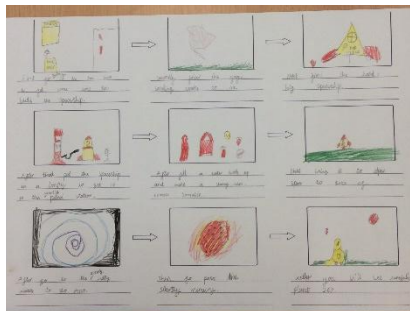
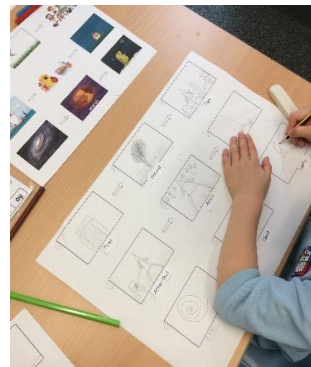
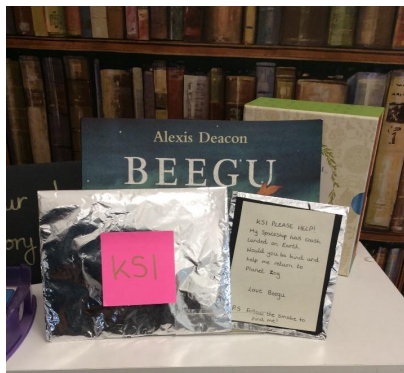
Have a lovely weekend! Hopefully we see some more of this lovely weather. Don't forget to share any photos from the weekend on Tapestry as the children love sharing these with their friends.

**Miss Houghton**



## This week in Maple Class

Maple Class received a special delivery when returning from playtime on Monday; we opened a foil letter, which Year 2 read to Year 1, from Beegu! Beegu was in desperate need of help because her spaceship had crash landed on Earth. We worked hard to write instructions for Beegu, to help her make her way home safely to planet Zog!



In Maths, Year 1 has been using the part-whole model to support them in writing their addition number sentences. Year 2 children used their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to find number bonds to 100. They were excellent at spotting number patterns and solving inverse problems!

We also received a Germ Buster hand hygiene workshop from Nurse Lynne this week and we learnt the importance of keeping our hands clean, to keep ourselves and others safe from germs. We learnt how to wash our hands, step-by-step, using UV light to see the 'pretend' germs that we missed when washing. After a thorough re-washing, we completed our Germ Buster mission. No more germs could be seen!



**Miss Dixon**

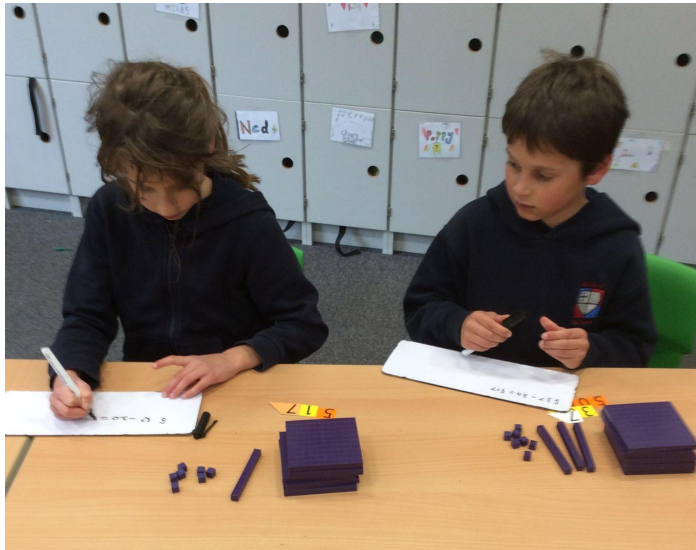


## The week in Alder Class

This week in Science we have been looking at what a complete circuit looks like. We had to make a prediction as to whether a circuit was complete or incomplete.

In English we continued to read Anglo Saxon Boy. We started looking at newspaper articles and looked at key events from the story. Focussing on these, we created catchy headlines using alliteration, rhyme and puns.

We have been focussing on addition and subtraction of 10s, 100s and 1000s in Maths this week. Everyone really enjoyed using base 10 and arrow numbers to help us with our calculations.



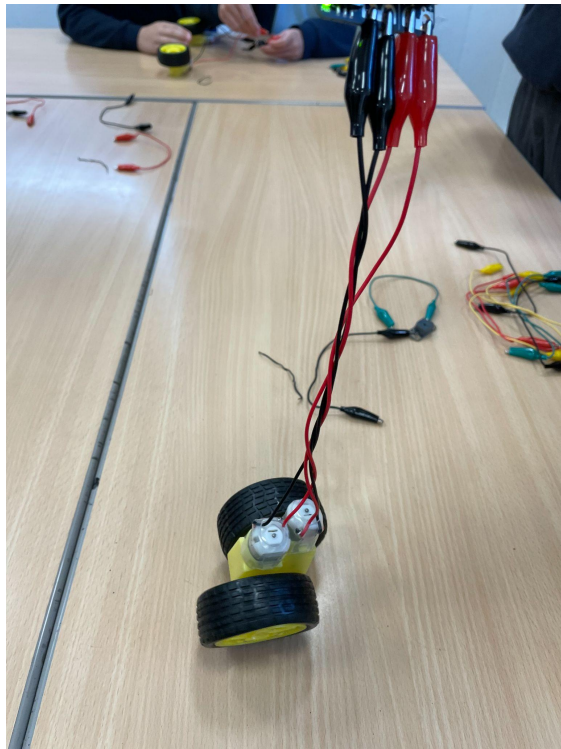
Alder Class has really shown their best this week and have managed very well while Miss Cruse has been off. It has been lovely to hear that the children have all shown great manners and the supply teacher, Mrs Ansley, has been really impressed with all of the children. Well done Alder Class!

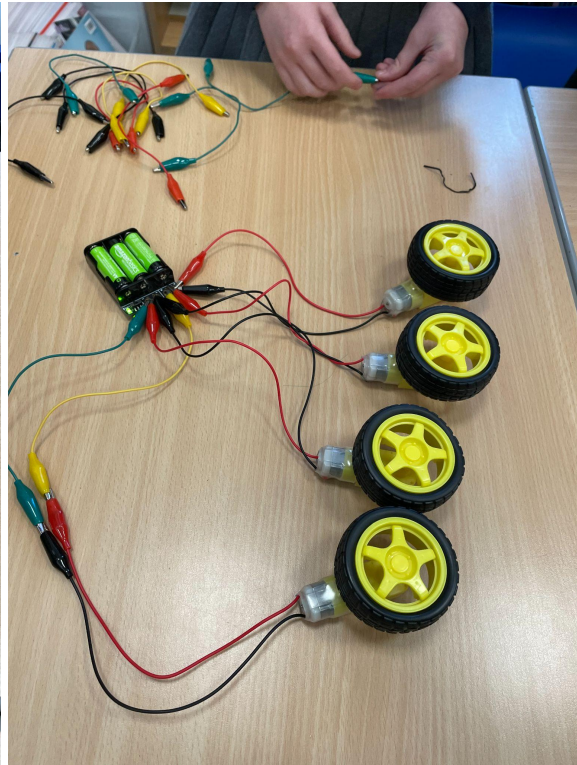
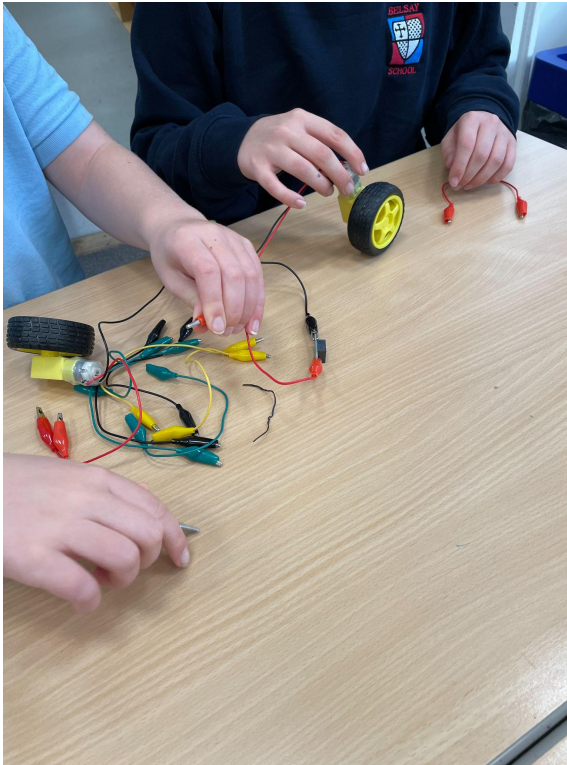


## The week in Oak Class

### Science

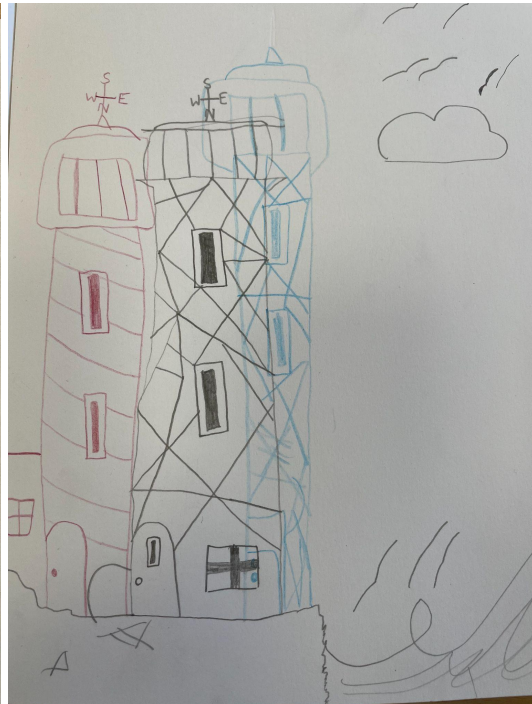
As mentioned above by Mr Shaw, we are really grateful to the PTA for helping us fund a class Crumble Kit. There are 16 sets which include wires, battery packs, buzzers, wheels, motors, lights and a circuit board that links into our computers, which will help with our programming skills. We can't wait to put the kit to full use over the next few weeks. On Thursday we made some simple circuits and experimented with the new equipment.





### Art

During art this week, we have continued to be inspired by our artists and created some amazing overlay pieces of art, using different colours and styles of lighthouses. We were putting together all of the skills that we have been learning over the past few weeks.





### PSHE: Relationships

We have discussed what makes a happy relationship in PSHE. We also discussed the various types of relationships that exist and our class were really knowledgeable.

## Different types of love



What similarities and differences can you see?

Mr Harvey

Belsay School



Back by Popular Demand,  
Belsay PTA brings you the

# Halloween Disco

Tuesday  
24<sup>th</sup> October  
3.15pm - 5pm

Open to all children at Belsay School.

Please feel free to send in a bag Halloween Costume or Party Clothes.

Hot dog, drink and a cake provided.

Tickets £3-£5 suggested donation per child.

Attendance/dietary requirements form to follow.

Staff supervision, parents collect at the end.

See you there!

