

## What's gone on... 17th - 21st October



### Star of the Week

Year 1	Quinn
Year 2	Ellie
Year 3	Ethan
Year 4	Kaitlin
Year 5	Maddison S
Year 6	Emily

Position	Class	😊	😄	Total
1st	Y3	2	2	4
2nd	Y2	0	4	4
3rd	Y6	1	1	2
4th	Y1	0	1	1
Joint 6th	Y4	0	0	0
Joint 6th	Y5	0	0	0

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**Head Teachers Award**  
Rhianna & Millie Y6

House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
<b>Blue</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 99.3%</b>	<b>97.3%</b> 

#### Harvest Festival:

Thanks and well done to year 5 for a wonderful harvest celebration this week. They certainly put in so much effort in order to make it a great success. Also, thanks to all of our parents and carers for donating so many gifts of food for the people in our community who need it the most. We have passed on your kind gifts to the Salvation Army who will distribute the food parcels on our behalf.



**School Council:** The school council hosted our guests from Springwell last Friday and had an enjoyable afternoon spent comparing homework in both schools and taking a tour of the classrooms.



Our school Oral Health Champion, Pauline, is coming into school on Thursday 3rd November to offer advice to parents/carers. We would like to invite you to a coffee morning starting at 9am, where Pauline will give out information and strategies for your child's oral health.

Did you know?

We are collecting items for our shoe boxes to be taken to disadvantaged children in Montenegro, Tanzania and Romania

**Parent Meeting to support homework:**

I hope the parents and carers who attended Monday night's meeting regarding teaching strategies to support your child's homework found it useful. The expectations of what your child must learn in all year groups has risen dramatically and the methods taught seems to change annually. Homework should not be upsetting or too long, rather a quick consolidation of what has been taught already in school. If parents are still finding parts of the homework set difficult then please feel free to come in and ask for advice and support. Children can access letter join by logging onto their computer/tablets using a link that is found on our Facebook and website, if you need any help please feel to ask Mr Byers.

INSET Days: New Inset days for the 2016 academic year as follows:  
**Monday 14th November 2016.**

Tesco have donated the paper for this newsletter. Thank you.

Check out our Facebook page

**Eden Camp:**

Year 5 had a fabulous day on Thursday being their topic on "child at war" visiting Eden Camp. The children were able to walk through and explore how it would feel in the blitz and walk down 1939 streets. Understanding how those left in Britain were able to help the war effort. Looking at woman at war, working in factories, farms and becoming air raid wardens. The children were shocked to learn Eden Camp was a prisoner of war camp, but loved going through the old photographs and data of the prisoners that were there, feeling a real part of history that it happened exactly where they were standing and the the rooms they visited. We had a great treat, in a puppet show, where the children got to learn WW2 songs and of course the Punch and Judy puppets were a little naughty squirting us with water! All year five are really looking forward to starting our topic after half term.



**Athletics Meeting—The City Final:**

Following our cluster athletics success last week we sent our team back out again, this time to Biddick, to compete against the winning schools from all over Sunderland. As you can imagine the competition was very tough indeed but our children performed fantastically well although the final results and placings have not been released yet. Well done to the team.



**Running Club:**

So far we have had a terrific response to our new running club. The children have shown great determination to keep on running and complete as many laps as possible in ten minutes. They have kept on going even when they are tiring and hopefully they will feel fitter and better for it.



*What's on... 31st October - 4th November*

**Half Term:** Already we have reached the end of our first half term for the new academic year and it has certainly been a very busy one with trips out, sporting successes, lots of work and quite a bit of running! School re-opens on Monday 31st October and our final INSET day of the academic year takes place on Monday 14th November. Enjoy your holiday.

**Bonfire Special Menu:** We are having a special Bonfire lunch on Friday 4th November. Fish Bangers, Guy Fawkes Pizza, Fire Crackers Chicken, Chips, Waffles, Cookies, Ice Cream and Blackcurrant Juice. If you don't stay for school and would like to join in our Bonfire Special it will be £2 please contact the office.

The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon.  
The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson.

- 24.10 School Closed for half term week
- 31.10 School re-opens on Monday
- 01.11 Y6 @ Stadium of Light—drug awareness
- 03.11 & 04.11 Y6 London trip
- 08.11 Netball Tournament
- **14.11 INSET Day**