

What's gone on... 19th - 23rd September

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.



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Star of the Week

Year 1	Britney
Year 2	Cherry
Year 3	Evan
Year 4	Tia
Year 5	Grace
Year 6	Elle

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



Head Teachers Award

Alfie H



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Blue	Y2 99.7%	96.9% 

Y6 @ Lambton: Two great visits to the Lambton Estate this week! Half of Year 6 visited on Tuesday and Thursday enjoying a fabulous day looking at all the different job roles there are on the estate. After meeting Bob, the Event Manager at the main entrance, we made our way to the main estate offices to meet Julie who is the Office Manager. We explored the safe rooms where all the important records are kept. Next, we headed off to the beautiful gardens to explore, Bob told us about all the films and television programmes that were filmed there. We were then introduced to Alfie the Beekeeper, who knows all there is to know about bees! The children were dressed in protective clothing to look closely at the hives. A short walk to the fields and we were met by some Highland cows and the Farm Manager. Shortly after, we walked through the orchard to Biddick Hall, the very impressive home of Lord Lambton (he wasn't at home unfortunately!) Beautiful rooms from the Library to the Green room were explored, we even got to sound the dinner gong! Next we met Edie the Housekeeper, who kindly fed and watered us with some sweets, crisps and juice. The teachers even had a lovely cup of tea in beautiful china cups. After thanking Edie, we popped back on the minibus (as the estate is so large) and headed for the castle. An impressive building indeed! We were shown around and came across a pub film set! Well the children loved this, especially as Bob poured them all a drink and they had a competition! We also stumbled across a left over coffin from a film very creepy but of course we all had a turn before heading up to the roof to see the lovely views. Did you know the castle had 26 chimneys?



Thursday's group were lucky enough to visit the stables, and met Sue the Stable Manager. We got to stroke a few of the friendlier horses and were introduced to a horse that was in his 40's (which is very old for a horse) We rounded off our trip by heading to the Walled Garden for lunch. We were joined by the Gamekeeper and his five dogs, and had lots of fun throwing the ball for them. Sadly, it was time to leave the estate to come back to school, so we jumped back on the bus and thanked Bob for showing us around Lambton Estate. We all agreed, it was one of the best trips we have been on! A big THANK YOU to the Sir Tom Cowie Trust for making this trip possible



Football Results:

Last night saw our football team play their first matches of the season by travelling to Hill View Juniors for a festival of friendly fixtures. We had three games to play and all of them against teams from the A and B divisions so competition was tough. Our first game set us against last season's A division champions, Broadway Juniors. We took an early lead through James Graham who connected with his head from Crook's long throw. The powerful header giving their keeper no chance. Broadway quickly countered but Alfie Hardy in goal finger tipped a certain goal around the post for a fantastic save. Unfortunately the second half saw us concede two goals to their quick forward line so the game ended in defeat but overall a steady performance. With no time to lose, we headed onto the second pitch for our next game. This time against Fulwell 2 who were last season's A division runners up. This game was evenly fought with both teams battling for possession. James Graham ran all game and played some excellent football with Jonathan Crooks but despite our best efforts, we couldn't find the breakthrough. The second half saw us concede a solitary goal against the run of play and the game ended 0-1. Performances were all round much improved on the first game however, which was pleasing to see. Our final game was against Hill View (who came 3rd in last season's A division). A very evenly matched game was eventually decided by a second half penalty which our keeper couldn't do anything about. So 3 defeats but fantastic performances and great experiences for our young squad.

MacMillan Coffee Morning:

The school will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan who do such a wonderful job in supporting families at difficult times. If you can spare an hour of your time please come along on Friday 30th September 9-10am to raise some funds for such a deserving cause.



Can we remind parents of the importance of putting their child's name in ALL of their uniform including shoes, coats and bags. If an item is found with a name in it we can return it to the owner - with over 200 children in school it is almost impossible to return clothing with no names in. Thank you for your continued support.



Can parents/carers please take responsibility for their children and not allow them to run into and through the car park of Harwood Court next to the school.

Check out our Facebook page



£3736.59 has been raised towards the year6 trip to London, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Choir

This week's newsletter contains a special feature about all the music that takes place in school. We are very proud of the opportunities we provide the children with through Mrs Ireland with the choir and lessons in curriculum time and also Mr Brown who teaches a range of instruments to KS2 pupils. We believe music is an important element of the school curriculum and we take great delight in seeing our children learn and perform musical instruments to a high standard.

Due to the amount of money now coming in, can parents/carers please send ALL money in to school in an envelope clearly marked with their child's name, amount enclosed and what the money is for. Thank you to those who already do this, it is greatly appreciated. Alternatively some payments can be made online via Sunderland City Council website, please ask at the office for more information.

What's on... 23rd - 30th September

Football Coming up: School team are playing their first league matches of the season on Thursday after school at Dame Dorothy. Seaburn Dene and St Paul's are our opponents. Best of luck to the squad as they defend the Division C league title.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Term time holidays cannot be authorised by school and should be avoided. In certain cases fines may and can be issued. Dinner money needs to be paid each Monday for the coming week. It can also be paid online, see link on school website. Please ensure you child has PE or swimming kit at school on the day of their lesson. PE is a statutory subject which requires every child to participate every week. Please support us in achieving this.

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.

- 29.09 School Football @ Home 3:45pm
- 30.09 MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am
- 04.10 Football Cup Competition @ Monkwearmouth
- 07.10 School Council visits St John Boste
- 10.10 Big Tidy Up Week
- 11.10 Athletics Event Y6 @ Monkwearmouth



There's so much music in your school! Every child will have a chance to take part and flex their musical muscles!

MUSIC



Ask your child what they've learnt about our musician of the month – there'll be a different one every month! The children learn about musicians from a variety of styles!



Music of the month for September is The Beatles and in October we'll be listening to some spooky music by Mussorgsky.

Our school choir rehearses on a Tuesday after school - Y3-6.

It's not too late to join choir – there are no limits on the number of children who can take part!



Year 3 and 4 children all learn to play the recorder.



Mr. Brown teaches woodwind and keyboard on a Wednesday afternoon.



On the final day of the summer term our saxophone players sat their Grade 1 exam. They all passed- one with distinction! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Children who are now in Year 5 have a chance to start learning flute, clarinet or saxophone.





We all enjoy practical music lessons with a variety of instruments.



Dame Dorothy Ukulele Band – seeking new members from Year 5!



Would your child like to further their music education out of school hours? Here are a couple of options they might be interested in....

Y6 Woodwind pupils could join Sunderland Youth Orchestra – Saturday mornings- cost approx. £2
There is also a youth jazz band in Sunderland – perhaps suitable for clarinet and saxophone players.

The Bunker – based at Stockton Road, Sunderland.

- Singing Club every Saturday from 10 – 11am, for ages 8 – 18. £5 a class and all welcome. No Auditions
- Guitar and Drum Workshops on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 – 6pm.
- www.bunkeruk.com for more info or email info@bunkeruk.com or ring 0191 5671777

Ambassador Theatre Group Creative Learning – Sunderland Empire

- Sunderland Empire offer a range of Creative Learning Activities that are inspired by the productions that visit them. For more information visit www.creativelearning.atg.co.uk.
- Beyond the Band Pit – 20 young musicians will work with musicians and producers from the Kinks backstage at the Empire and at The Bunker on Friday 7th October. Deadline for applications is 19th September. Get your expression of interest to holliecoxon@theambassadors.com now.

Sunderland Music Workshops – every Saturday from 9am to 3pm

- Join the ranks of The Futureheads, Field Music and up and coming band The Bubble Project who all began as part of the Sunderland Music Workshops. Call 0191 5617400 to find out more and register your interest in joining.
- The aim is to help young people build up their self-esteem and confidence through music, whilst also developing music skills and knowledge
- Established in 1994, the Workshops have won many national and local awards and is FREE