

30th April - 4th May

Star of the Week

Year 1	Casey
Year 2	Jasmine
Year 3	Ellie S
Year 4	Amina
Year 5	Olivia
Year 6	Stephanie

Weekly Attendance League Table						
R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	😊	😊	😊			
	😬	😬	😬			

😊 = 100% class attendance
😬 = best class attendance (not 100%)

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Head Teachers Award
Ben A



House Group Winner	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Blue	Y1 98.9%	96.6% 

Beamish: Y4 travelled to Beamish on Thursday courtesy of the Sir Tom Cowie Trust. We had great weather and good traffic so we arrived with time to spare. First stop – the mine! Children were split into 2 groups and our guide gave us a hard hat each and asked us to follow him into the darkness! We were told about the terrible conditions and dampness, the poor wages and having to work 6 days a week. Also, boys as young as 4 could be employed down the pit keeping ventilation doors open. Our children decided that school was a better option for them after that! Next it was onto the colliery village. We looked in all the cottages and then went into the school. We wrote on slates and had to sit straight and in total silence – talk about a challenge! After an outdoor lunch, we wandered down to the town to visit the shops. We spoke to the lady in the bakery who explained that she makes 300 loaves of bread every day and they all sell out before 12 noon! However, we had a biscuit and enjoyed the sunshine a little bit more. Lastly, we went to the favourite spot – the sweet shop. Many sweets were bought but not many remained once we'd returned to school? Strange how so many must have been dropped on the tram that took us back to the bus! Overall, another fab day out in a great open air museum. Thanks to Beamish, helpers and The Sir Tom Cowie Trust for making it happen.



Sunderland 3k Run: We are excited and proud to be entering some of our school Running Club in the Sunderland 3k run on Sunday 13th May. We have a loyal core of runners who turn up each Thursday lunchtime and give their all to run as many laps as possible. The fitness and stamina of our children has significantly improved over the past year and I am confident they will do well and enjoy the experience. If you are free on Sunday from 9:30am please come along and cheer the children on. You won't miss us in our bright green T-shirts!

Tesco Fundraising: The year 5 children added to their fundraising achievements on Friday when they went to Tesco to complete the Dame Dot Bake Off. For the afternoon they learnt about baking on a industrial level, behind the scenes at the bakery within Tesco. They then made their own bread dough, following the instructions and were surprised at the large quantities needed to make 50 loaves of bread.

Next step the kneading, shaping and proving, then finally the amazing smell of baked bread! These loaves were special however as they were to be sold after school to raise funds for our Edinburgh trip. The children did an amazing job and I'm sure all those that bought the bread agree it was delicious!

The afternoon saw more hard work for year 5, learning that money is not easy to raise. They sold raffle tickets and worked hard at their bag packing skills to raise more funds. We had some very grateful customers and many commented how well they did.

With the combined fundraising at Tesco and our raffle/cake sales at school, Year 5 raised £600 which means they have paid for themselves to go to Jamie Oliver's for Tea in Edinburgh! Well done Year 5 and thank you to everyone who helped and bought cakes.



LAF Programme: There was a special assembly held this week by the LAF club which is concerned at promoting healthy lifestyles and diet. Amongst the many things discussed the children were told about the harm and dangers of energy drinks that contain a whopping 18 spoonfuls of sugar in each can. A letter was sent home to all parents and carers this week providing more information about the follow up to this assembly. Please read, complete and return the form as soon as possible.

Matilda: Excitement is building in Y5 as they're off to see the RSC's production of Matilda at the Sunderland Empire on Wednesday. Will there be proper swings on the stage? Will Miss Trunchball swing a child around by its hair? What will the Chokey look like? The children are attending a matinee performance, so will have a normal morning and lunch in school. They will walk to and from the theatre. The school is providing a goodie bag, which will include a drink. The performance will finish after school time. Parents should be aware that collection will be from school at approximately 5.30 - 6 p.m

Bank Holiday: A reminder that school is closed on **Monday 7th May** for the Bank Holiday.

School Uniform:

Just a reminder that school uniform is a yellow polo shirt, royal blue cardigan or jumper with grey school trousers or school skirt and black shoes. A blue and white school dress can also be worn this term.

Leggings and jogging bottoms are not appropriate for uniform.

Upcoming Events

- 07.05 May Day Bank Holiday
- 09.05 Y5 going to performance of Matilda
- 13.05 Team of Dame Dorothy runners taking part in the Sunderland 3km
- 14.05 SATS week KS2

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.
Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.