

30th September - 4th October

Star of the Week

Year 1	Star
Year 2	Elwyn
Year 3	Fayre
Year 4	Kayden
Year 5	Kelly
Year 6	Aflie

Weekly Attendance League Table						
R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
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☺ = 100% class attendance
☹ = best class attendance (not 100%)



House Group Winner	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Red Green	Reception 97.9%	93.1% ☹

Remember to check out our Facebook page

Gibside: Year 5 wrapped up against the weather and headed off to Gibside on Friday. Sarah met the coach and took us on a walking tour of the grounds. Finding conkers and acorns that had been nibbled, we learnt about food chains within our countryside, learning impressive vocabulary such as producers and consumers to help us freeze frame our own food chains. Stepping into the walled garden, we realised where all our fruit and vegetables come from. Vines, bushes, trees and some are actually roots! We were really excited to be able to pick our own blackberries and eat them straight from the bushes. All of these flowers and fruits were pollinated by Gibside's own bees, we were able to watch them near their hives and learn what an important job they do. The afternoon was spent exploring the forest and showing our bravery and balancing skills within the low rope challenge.



School Council: Our newly formed school council met this week to discuss the topics in school they would like to help us improve. There were lots of very sensible and thought provoking suggestions given by the children and they have provided us with a lot of content to work through over the coming term.



Halloween Disco:

On Thursday 24th October the Friends of Dame Dorothy will be holding a special Spooky Disco from 4pm until 5pm for Y1—Y6. We will be also be selling hot dogs, juice and sweets. Entry is £1 and can be paid on the day.



Parents Evening:

Y1-Y6: We will be holding a parents evening by appointment on Monday 14th October. It is an excellent opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled into their new academic year group. Information for appointments will be coming home soon. Nursery & Reception please see letters sent out this week.

INSET: A reminder that the school has our second INSET day this coming Monday. Children are back in school on Tuesday morning as usual so please adjust dinner payments to four days £8.80 for the coming week.

School Photos: The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 15th October from 8.30am.



Mental Health Day:

We are supporting the charity MIND on Thursday with a non uniform day and by wearing something yellow to raise awareness of mental health and well-being. Donations for MIND will be gratefully received.



Say #HelloYellow!

The Big Tidy Up: One of our annual calendar events is our Big Tidy up campaign where we focus the children upon the need to look after our environment and be responsible with our litter. Every year we are all shocked by the amount of litter we find in our streets and parks and we hope to make the children aware of what they can do to make a difference and feel proud of our locality. Look out on Facebook to see just how much litter we find!

Diary Dates:

- 07.10 INSET day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)
- 10.10 Mental Health Day—'Hello Yellow'
- 14.10 Parent Evening
- 15.10 School Photographer
- 15.10 Y5&6 Athletics event @ Biddick
- 16.10 Sportability Event @ Biddick
- 23.10 Harvest Festival 2pm
- 24.10 Halloween Disco
- 28.10 Half term holiday
- 04.11 School re-opens
- 06.11 Y3 Broom House Farm

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



Safeguarding Governor —Mrs Roberts.



Mental Health and Well-Being Champion - Miss Baker.

