

# Friday Flyer

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Head Teacher Message

We are delighted to have had such a successful start to the term. The children have continued to be fantastic. They are engaged and motivated and demonstrate clearly that children really are a very happy and resilient bunch.

This week we have included some photos for you to see the children in their lessons enjoying their learning. Don't forget to look at the year group Twitter accounts and Tapestry to see what is happening in school while you are unable to physically be here.

Today the new local lockdown restrictions have come into force limiting our social contact outside of school. With this in mind please can we remind parents that only 1 adult should be accompanying the children onto site at drop off and pick up times, to limit the number of people on site at any time.

With the new updated national and local response, we do not feel that we can invite parents' into school for parents' evenings, even at a social distance. As an alternative you will have the opportunity to book a phone call with your child's class teacher in the week beginning 5 October. Booking forms will go out early next week.

Thank you again for all of your support. It has been an intense but successful start to the new term but we know that we couldn't have done it without the support of all of our families.

## Absence from school

Our school office has had many queries each day about whether a child should attend school in certain circumstances. In order to help parents we have produced a parent's guide to Corona related absence. We will circulate it with this flyer and also put it onto the school website.

## Year 6 applications for secondary school

The portal for applications to secondary school is now open. It is vital that all Year 6 parents make an application before the deadline of 31 October. Applications should be made through your home local authority.

This year will be the first year of the Pele Trust Admission Policy which endeavours to secure a path for primary pupils within the Pele Trust schools into Ponteland High School.

Due to current restrictions there will be no open days at Ponteland High School for Year 6 pupils and there will be no open events for parents to find out about the school. Ponteland High School hope to circulate information to parents in the next few weeks.

For parents who do not live in catchment it is essential that you consider and name a second choice of secondary school.

## Value of the month – Respect

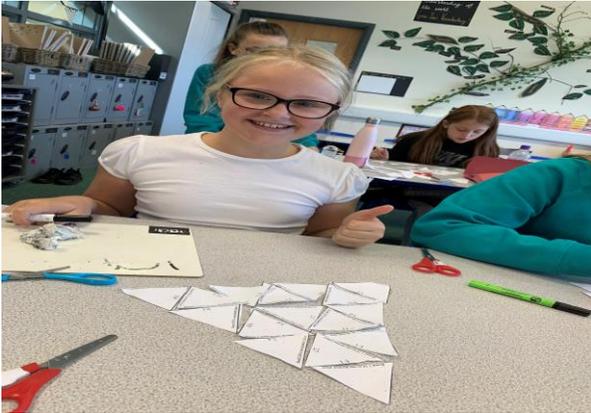
This month our value is Respect. This is a positive feeling towards something or someone. One of our school rules is to treat everyone and everything with respect.

## School Gateway

Please download the School Gateway app to make payments to school for lunches, uniform and trips. This would help us to achieve our aim of becoming cashless.

### Year 6

Year 6 are enjoying their 'high school style' rotation of lessons on a Friday morning, when they get specialist teaching for Maths, English and PE. It's a lovely opportunity to do some practical activities, like this rounding jigsaw! Verbs in English got a bit tense today, as did the commando style circuit training in PE. So much excitement to end the week!



### Year 5

This week, Year 5 had their second session of 'Commando Joes', led by instructor Lloyd. He explained that to be successful in our missions, we will be working on four key skills: teamwork, communication, perseverance and decision making. The children worked in small teams to tackle their first missions on Tuesday and we can't wait to see what challenges lie ahead next week.



### Year 1

The Year 1 children have settled in really well and are off to a flying start. Our global theme this half term is Identity and Diversity and our core text is Beegu. We have thought lots about feelings and what makes us unique and special. We have linked our science topic of Scientific Enquiry to Beegu and space and the children have loved using their scientific enquiry skills to find out about the planets. This week we have focused on the job of the sun. We learnt that the Sun is in the centre of the Solar System and all of the planets orbit the Sun. We also found out that, as the Earth rotates, the position of the Sun creates day time and night time. We then worked in our groups to create our own Solar System using playdough and labelled our model.

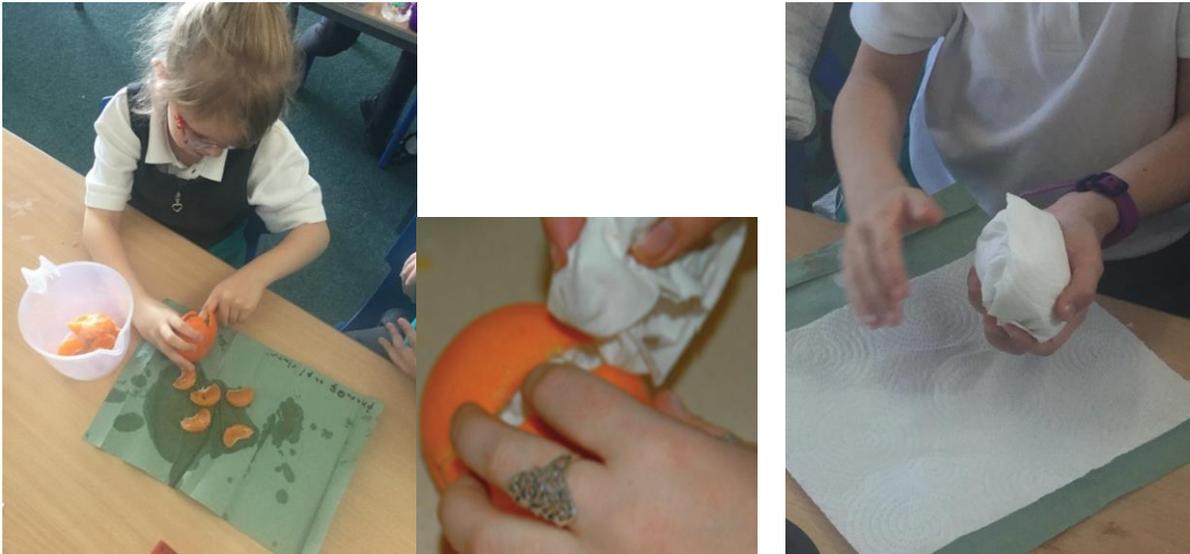


### Reception love their Forest Fridays!



### Year 3

Today, we learnt about mummification (a process used in ancient Egypt to preserve bodies). We looked at the steps involved in the process and then applied this to successfully mummify an orange.



First we scooped out the 'organs', then dried the insides. Afterwards, we stuffed them with cinnamon (to make it smell better) and salt (to preserve the skin) before wrapping them tightly in kitchen roll.

### Year 2

After reading the story of 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London', the children acted out the story taking on the role of one of the characters or the role of the narrator. They performed this to the class and we talked about using expression and intonation to make it interesting for the audience. The rest of the week we have spent researching facts about The Great Fire of London and creating a news report to inform others. Did you know that it took almost 50 years to rebuild the city of London after the fire?



A few pictures from the new school to get us all excited!



