

Friday Flyer

Friday 9th October 2020

Head Teacher Update

This has been a particularly busy week for teachers as they conducted Parents' Evening phone calls. I hope that you have had the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and that you found this to be worthwhile and a suitable alternative to meeting face to face. Initial feedback from parents and staff has been extremely positive. I hope that you feel the same and that you have had the information you feel that you need to hear.

Sadly this week I have cancelled our booking for Year 4's residential to Robinwood which was planned for January. Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents who completed our survey. This told us that the majority of parents would like the visit to be rearranged if possible. Unfortunately, Robinwood have been unable to offer us an alternative time to go in this academic year.

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who completed our survey about possible residential opportunities for Year 6 in the summer term. We are currently exploring a couple of options and hope to share a proposal with you soon.

I am delighted to confirm that following our assessment day on 23rd November we have retained our Inclusion Quality Mark Centre of Excellence status. Thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and community partners who contributed to the assessment day. We are very proud of the report.

"No talents are overlooked, and each individual can contribute comfortably to the vision of the school. One senses that this is a happy environment with kindness, friendship and laughter behind the hard work that is the backbone of this highly successful school." IQM Assessment September 2020.

On Wednesday Miss Smith and I managed to visit the new school site alongside the Health and Safety team from NCC. The primary school building is now finished and fully furnished. The groundworks are progressing well and are on track to be complete for our opening on 3rd November. Over the next 2 weeks I need to finalise risk assessments and write joining instructions for parents to familiarise them with the site when familiarisation visits are not possible. I will share some additional photographs with you also.

In the meantime I would strongly advise walking or driving up Callerton Lane and having a good look at the new site. The primary school is the final part of the building as you go up Callerton Lane with the classrooms all looking out over the bridle path. We can't wait to go but we have a bit of work to do here first!

Have a good weekend everyone.

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Year 1

On Monday we all brought in a special item from home. We showed our item to the class and talked about how it made us unique and special. Some of us brought in teddies we have had since we were born, others brought in certificates and medals. After showing our objects to everybody in the circle, we all had a chance to look at our friends' objects and ask questions.



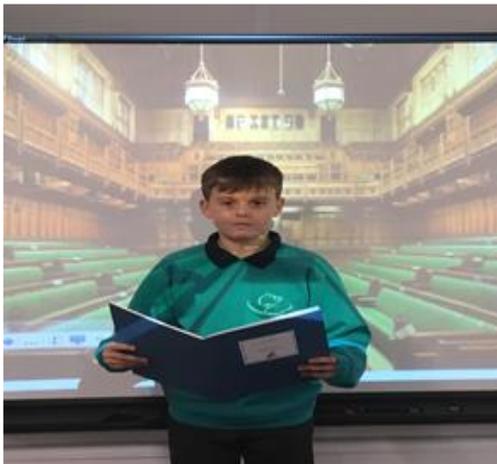
More of Year 1

To promote positive behaviour in year 1 we have the Mr Potato Head Challenge! At the beginning of each week Mr Potato Head only has his legs. When the children work together to follow the school rules a piece is added to him. If the class manages to get all of the pieces and have a complete Mr Potato Head by Friday then they get a treat that they have voted for. Last Friday the children voted to go to the woods and toast marshmallows. What a lovely afternoon we had and we were so delighted that the children remembered so many rules of the forest and how to be safe when we have a fire.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the abolishment of slavery in History. Today, they imagined that they were British politician William Wilberforce and wrote an impassioned speech about why slavery should be abolished. They then delivered their speech to parliament. They were amazing!



Year 6

On Thursday Year 6 had the opportunity to experience a student led classroom. All their lessons were carefully planned and resourced for them, but they were expected to collaboratively run their school day with minimal input from their class teacher. It was a bit of a rollercoaster as the children realised that organising a school day is no mean feat! We saw some phenomenal displays of independent learning and many demonstrations of our school values in action as the Year 6s were respectful and kind to one another while navigating their way through maths, English, science and computing. Many valuable lessons were learned, and we are looking forward to them utilising their new skills as the year progresses.



Reception

The reception children have been baking bread, just like the little red hen!

