



## Your Weekly Head Teacher Newsletter Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Friends of West Jesmond,

### Bike It Breakfast

It was lovely to see so many of you at yesterday's Bike It Breakfast. I'd like to thank Jill Maddison and the team from the Cycle Hub, who sponsor the event, fund your lovely breakfast and the 'spot' prizes. There will be at KS2 Bike It Breakfast in the new year.



### Community Orchard visit

It was also a pleasure this week to welcome back friends from our local Community Orchard to press the seasonal apple harvest into tasty apple juice.



### Ofsted visit

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Ofsted inspector Ms Pricilla McGuire into school. The visit was part of Ofsted's annual programme of subject and thematic surveys which take place alongside its main inspection programme. Survey visits help Ofsted examine relationships between institutions, providers and other agencies.



Healthy eating and physical activity survey

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Ofsted can then evaluate the impact on providers and learners of recent policy developments. The focus of the survey visit was 'obesity, healthy eating and physical activity' – which is obviously a big focus nationally at the moment.

I was incredibly proud of all our pupils who demonstrated wonderful behaviour and attitudes during the visit. Staff also worked tirelessly to ensure we had everything ready that was asked for; governors too, who came in to highlight all our ongoing work in this area. Once the final survey report is completed I will share Ofsted's findings with you.

In the meantime, Ofsted have also asked for parents to contribute to the survey visit by completing an online questionnaire. Please click [HERE](#) to access the survey questionnaire for parents. I would most grateful if you could take the time to fill it in and contribute to the survey outcomes. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have also been asked to complete a survey which we will facilitate in school.

### Hockey Team in action

On Wednesday, Year 4 children took part in the Ouseburn Quick- Sticks Hockey Festival. All the children played really well with some great tackling and shooting on display. Team 1 came 4th in their group and Team 2 came 4th in their group as well. Well done to Tillie, Fay, Sofia, Cillian, Zoe, Wilf, Dylan, Joseph and George.



### Friends AGM

Just a reminder that next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November is our Friends' (PTA) AGM. If you've not been a long before, do consider coming along and finding out more about our fundraising efforts; projects for next year and successes from this year.





## Young Achievers



Thomas Y2J	Certificate of Investiture – invested as a Beaver Scout
George Y2J	Certificate of Investiture – invested as a Beaver Scout and Rugby Club Star Player of the week
William Y2J	Medal for MoRunner – mini run 2017
Joseph Y4M	Swimming Medals 1 for back stroke, one for butterfly and one for relay at the Dolphin Gala
Lily Y4M	Excellent writing for Take One Object Project
Shaun Y3L	10m Swimming Badge
Harini Y1O	5m Swimming Badge
Benjamin Y1W	Great independent number bond work
Jonny R3	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Isaac Y2H	Lee Sterry Football Certificate and Trophy
Olly Y2H	Lee Sterry Football Certificate
Raz Y4M	25m Swimming Award
Rebecca Y1O	Stage 2 Swimming Award
Emma Y2J	200m Swimming Award
Oscar Y2H	25m Swimming Award
Serena Y2H	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Jack Y2H	Gold, silver and bronze Kumon medals
Isaac Y4M	Purple and white belts in Karate
Matilda Y4M	Excellent improvements in handwriting
Maya Y4M	Stage 8 Water Polo
Chenyuan Y4F	Kumon English Certificate
Levi Y3OB	Wonderful art prints
Daniel Y3C	Stage 6 Swimming Badge
Siddha R1	10m Swimming Badge

With best wishes for the week ahead,

**Dominic Martin**

**Head of School**