



Headteacher Newsletter

Friday 12th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday myself, Mrs McVittie and Mr Wallis-Clarke had the pleasure of listening to the Head of Ofsted **Amanda Spielman HMCI** at the **Schools North East Summit**. It was heartening to hear that our long term emphasis on curriculum excellence, as well as outcomes, is shared by Ms Spielman. She also provided some more detail about the proposed new inspection framework which will come into effect next year. The current judgement based purely on 'pupil outcomes' will soon be replaced with a new broader judgement: 'quality of education'. I wholeheartedly endorse these proposed changes; outcomes alone can never be an effective way to categorise a school's performance or the education it offers to its pupils.

The whole of **Year 6** went to **Heaton Manor** this week for an **enrichment afternoon**. The children had a fabulous time, taking part in a range of exciting activities: science experiments including: one of the teachers setting fire to her hands with methane (safely!); checking how rocket fuel is made and creating a chemical reaction to increase pressure with gas. They also learnt some Mandarin and were able to have a conversation with each other. Finally, they took part in some team games in the PE department.





Miss Byatt and Miss Smith have planned some thoughtful and reflective activities for the week ahead, as we **collectively mark the centenary of World War One.**

In addition the **United Reform Church** will be open on **Saturday 10th November from 10.30am - 12.30pm**, during which the Tyneside Scottish Association will be holding a short ceremony at 11am (children might like to bring their parents along to this - there will be a piper and a bugler!). **The church will also be open for a Remembrance Day service at 10.45am on 11th November** and parents can see the artwork display and writing of the children.

There's still time to form a **quiz** team to challenge the intellectual might of Mr Jones and colleagues! **Could victory be yours?** Who could think of a more satisfying end to the week! **7.30-10.30pm tonight** at school – tickets via SIMS Agora.



bakes, muffins and pastries. More details next week!



Quentin Y4J	Newcastle Swim Team Medal
William R3	Fantastic letter formation
Henry Y2S	Medal for Under 7's Rugby
Aaron Y2S	Medal for Under 7's Rugby
Ariana Y1B	Level 2 Swimming Award
Joshua Y2H	Medal for Rugby
Huxley Y2H	Medal for Rugby
Jessica Y2H	Medal for Rugby
Gracie R1	Running Medal
George Y3L	Rugby Tournament Award
Nicholas Y3L	Rugby Tournament Award
Jack Y3L	Grade 1 Piano – Merit
Clara Y3F	Amazing reading – Just joined our school from Italy
Rahaf Y3F	Certificate from Newcastle Arabic and Quran School for excellent work
Ioanna Y2S	Completed level 1A of the Piano book and promoted to Level 1B
Milo Y10	Fantastic handwriting – worked very hard!

With best wishes for the week ahead

Dominic Martin

Head of School



Don't forget it's our **Friends AGM next Wednesday (17th) 5-6.30pm at school.** Come along and hear

about our fundraising successes from last year and help us create some wonderful ideas for the year ahead.

Just a quick reminder that the **DEADLINE** for **Christmas card orders** is the end of the day on **Friday 19th October.**

Our next **Coffee Morning** will take place on **Friday 26th October** to raise funds for **Clc Sargent**. All baked contributions would be much appreciated, especially breakfast

