



## Your Weekly Head Teacher Newsletter Friday 24th November 2017

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

### Fundraising Focus

While continuing to support small scale funding requests, our fundraising focus for this year will be the creation of a 'secret garden' in the top right hand corner of the KS2 yard in memory of Deborah Hainsworth. Deb's family will be fully involved in the planning process, as will children and families, once we get the go ahead and all the necessary permissions are in place.

We imagine a beautiful, peaceful corner of the school yard, full of flowers and plants; a quiet space to sit and talk with friends and just enjoy the sunshine.

We would like to raise in the region of £10,000 to fund the project with each year group being challenged to raise £500 each. If you have any fundraising ideas, please speak to your child's class teacher.

So, let's get fundraising and see if we can create something truly stunning in recognition of everything Deb contributed to our school and local community.

### Cherry Tree planting

It was a pleasure to welcome Deb's family back into school today to plant a tree in her memory. After a very moving assembly on the theme of remembrance, children from our Eco groups accompanied the family out on to the yard to plant a beautiful cherry tree.



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## Author visit

Children in Year 3 and 4, along with visitors from Newcastle High School for Girls, had the chance to speak to prolific children's author Andy Stanton, the writer of children's favourite – 'Mr Gum'. Andy was full of funny and amusing anecdotes. It would be difficult not to be inspired by his enthusiasm for books and love of writing.



## Dr Bike

We'd like to thank our friends at the Cycle Hub, who provided two bike mechanics this week to fix up any bikes that were in need of a little tlc. They will be back again in the new year, alongside a Key Stage 2 Bike it Breakfast. Dates to follow...

## Stars in our School



Our school is a special community and it takes lots of people, working together, to allow it to run smoothly. This week we have celebrated the wonderful work of our support staff team. Children from across school have taken a moment to reflect on who their 'star' is and have written short notes for our noticeboard. It has been lovely to hear the anecdotes from children and reflections on how small actions have made huge differences to their West Jesmond Journey.



## Young Entrepreneurs

Year 5 were back in the Grainger Market this week selling products from their Virgin Money project. I'd just like to thank everyone who came down to the Market and supported our teams of enthusiastic sellers. I can vouch for the ginger bread stars – they were certainly very tasty indeed!

## Flu Vaccination

I would just like to highlight that the flu vaccination offered in school is neither Halal nor vegetarian due to the inclusion of porcine gelatine which is used to stabilise the viruses contained within the vaccination. You can find further information and frequently asked questions via the following [nhs page](#)

 <b>Young Achievers</b> 	
Jack 4M	Mr Cooks Runner of the Week
Charlie 2J	100m Rainbow Swimming Badge
George 2J	100m Rainbow Swimming Badge
Florence 6T	Achieving her Pen Licence
Levi 4M	Fantastic Handwriting
Jane 2S	Bronze Stage 1 Rookie Lifeguard Badge
Harry 1O	Fantastic independent maths work

## Friends Update - Non-Uniform Day - Friday 1st December

Please remember that next Friday (1st December) will be a non-uniform day. The children can come to school wearing whatever they like provided that they bring in a donation for the School Christmas Fair tombola stall. Please send your child to school on 1st December with any of the following:

New toys, children's books, games, teddy bears  
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles  
Chocolates of any description  
Cosmetics, candles, smelly things etc.

Thank you  
The Friends

With best wishes for the week ahead,



**Dominic Martin**

**Head of School**