



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Football Strip

I'm delighted to share that we have kindly been gifted a new football kit by Vision For Education who provide us with covering supply teachers. Matthew from Vision came into school on Thursday to present the team with the new strip. As you can see they were delighted. Many thanks Vision For Education!



Ofsted Visit

We currently provide teaching training with our partner Northumbria University. The Education Department's initial teaching training provision was inspected by Ofsted this week. As part of that process an inspector came into school on Wednesday to observe trainees, speak to school based mentors, as well as myself and other members of the senior team. I'm very pleased to say that the inspector was very complimentary about the training and support that we provide. I am grateful to all the staff, who as ever, helped showcase the school at its very best.



Tyne Trail Ultra fundraiser

After months of training the date for my fundraising 70k ultra marathon has finally come around – gulp; deep intake of breath! On Saturday I'll be running (slowly) from the source of the Tyne round to Warden in the Tyne Valley. The last two weeks have been beset with injury worries after heavy weeks of training and running back to back marathons. I'd like to thank Dr Paul Catterson, who kindly took the time to look at my leg and reassure me it wasn't about to fall off! With some rather heavy duty strapping I'm good to go. Mr Cook and Mrs Hogan will be joining me for a couple of legs along the way. Keep me in your thoughts on Saturday – if you'd like to follow my progress there is a live tracking system at <http://tynetrailultra.com> My race number is 72.

As you may remember I'm running the race as a fundraiser for our secret garden project in memory of Deborah Hainsworth. Deborah will be very much on my mind during the race and

no doubt a source of inspiration when everything hurts beyond the 50k mark or sooner!

If you still haven't contributed to the fundraising total but would like to do so you can please visit:

<http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westjessmondprimarysecretgarden>

If you are at a loose end you'd also be very welcome to come and cheer me along. There are aid stations at following places along the route.

Support Points/Aid Stations

20km – Alston

South Tynedale Railway Station, Station Rd, Alston CA9 3JB.

41km – Haltwhistle

Vehicle providing support at NE49 0HZ.

59km – Haydon Bridge

The Anchor Hotel, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AB.

70km – Warden.

Finish for 70km & Aid Station for 140km. The Boatside Inn, Warden, NE46 5SQ.

Support of any kind would be much appreciated.

Sine Nomine Choir Performance



A big thank you to everyone who came along to see Mr Wallis-Clarke sing with the Sine Nomine international touring choir. I know Gary was touched by the number of people from our school community within the audience.

Year 6 Perspective Drawing



Despite SATs being around the corner, Year 6 are still enjoying the wider curriculum. Here they are hard at work doing some perspective drawing – definitely some architects in the making! The Year 6 team have been offering a series of revision lessons for pupils over the last few months. I've been incredibly proud of the number of children who have chosen to come along and revisit key concepts in their own time after school – none of these sessions have been compulsory. It's great to see our young people taking responsibility for their own learning.

School Community Dates

With the newsletter this week you'll find a list of up and coming community events such as the International Evening, Summer fair, Summer party etc. Do take time to have a look and pop the dates in your diary.



Mapping microhabitats

The breezy weather didn't stop Y2 from having a brilliant morning with the RSPB mapping microhabitats in St Andrew's Garden and the Community Orchard. They discovered lots of homes to attract nature to our local area.



Noah Y3C	Trophy for Football
Wilf Y4M	Read a full series of books over the Easter holiday
Ethan Y2J	250 Dojo Points
Nicholas Y2J	250 Dojo Points
Jenson R1	25m Swimming Award
Eli R2	Heaton Hawks Football Trophy
Alba R2	5m Rainbow Swimming Award
Krishna R1	Fabulous writing
Lilah R1	Fabulous writing
Laila R1	Fabulous writing
Henry R1	Fabulous writing
Matthew R1	Fabulous writing
Harini Y1O	10m Swimming Award
Hannah Y4F	Gymnastics Level 5 Award
Raife Y1W	Held his own cake stall to raise money to support Mr Martin and his 70k ultra marathon
Emily Y4M	Gymnastics Level 3 Award
Noor Y1O	Lexia Level 1 Certificate and fantastic mental maths

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin

Head of School

 Young Achievers 	
Katharine Busby (parent)	Completing the London Marathon! Well done Katharine
Zach Y3L	Heaton Hawks Under 8's Players Player of the Year
Chloe Y1YR	British Gymnastics Level 8 Award
Raife Y1W	Level 3 Ski Certificate
Oliver Y1W	250 Dojo Points
Olivia Y1W	Star of her Party
Maisie Y2S	Heaton Hawks Participation Trophy for the 2017/2018 season
Will Y2S	Heaton Hawks Player Trophy voted for by Parents and Opposition