



## Headteacher Newsletter

Friday 28th September  
2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came along to our **MacMillan Coffee morning** and second hand uniform sale. I was particularly grateful to Danny's mum who very kindly provided me with some vegan cake which put an end to my cravings – if only temporarily!!



On Friday Mrs McVittie and I were joined for lunch by our first group of Year 6 pupils. We plan to have lunch with a group of Year 6 pupils every Friday as part of our **pastoral support** in their final year at West Jesmond. They were great company and it was a lovely opportunity to spend time together. There was also a chance to say our goodbyes to Laila and Sienna who are leaving us today. We will miss them both and wish them every success at their new school.



Thursday afternoon was a very proud moment for us as a **National Teaching School**. We were joined at the Great North Museum by 40 newly qualified teachers and

their mentors from across the city. We are now in our second year of overseeing the additional **training and provision for** newly qualified colleagues, however this year we have extended our offer to cover two thirds of **NQTs** in Newcastle primary schools and one partner secondary school. It feels like a huge privilege to welcome colleagues into the profession and support their early career development. It is also an exciting opportunity for staff at West Jesmond to contribute to the professional development of others. This feels like another important step towards realising the vision we set when we were first designated as a National Teaching School over two years ago.

stands and cutlery. A special mention too for Amanda Stewart who very kindly lent us her vintage crockery collection.

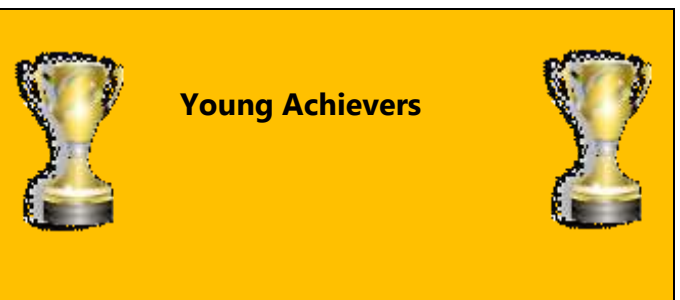


Finally, many thanks to everyone who came along to our allotment on Saturday to remember **long standing friend of West Jesmond Hugh Smith**. A beautiful new gate has now been opened in his memory.



Just another quick reminder about the **quiz night fundraiser** on Friday 12th October (7.30-10.30pm) and our **PTA / Friends**

**AGM Wednesday 17th October (5-6.30pm)**



George Y3L	200m Swimming Award
Otto Y4J	WJPS Running Club – Runner of the Week
Elisa Y2S	Achieved a merit in her Entry Level Dance Award
Ben Y2S	Northern FC Star team Rugby Player
Lucy R1	Level 8 Award in Gymnastics
Ishanvi Y1W	Level 4 Swimming
Henry Y1O	Fantastic descriptive writing
Charlie Y1O	Amazing mathematics
Niamh Y5R	Grade 1 Viola



Thank you to all the **Reception parents** who came along to our **Afternoon tea** event hosted by myself and the inclusion team. A huge thank you to Mrs McVittie, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Groot and Jacqui who did an amazing job organising all the food, cake

With best wishes for the week ahead

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