

School Newsletter

Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sorry, a little more about **GDPR**. We recently sent out a letter about **consent for photographs**. As you are probably all too aware you now need to opt in and give us permission to use photos of your child. We actively use Facebook to showcase what we do in school. Our page is followed by people all over the country and the world. Many followers are parents and family, but many are also fellow educators who are really curious to see what goes on in an outstanding school. Sharing what we do is really important to the wider role we want to have as a National Teaching school.

This week we took some lovely photos of our choir singing at the Concordia festival, but I can't share them with you as eleven children hadn't returned the photo permission form. So, if you haven't yet returned the form please would you mind returning it as soon as possible. Sharing what we do is really important and does genuinely make a difference to others.



The winning entries from our 'Keep Jesmond Clean' and 'NUSU' poster competition will be on display at Jesmond Library until the 30th June. Please pop in to see the children's fabulous work!



Year 2 children had a fantastic time at **Warkworth Castle** this week. A cunning Black Knight had set some quests to solve around the castle grounds. Even though the sunshine Mr Jones had come prepared for didn't appear, the children remained in good spirits all day!



Sunday is of course our **Summer Fair**. Please do come along, help out, buy raffle tickets and enjoy this great community event! The fair will run from 2-4pm. There's still time to volunteer to help out on a stall, set up, clear up (children love getting involved too!)...



On Tuesday 6S enjoyed a delicious lunch of tapas at **El Coto** restaurant to round off our years learning Spanish in primary school. We ordered all of our dishes in Spanish and many of us tried new things for the first time- the calamari went down a treat!





On Wednesday **Year 6** paid a visit to **Tynemouth Priory** as part of our ongoing project for the **Great Exhibition of the North**. We are studying the landmark, its history linked to monks and also its coastal defense role from both World Wars. We weren't blessed with glorious sunshine but we still had a great time and were fascinated by the Priory's history.

We thought about what life would have been like for the monks that resided in the monastery, the gatekeeper who was on guard at the entrance and the soliders who

had to load the ammunition into the large guns at the cliff edge. Back at school, we are looking forward to using the work we did there to contribute to poetry and art work that we will now complete.









On Wednesday our school choir went out to sing as part of the **Concordia festival**. This was a two year project funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. I was so proud of our choir and Mrs Hague as they sang unaccompanied at three different venues around the City. We started at the Great North Museum then moved onto Brunswick Methodist church and then concluded our performance at Sage Gateshead. It was a glorious day and a wonderful end to this project.

Our week ended magnificently with Year 4 working with **Scottish Opera** to perform '**The Dragon of the Western Sea**'. Photos to follow.

Year 1 were thrilled to receive a reply from Muller UK in response to the letters they sent on Green Day. They wrote to Muller asking for an **alternative to the plastic straw** for their milk cartons, as they were very concerned about the impact plastic waste is having on our oceans. Muller contacted Tetra

Pak who make their milk cartons to voice our concerns, here is the press release from Tetra Pak...

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about your overuses os

plastic straws. You are damaging
the ocean because you

are using to many plastic
straws. You are making the

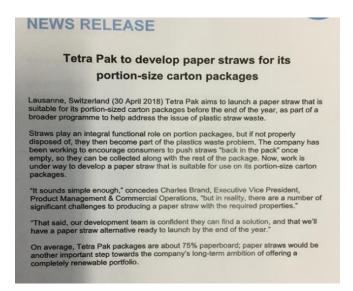
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and making them die Please
can you use glass bottles

I and metal straws instead.

I am looking sorward to

hearing straws instead.



This week **KS2** have been enjoying taking part in our **annual world cup football tournament**. There have been some fantastic skills on show and some wonderful goals. Congratulations to the year group winners Columbia Y3C, Germany Y4S, Uruguay Y5G and Australia Y6M. In the final match of the

tournament pupils beat the teachers 7-6!!! A big thank you goes to Mr Stuart for organising everything.





Well done to **WJPS runners** who were out at the **Angel View Trail race** on Thursday night. Depsite the heat Mr Martin, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Cook all put in excellent performances. We're all off to Stanhope next week to race in the Saltwell Harriers fell race – pictures in next week's newsletter of the waist deep river crossing!



On the subject of running, Mrs Hogan, Miss Thompson and Mr Jones are all running in the **Great North run** this year to fund raise for our secret garden. If you'd like to sponsor them you can follow the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wjpssecretgarden



Mr Wallis-Clarke is excitedly planning our **visit to Wuhan** in October 2018. We now hope to have 2 of our school teachers heading to China* alongside Mr Wallis-Clarke.

^{*}Apologies for the inaccurate map included in our newsletter on 15th June.



With best wishes for the week ahead



Dominic Martin

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