



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you've no doubt noticed we've reduced the size of the Newsletter to a single page to make **it a more digestible weekly overview of the main events or news in school**. For the full range of news and events don't forget to visit our Facebook and Twitter feeds – both are readable through our website homepage.

On Wednesday, we sadly said **goodbye to Sarah Fitton from the office team**, who is moving back into a PA role to work alongside the Headteacher of George Stephenson secondary school. Sarah will be a huge miss and we wish her all the very best in her new position.

On Monday we were proud to finally receive our **Gold Arts Mark** from the Arts Council England. Huge thanks to Mrs Hague and Mrs Byers who compiled our application. The award was presented to our team by Miles Wallis-Clarke (Chair of Culture Bridge North East).



A huge thank you to the many families who've joined the Pupil Parent Library this half term. Our Star Reader is Samia (Y6W) who took out seven books in total and our Star Reviewer is Rahaf (Y3F) who wrote four fantastic book reviews. Both pupils win a special library bookmark!

Don't forget we're in the Undercroft every Monday after school and Wednesday before school if you'd like to start borrowing brilliant books. To give you a few ideas, here are the superb reviews we've had so far:

-Rahaf (Y3F) recommends Squishy McFluff by Pip Jones because "he was an invisible cat and his fur was all silvery white"; Peter Pan by Miriam Bos because "it was fun"; Magic Animal Friends by Daisy Meadows because "there are some lovely drawings and writing" and Dotty Detective by Clara Vulliamy because "it is full of beautiful decorations. Also the author is extra creative and the drawings made me feel amazement".

-Eli (Y5G) recommends The Person Controller by David Baddiel because "there is a twist and something funny and crazy happens... it's a great book and there's something for everybody in it".

-Iqra (Y5R) recommends The Huntress by Sarah Driver because it's all about "pirates who go to a mystical island...they fight in an unbelievable storm which sounds so cool. There is even lava!"

-Alex (Y3C) recommends Tom Gates – Genius Ideas by Liz Pichon because "there are some really genius ideas in this book. I also loved the illustrations."

Recommendations from our Library Assistants:

Mila: Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend because "it's extremely exciting and full of magic and adventure".

-Alissa: Wonder by R.J.Palacio because "it makes you realize that it's not all about what people look like on the outside, but what they're like inside that matters."

-Samuel: Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams because "it's sad, emotional but also really heart-warming, and my family enjoyed it just as much as I did."

If you shop at Waitrose in Jesmond during March please pop your **green token into our fundraising box**. This will help us raise up to £500! Many thanks!



Congratulations to our cross country runners who were up at Alnwick on Saturday competing in the final North East Harrier League. I'm very proud to say we are the only school in the North East competing in the competition. Our participation has been commended and celebrated by the organising committee.



| Young Achievers | |
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| Albie Y6W | 250 Dojo Points |
| James Y10 | Star Player in Under 6 Rugby |
| Malu R1 | Excellent story writing about Peet the Cat |
| Chloe Y1W | Kumon Certificate – completed level AII |
| Betty Y10 | Medal for Skiing in Austria |
| Otto Y4J | Skiing Medal – 1 st Place |
| Isaac R3 | Level 3 Swimming Award |
| Limar Y3F | Completed Level 9 Lexia |
| Clara Y3F | Completed Level 6 Lexia |
| Iestyn Y3F | Heaton Hawks Man of the Match |
| Yuvraj Y3F | Heaton Hawks Man of the Match |
| Alfie Y1B | Incredibly hard work and mature attitude at Lexia |
| Orla Y2H | 200m Swimming Award |

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Best wishes

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