



Headteacher Newsletter Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to this week's **parent consultations**. I am very grateful to staff who put in a marathon length session to ensure we made appointments available to everyone. Moving forward we will continue with post six o'clock appointments; it's really important we make consultations available to those of you who can't make the earlier times. Thank you also to everyone who completed an exit questionnaire; it is very pleasing to read that consultations had met your expectations and you received the information you required.

Our Digital leaders went to the Apple Shop this week, with Mr Jones, to receive a masterclass in using GarageBand. I'm looking forward to hearing the outcomes of their learning ringing out from classrooms in the coming weeks.



It was great to have Hannah, the owner of Cake Stories, back in school this week to work with our **Rainbow Creators group**. Who wouldn't enjoy creating a baked chocolate drink on a cold winter's afternoon? As always we are very appreciative of Hannah giving up her time to come and work with our children.



Don't forget **February 1st is our next Quiz night** – this time organised by a team from school. I'll be in the kitchen with Mrs McVittie to deliver some amazing American style dinner food – think tasty burgers, crispy fries, flavoursome coleslaw

and hot, smoky chilli sauce! Quizmaster Snelders will also be devising round after round of questions to challenge even the most seasoned quiz attendees – so come along and pit your wits!

Next week, we begin our **Take One Picture** week focused around the painting 'The Escorial' by Louis de Caullery'.

You can view the painting [here](#) as a means of discussing next week's project, but please don't spoil the big reveal by showing your child the picture! I look forward to sharing some of the outcomes next week.

Here's a little teaser:



Year 3 visited the Oriental Museum in Durham this week to discover more about Ancient Egypt. The children travelled back in time to the land of the Pharaohs to get an experience of what life was like thousands of years ago. Using primary source material, the children explored the wide and varied collections held by the museum. The museum is well worth a visit if you haven't been; a real treasury of interesting objects from around the world.



An update on our fantastic new **KS2 Pupil-Parent Library** by Alissa (Y6S), Mila (Y6M) and Samuel (Y6W) Pupil-Parent Library Assistants

'Many families have already signed up and taken out lots of books, so we've been very busy! However, there are still all kinds of amazing titles waiting to be borrowed, so if you're in Years 3-6 and have an adult with you, please come and see us in the Undercroft on Mondays after school or Wednesdays before school.'

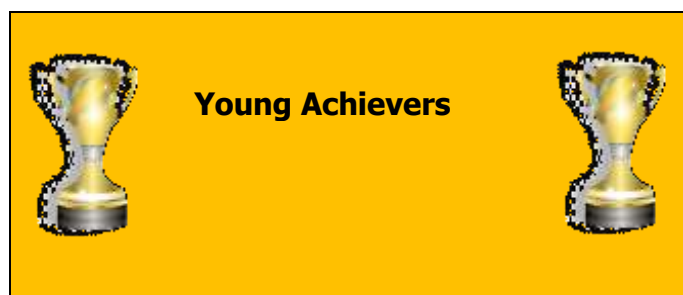
The library covers a huge range of brilliant books from magic to murder mysteries, animal antics to awesome adventures, gruesome ghost stories to crazy comedy. Whether you like Harry Potter or Skulduggery Pleasant, Goth Girl or Mr. Gum, Spy Dogs or Star Wars, there's something for you.

You could even get your name in future newsletters by recommending terrific titles. So please come and check us out!

Take our books, While they last, Take them quick, 'Cos they'll go fast!'

Finally, our **choir, string group and recorder group are going to give a short performance** in the school hall, to showcase some of the pieces of music they have been learning during their lunchtime rehearsals recently. Parents would be most welcome to come along to hear them play and sing for about half an hour, in the school hall, next Friday afternoon at 2:40pm.

Choir members will then go on to learn lots of new songs this term, in preparation for the OLT City Hall concert, which will be on the evening of 1st April. More details will be sent out nearer the time.



Max Y4C	Man of the Match for Ponteland United
Omer Y2JT	Fantastic Handwriting in Handwriting Book
Cecile R2	Fantastic Drawing of a Penguin
Scarlet R2	Fantastic Drawing of a Penguin
Ewan Y2H	Completed a Newcastle United Foundation Coaching Course
Rebecca Y2H	Level 4 Swimming Certificate and Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Isla R1	5 Metres Swimming Certificate
Kayden Y10	Tactician at Little Kickers Certificate
Amelia R2	Fantastic Drawing of a Penguin
Otilie R2	Fantastic Drawing of a Penguin
Jozef Y2H	Level 3 Swimming Certificate
Seyon R2	Level 1 Swimming Certificate
Niharika Y1W	Level 2 Swimming Certificate
Nathaniel Y2JT	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Yash Y2H	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Henry Y2S	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Jessica Y2H	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Kwame Y2H	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Annabelle Y2H	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Nancy Y2S	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Auro Y2S	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Robyn Y2JT	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Zean Y2S	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Helena Y2JT	Completed the 2 nd La Jolie Ronde French Course
Luca Y6M	Grade 3 Piano Exam Passed with Merit
Ioanna Y2S	Gold Award (10 Merits) for Good Behaviour and Tidying Up

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin

Head of School