



## Headteacher Newsletter

**Friday 19th October**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **Year 6 Hamlet** cast had great fun at Northern Stage this week working on the climax to their performance - full of deceit, duels and death! Don't forget there's still time to get tickets for their performance on the November 8<sup>th</sup> via the Northern Stage Website.



Many thanks to everyone who came along to our **Friends PTA AGM**. It was lovely to see some new faces! In particular it was fantastic to look back at a year of fundraising which has raised £16,000 for school. Alongside fundraising towards our Secret Garden project the **PTA will also fund the following projects** this year:

£200 lego club; £200 drones for coding club; £34 back packs for running clubs; £2700 new school piano; £650 Living eggs project; £54 Shakespeare costume; £220 Animal Antics;

£800 practical maths resources; £1270 parent pupil library; Learning Garden £500; £80 Knitting club; £200 Year 1 learning garden; £300 attendance awards; £1000 for outdoor sports and play equipment for the yard.

I'm delighted to announce that Helen Ingham has now taken over as Chair of our PTA. As Helen steps into the role, we also need to offer **huge thanks to Martin Wardle** for his work as Chair over the last three years.

Sometimes it's not possible to thank everyone individually; huge numbers of you are involved in activities such as the Christmas Fair for example – but please rest assured that any help, no matter how small, really is appreciated. One need only look at the children playing on the trim trails or the astro turf to see first- hand the impact that fund raising projects have upon the children.

Speaking of fundraising, thank you to everyone who came along to last Friday's **Quiz night**.





Many thanks to Ben and Claire for organising a wonderful evening of challenging questions and tasks. Thanks too to Layla's Kitchen for the delicious food.

Ideas are now well underway about how to consult and develop our ideas for the Secret Garden project, which has been a major focus of recent fundraising. We are very grateful to **Oobe architects**, particularly Usue Ruiz Arana, who are supporting with planning and designing the garden.

I'll be taking on my next **fundraising challenge** for the garden in early December. Myself and my good friend Jamie are running the **Cheviot Goat ultramarathon**, over what will hopefully be the snow covered peaks of the Cheviots on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I'll post a just giving link next week if you'd like to sponsor me for enduring the 55 miles I need to cover within the 24 hour time period! My training is going well and we're aiming to cover the route in around 20 hours.



Our next **Coffee Morning** will take place on **Friday 26th October** to raise funds for **CLIC Sargent**. All baked contributions would be much appreciated, especially breakfast bakes, muffins and pastries. More details next week!



**Year 6 had a fantastic time at Robinwood**; well looked after as usual by the team and the year 6 staff. Mrs McVittie and I visited on Thursday to see how the children were getting on. It's always great to see them willing to challenge themselves and break through initial fears and worries whether being away from home, perhaps for the first time, or tackling the obstacles or events. No doubt there will be tired eyes when the children return home today!





**Year 2** went back in time for **Victorian Day** on Thursday. During the day they reflected on their learning through the topic to answer the question - would you like to have lived in Victorian times? You can see their response in their videos on our Facebook page and Twitter feed.



We were delighted to receive our certificate this week showing we have raised the grand total of **£2218 by running the Children's Cancer Run 2018**. Well done to everyone who ran the race and contributed to this fantastic amount-thank you all so much for your support. We have already registered for the run next year so save the date -Sunday 19th May 2019.



Just a reminder that our first **open afternoon** will be on the **7<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm to 5pm**. From 2pm onwards you'll have chance to look at your child's day to day environment, their books and work so far this academic year, as well as have chance to talk with class teachers. A more formal face to face parents evening will take place in February.

Keep an eye out on our social media feeds over the next as **Mr Wallis-Clarke leads a delegation of teachers from Newcastle to China to visit our partner schools in Wuhan province**. Making the journey to Wuhan, with Mr Wallis-Clarke, will be Mr Hopkins and Miss Smith. During the week they will visit local schools as well as address a conference of local Education officials.



<div>  <b>Young Achievers</b>  </div>	
Emily Y10	Achieved Badge 6 – Newcastle Gymnastics Academy
Lilah Y10	Level 3 Swimming award and 25m Swimming award
Lyla Y10	Achieved Badge 5 – Newcastle Gymnastics Academy
Adam Y2H	Ice Hockey Trophy – Star of the Day, Summer 2018
Shaymaa Y6W	Runner of the Week
Ishanvi Y1W	Achieved Badge 6 Gymnastics
Oliver Y4J	Runner of the Week
Henry Y2S	Achieved Kumon advanced student honour roll status in the Kumon Mathematics programme
Oriana Y10	Medal for achieving Level 2 English – Kumon
Lara Y2JT	Fantastic English Work
Freddie Y2TJ	Fantastic English Work

With best wishes for the week ahead



**Dominic Martin**

**Head of School**