

## **School Newsletter**

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Award winning writer**





On Thursday, we had a visit from Ashleigh from Explore Learning who presented Joseph in Y6R with an award for winning the regional competition of the recent National Young Writers' Award. His story, Wave Warriors, about the RNLI, will now be read by David Walliams and is in the running to be the national winner.

### **Newcastle School Sport Team Games Festival**

Last Wednesday 30 children from Year 4 took part in the Newcastle School Sport Team Games Festival. It was a great afternoon which featured matches against each other and against other schools in Benchball, Dodgeball, Kabadi and Handball. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and played with great effort and sportsmanship.



# **Science in my Pocket**

On Wednesday, as part of our regular Teaching Assistant training programme, Mr Jones introduced the *Science In My Pocket* intervention programme. He was ably assisted by our Y4 and Y5 Science Ambassadors - Isabelle, Cillian, Asra, Sam, Sam and Abdul. They led an activity with the TAs showing super confidence, knowledge and ability to deal with the TA's competitiveness in designing aeroplanes to fly the furthest. A huge well done.









### **Hamlet Auditions**

It was audition time for the 2018 Shakespeare production on Tuesday. Thanks to all of the Year Five children who came along and really impressed with their depictions of Hamlet, Ophelia and Horatio. The roles have now been cast and rehearsals will be starting soon in the build up to the performance at the Northern Stage on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Green Day 2018

Today was our annual Green Day, a symbol of our ongoing commitment to protect our environment. As part of that commitment every child will come home this evening with a 'We do our bit' bag in the hope that there will be the need for 621 less plastic bags in circulation! Thanks too to Miss Jordan for organising the day!



### **Art Ambassador visit**

Mrs Byers and the Art Ambassadors visited the studio of sculptural artist Matthew Docherty this week. The children have been working on a project with him to design and create a large scale dragon sculpture. Today they took their personalised 'scales' which will be added to the finished sculpture. They saw how the design was being created, asked Matthew lots of questions about his job, and had fun trying on some of the carnival heads he has made!



Attendance winners – 4M!

It was treats all round for 4M this week for their outstanding attendance. A huge thanks to the Friends of West Jesmond and Hannah from Cake Stories! But which class will receive the final reward at the end of the Summer term?



**WJPS Runners** 

A huge well done to Mrs Hogan, Mrs Gallagher and Mr Rimmer who all picked up PBs at Wednesday night's Clive Cookson 10k out at the coast, hosted by North Shields Poly Running Club.



Well done too to all the children, parents and staff who completed this year's Children's Cancer Run. Great effort all round! Thank you too to Mrs Adair for co-ordinating our school entry.



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Nicholas Y2J	Won a Northern FC Rugby
	Match and got a Trophy
Felicity R3	Achieved Stage 4 Swimming
	Award
Eshan Y1O	Raised £384.09 for Greggs
	Children Cancer Run
Adam Y10	Completed the Greggs Children
	Cancer Run
Ewan Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children
	Cancer Run
George Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children
	Cancer Run

Orla Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Jack Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Joshua Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Jessica Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Huxley Y1O	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Anouk Y10	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Sam Y3L	Most improved player of 2017/2018 at Novocastrians RFC
Joseph Y4M	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Isaac Y4M	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run and achieved an award for Football
Isla Y4F	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Evie Y4F	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Sophie Y4F	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Neha Y6S	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Freddie Y2J	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
Tom Y2J	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
William Y2J	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run
George Y2J	Completed the Greggs Children Cancer Run and got a wristband for running 11 Park Runs equal to the distance of ½ Marathon
Oliver Y3C	Achieved man of the match for Heaton Hawks Football team
Ben Y1YR	Achieved an end of season Rugby Trophy
Jessica Y1O	Achieved 250 Dojo points
Nikharika R3	Achieved Stage 1 Swimming Award
Alice Y1O	Achieved 250 Dojo points
Anna Y2J	Achieved Stage 5 Swimming Award
Nathaniel Y3L	Drawn a fabulous picture of a teddy bear

Wishing you an enjoyable and restful half term break.

Dominic Martin

**Head of School**