



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Secret Garden fundraising

I'm delighted to let you know that I successfully completed the 70k Tyne Trail Ultra in 9hrs and 8 minutes. Thank you so much for the messages of support on Facebook. I have to say it is one of the hardest things I've ever done physically and mentally. Alas, I suffered pretty much from the beginning with tendonitis but managed to keep going, even if I wasn't able to run in the way I wanted to. I don't think I've laughed or cried so much in the same day! I had a wonderful team of people supporting me throughout the day. Huge thanks to Ishy Bruce and Helen and Jack Ingham who cheered me on along the route and got me the cup of tea I so desperately needed at Haltwhistle; teachers Cathy Hogan and Tim Cook ran sections of the route with me from Alston and Haydon Bridge; finally, Freda Summerfield who ran the last mile into Alston with me. I ran across the finish

line hand in hand with my children Poppy and Sam, which will be a lasting memory. Most importantly, we've have now raised £1935 towards our Secret Garden project. I'd really like to sign off on this event with £2000 in the bank. So please, if you haven't already done so consider donating a few pounds via:

<http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westj>

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[esmondprimarysecretgarden](http://www.esmondprimarysecretgarden)



On Thursday, Miss Jordan and I met with landscape architect Mike Goodall from Oobe to discuss initial ideas for the garden and timescales. Mike has very kindly offered to help us design the garden free of charge. The initial plan is to consult, design and fundraise until next summer, when we can begin to start turning our ideas into actions, ready for the first stage of the garden to open autumn 2020. Miss Jordan and Miss Thompson will be working with the children to gather their ideas; Mrs McVittie and Mrs Sanderson will be working with parents to gather your thoughts and I will be working with the site management team and building owner. We will also be placing a 'mood' board in reception for you and your

children to pin ideas – pictures, photos, post-its etc.

If you or your children were inspired by my run and fancy having a go at something shorter why not enter the Northumberlandia Trail race on the 12th August. Organised by parent Drew Swinburne the race is very reasonably priced and includes distances for all the family. It would be lovely to see lots of you there.



A larger copy of the advert will accompany the mailout this week.

Children's Cancer Run

To carry on the running theme, we are delighted to say we have now registered over 160 runners so we have a great turnout from West Jesmond. Our start time is 11:15 so will meet in the schools' meeting point beside the Border Minstral at 11:00. Look out for the school banner. Do give yourself plenty of time to get there and park as it can be quite busy. We are expecting the t-shirts to be delivered soon so should be given out next week.

The mini run has a different starting point so we will separate before the race but will meet up at the



end as everyone finishes at the same place. Look out for the school banner at the end where we will meet to share our picnic. Remember to bring safety pins to attach your running number to your T- shirt.

Bike It Breakfast



Thank you to everyone that came along to the Bike It Breakfast this week. Likewise we would like to thank the Cycle Hub for their ongoing sponsorship of these events.



On Friday 6th July, the **WJPS Summer Party Fundraiser** is back. This year we are at the Cycle Hub, where amongst other things you can enjoy the splendid views. Please spread the word. More information to follow soon.

P.E. and Sports Mentor role

In order to enhance our P.E. and Sports provision within school we will soon be recruiting a full time P.E. and Sports Mentor / Coach to work across school. The role will also involve working with teams and individuals to prepare them for competitions and events. If you know anyone who might be suitable the job will be posted on the school website very soon.



Sports Day 17th July





In response to feedback, this year our Sports Day will be taking place on sportsgrounds owned by the Royal Grammar School. We're very grateful to RGS for their support. Mr Farooqi will be meeting with Mrs McVittie and the School Council in the coming weeks to talk about the shape of the events and competition for this year.

International Event 21st June

The International Event is fast approaching and plans are now well underway! The event celebrates our diverse school community and allows our children and their families to gain insight into a wide variety of cultures and international traditions.

If you are interested in sharing your culinary skills, artistic talents or any other aspect of your culture then please contact the School Office. We are also holding a Coffee Morning information and planning session on Wednesday at 9am. Everyone welcome.

 Young Achievers 	
Raz Y4M	Completed Level D of the Kumon Maths Programme
Ada Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Tillie Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Cillian Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Wilf Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Maisie Y2J	250 Dojo Points
Walaa Y2J	250 Dojo Points
Joseph Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Yafa Y4M	250 Dojo Points
Lily Y4M	250 Dojo Points
William Y2J	250 Dojo Points
George Y2J	Rugby Medal – 13 tries
William Y2J	Rugby Medal – 36 tags and 5 tries
Nicholas Y2J	Rugby Medal – 10 tries
Freddie Y1YR	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Maisie Y1YR	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Huxley Y1O	Stage 3 Swimming Award
Sachi Y1O	Stage 1 Swimming Award
Isla Y4F	Gymnastics Level 9 – 1 st Place Newcastle Team – 2 nd Place
Francesca Y2J	Took part in Bikeability to learn to ride a bike
Nancy Y1YR	Level 3 Swimming Award
Ethan Y2J	Stage 6 Swimming Award
Niamh Y4S	WJPS Running Club – Runner of the Week
Robert Y5G	Participated in Wilmslow Rugby Festival Tour
Amelia Y2H	YETI 1 Evolution 2 Skiing Award
Thomas Y2J	Held a cake stall to raise money for Mr Martin's Ultra Marathon
Raife Y1W	Held a cake stall to raise money

	for Mr Martin's Ultra Marathon
Auro Y1YR	Held a cake stall to raise money for Mr Martin's Ultra Marathon
Anna Y2J	200m Swimming Award
Sidha R1	Puffin Badge Swimming Award

With best wishes for the week ahead,



Dominic Martin

Head of School