

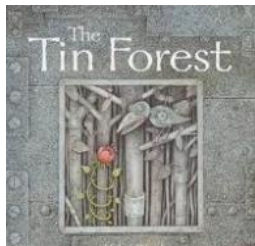


Headteacher Newsletter Friday 26th October, 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the end of our first half term is nearly upon us and I'm sure you'll join me in saying what a fantastic half term it has been – so many highlights!



Added to the list of highlights, will most certainly be this week's **Take One Book week using the Tin Forest by Helen Ward**. Children from across the school have been engaged in all kinds of creative responses to the book using both written and artistic form. The range of activities across the school has been magnificent - from using stop-frame animation to retell the story of the Tin Forest, to designing unusual creatures using tin foil, to writing a TripAdvisor review for a holiday to the Tin Forest and even recreating the whole Tin Forest in the Reception shared area.

Children have been participating in a 'readathon' all week. Not only has our break time readathon club been inundated with children from across the school, but we've also received so many fantastic Extreme Reading photos. Well done West Jesmond Primary – you obviously all love reading!

Many thanks to Mrs Mathews for co-ordinating the week.



Meanwhile, **in China Mr Wallis-Clarke, Miss Smith and Mr Hopkins** have been revisiting our partner schools in **Wuhan** to reaffirm links and make plans for future collaboration.

Our trio have spoken to local education officials at conferences as well as visiting local schools to look at different types of lessons and approaches to teaching.



On Tuesday, continuing the international theme Mrs McVittie and I were delighted to show a group of **teachers from Iraq** around our school. They were fascinated to learn more about our approach to teaching and learning, curriculum and pastoral care. I believe this could be the beginning of yet another excellent partnership for our school.

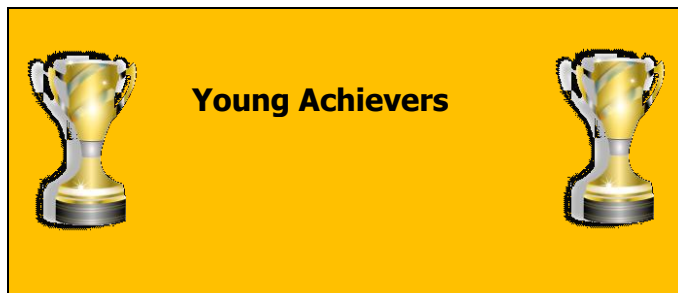
On **Wednesday 7th November** we are holding an **Open Afternoon between 2-5pm**. This is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you, for you see their classroom environment and also to have opportunity to speak to the teachers. We very much envisage the **children being at the centre of the afternoon** and a more formal Parent/Carer Consultation will be undertaken in February. During the afternoon, members of the Inclusion Team and Senior Leadership Team will also be available should you wish to speak to them.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our **COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER** in aid of **CLIC SARGENT**.

Particular thanks to everyone who baked. We will update you on a fundraising total just as soon as the money has been counted.



Our team of **staff runners** were out this weekend. Mr Jones clocked a super new personal best of 1hr 49 for a half marathon in the Castles Half Marathon from Banburgh Castle with Mr McAteer from Hotspur Primary. I was down running along the Cleveland Way from the village of Osmotherley in a 28.5 mile trail race with 6500ft of climbing. I was delighted to finish in 27th place and a second inside 6 hours.



Miguel Y10	Fantastic writing
Walaa Y3F	Made her Brownie Promise
Henry Y10	50m Swimming Award
Harry R2	Stage 1 and Stage 2 Swimming award
Chloe Y1W	Completed Level 2A of Kumon English Programme
Eli Y5G	Wrote to the Beano and received a reply from the Editor.
Chloe Y1W	Completed Level 2A of Kumon English Programme
Isla R1	Fantastic drawing
Meg Y1B	25m Swimming Award
Milo Y10	Superb artwork of a Lizard
Rowan Y5M	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Erin Y5R	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Joseph Y5R	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Ben Y4S	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Eleni Y4C	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Stella Y4J	La Jolie Ronde – Excellence in Spanish
Amelie Y1W	Level 1 Swimming Award
Mahla Y2JT	Stage 3 Swimming Award

Wishing you an enjoyable half term break,

Dominic Martin

Head of School

2020/21 School Admissions Policy Consultation

From Monday 5th November 2018, we are consulting on our school admissions policy and would like to hear your views and comments about these so that we can consider whether to include these changes for the admissions policy from 2020/21.

We are proposing to adopt a common policy across the Ouseburn Learning Trust. A copy of the proposed policy will be available on the school website from the 5th November 2018. We will put a link in the newsletter after half term directing you to this policy.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Wendy Mar, School Business Manager (office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk) The closing date for responses is 16th December 2018.

Policies will be determined by 28th February 2018 and published on our school website by 15th March 2019.