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Guided by God, to be the best that you can be.

To celebrate National Poetry Day, the whole school enjoyed watching Mr Boyd's poetry club performing some of their own work. The children confidently recited a range of styles, much to the enjoyment of their audience.



In class, the children have enjoyed learning about different poets and their own work. This has resulted in many of them choosing to write their own poems. We have been very impressed.



Mr Boyd's poetry group were invited to Bennett House Writers' Group to perform their work. Miss Large received a lovely letter from the writers' group praising the children's manners, conduct and how clever they were. We are very proud to receive such high praise. Well done poetry group!

Many thanks to everyone who supported EYFS MacMillan coffee morning, an amazing £ 304.12 was raised! Nursery and Reception classes sang confidently to a large audience of proud mums, dads and grandparents. Mrs Lambert and Miss Tricker announced a Nursery Rhyme challenge! Nursery rhymes are very important to help children learn new vocabulary, improve speech and memory skills. In fact, research shows that children who know eight rhymes by the time they are four have much higher reading and writing skills when they are eight years old.



Mrs Wakelin's Golden Time children baked some delicious cakes and raised £45.50 Well done to our star bakers!



Autumn Disco

We are looking forward to having fun at the Autumn Disco on **Thursday 20th October**; tickets need to be purchased by **Tuesday 18th October**. Extra bags of sweets can be purchased to take home (50p) on the night. Wearing a costume is optional but please do not go to a lot of expense! I'm sure you are aware of the recent events in the media about clowns, so **no** outfits linked to these please. The local police popped in to school to let us know that they were doing more patrols in the local area.



Pumpkin Competition

The PTFA are holding a 'Design a Pumpkin' competition for you to do at home. If you wish to enter a pumpkin, bring it in Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday marked clearly with your name and class. If you wish to put a light in the pumpkin, please use the battery operated tea lights. The committee will judge on Thursday at the disco and winners will be announced on Friday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL REMINDER

This year we will be celebrating Harvest in school and not at St. John's Church. On **Wednesday 19th October** Year 2 and Year 3 will be performing at 9.05am and Reception and Year 1 at 2.45pm. On **Friday 21st October** Years 4, 5, and 6 will perform at 9am; everyone is welcome. We will be collecting for Darlington Food Bank; please ensure any items have a long sell by date.



99% of parents reported that their child felt safe and well cared for in school. A big part of our PSHE curriculum involves giving our children the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe and healthy and helping them to make informed choices.

As part of their work on learning to cross the road safely, Years 1, 2 and 3 have been going out into the local community with Pedestrian Trainers. The NSPCC came into deliver their interactive child friendly 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies for KS1 and 2, designed to help our children to:

- Know how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- Understand different forms of abuse and recognise the signs.
- Know how to get help and sources of help available to them, including the Childline Service.

Year 5 and 6 participated enthusiastically in follow up workshops.



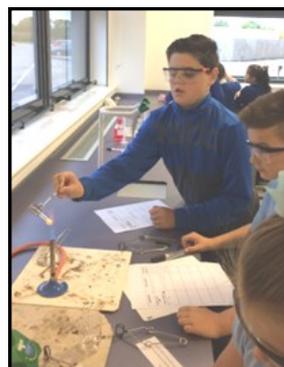
If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work there is a wide range of information and advice available to parents and carers on their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

They also have some great child friendly materials including the PANTS rule to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org/pants



Have you ever wondered what happens when you mix hydrochloric acid magnesium? Or potassium chloride with vinegar? Year 6 had the chance to investigate chemical and physical changes on a recent science trip to St. Aidan's

Academy. The children loved using the science lab and had a fab time watching things burn, fizz, change colour and melt.



Dates for Diaries

19.10.16	Harvest Celebration Y2 & Y3 9.05am - Reception & Y1 2.45pm
20.10.16	Autumn Disco. KS1 3.20-4.30pm KS2 4.45-6pm
20.10.16	Cross Country Festival 9.30am - 12.30pm Eastbourne Complex
21.10.16	Harvest Celebration Years 4, 5 & 6 at 9am all welcome
21.10.16	Break up for half term
1.11.16	Return to school (Tuesday)