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



Another Epic Performance!

Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Darlington Dance Festival which took place at the Darlington Hippodrome. The children worked very hard training twice a week to perfect their amazing dance routine. During the morning of the Dance Festival the troupe took part in dance workshops learning different dance techniques which they really enjoyed. The Hippodrome was packed for the evening performance and the children bravely walked on stage and amazed the audience with their passion, professionalism and high energy routine. They received rapturous applause; a very special night which we're sure they'll always treasure. A big thank you to Mrs Penteney for putting the routine together and allowing our children to shine! We were so very proud.

Listen to what we're saying – Check what they're playing!

Year 6 have spent the last couple of months working with Jenny Chapman, MP for Darlington, putting together a film about the risks of playing video games that are not age appropriate. Last Friday, they premiered their film in front of parents and governors and the feedback has been outstanding. Mr Robinson, our Director for ICT commented, 'They have produced a hard hitting, informative piece of video directed at both parents and children.' Jenny Chapman has also seen the film and has asked if she may use it to show other schools. Well done Year 6! The film will be available to watch on the E-safety section of our school website in the near future.



Cyber Squad with Mr Robinson



The message is clear: Listen to what we're saying – Check what they're playing!



Year 1 Class Assembly

Planting for the Future

Year 1 all planted a tree recently and in their assembly, they told everyone why trees are important to our world. They finished by parading their wonderful story bonnets to a delighted audience.



This will be our last newsletter for the term although we look forward to seeing you all at open evening/afternoon next week. We wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 23rd April**. After

school clubs will start the first week back; this will be the last week for Cooking Club.



Wheellie' Good Start!

As part of our 'Healthy Heart Challenge', which the children have embraced with great enthusiasm, the 'Wednesday Walkers' (all KS2) went across to Eastbourne Park for a brisk walk before lunch. We also offered a special breakfast to all those children and parents who came to school on their bike or scooter. The morning was a fantastic success, with over seventy people having a good, healthy breakfast. Thank you to everyone for getting our first week of the 'Big Pedal' and Healthy Heart Challenge off to a great start.



sign2sing St. John's Sign Club joined staff from the Low Incidence Needs Service to raise money to help vulnerable deaf people by taking part in 'sign2sing'. This is an annual fundraising event from the Deaf Health Charity 'Sign Health'. Money raised is used by Sign Health to improve the health and wellbeing of deaf people throughout the UK. The sign2sing event was on Saturday 23rd March; it was so nice to see children and families come together and support this special event. In total they raised an amazing £140!



Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful visit to the Jorvik Centre in York.

School Uniform Reminder



Please note that children should wear sensible (no heels!) plain, black shoes for school. Also we have a few children who are regularly forgetting PE kit - please leave it in school.

Don't forget!

Bring in your decorated eggs on Monday, making sure they are named including year group. We can't wait to see your wonderful creations! They will be judged Tuesday afternoon with 1st and 2nd prizes in each class and a small prize for everyone who entered.



Tennis Champ!

Ruby recently took part in a Tennis Festival for the hearing impaired. She won the under12's competition! Fantastic achievement Ruby, well done.

Please note that any leave of absence requests over 5 days will not be granted due to the impact on children's learning. Good attendance is extremely important to maximise children's life chances and we value your cooperation.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Our attendance target is 96.4% and attendance to date is 96.93%. Well done everyone and thank you to parents.

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 3	96%	98%	99%	100%	96%	99%	97%
Week 4	89%	96%	98%	98%	96%	98%	99%



Well done to Charlotte, Sunny and Alice who gave up their time to take part in a fun run, going three times around South Park! Raising money for children suffering from Cancer. A very courageous and selfless thing to do.

DATES FOR DIARIES

1.4.19	Bring in your Easter Egg creations! - Judged on Tuesday
3.4.19	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome
3.4.19	Open Evening & Afternoon for Y1, Y2 & Y3
4.4.19	Open Afternoon for Y4, Y5 & Y6
5.4.19	Y5 Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome
5.4.19	Break up for Easter Holidays
23.4.19	Tuesday. Return to school