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Newsletter

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



Let's Rock!

Year 6 continued their revamp of the wildlife area by creating this wonderful rockery. They planted wild flowers to attract pollinating insects and included lots of spaces for mini-beasts to make their home. Year 6 want to leave in July with the wildlife area transformed for the younger children to enjoy and so far, they are doing a great job!





As part of 'Healthy Eating Week' the children are learning to think carefully about

what they eat and drink. The Portuguese star, Christiano Ronaldo,



one of the greatest footballers to have ever played the game, is notoriously fastidious about his diet and exercise

regime. He trains three hours a day and has eight hours sleep a night to help keep up his physical and mental strength. During a Uefa Euro press conference, Ronaldo removed all the coca cola bottles off the desk and said to everyone that they should <u>drink water and not fizzy/sugary drinks</u>. This supports the investigations that Year 4 found out about sugary drink and the negative impact on teeth too.



Our allotment is looking impressive with lots of healthy fruit and vegetable's growing - Miss large was treated to one of the first strawberries and it was delicious!



Next term, when the children return in September, we will continue to ask Year 3 to 6 to chose their own meals from the menu (when they are in class; this has worked very will this year and has been

popular with the children)

Reception to Year 2 will still bring their menu home for parents to help their child with the choices. The school menu can also been viewed on our website.

Can you feel the force?

Year 6 have been trying out some Key Stage 3 Science as part of their transition. This week, we investigated forces by attaching different weights to a car and measuring how far it travels after leaving a ramp. They have also been learning some complex scientific vocabulary - ask Year 6 about independent, dependent and control variables!





SUPER LEARNERS

Week ending: 18th June 2021



Rec	Jenson Buckley—for demonstrating a good understanding of doubling numbers. Well done!					
	Sofia Iddison—for writing sentences with growing confidence. Keep it up!					
Year 1	Gracie Broadbent— Working extremely hard with her reading, writing and counting.					
	Mason Docherty– Working independently to do his writing every day.					
Year 2	Carson Doyle—for always displaying a fantastic attitude to learning.					
	Louie Todd—for making great progress with his arithmetic skills.					
Year 3	George Smith—for making a fantastic independent effort to improve the presentation of his work.					
	Shelby Kelly—working hard to improve her independence and resilience in her maths work.					
Year 4	Stuart Britton— for his outstanding determination this week when learning some tricky grammar.					
	Logan Wheelhouse— for his brilliant commitment to improving his handwriting, it is looking brilliant!					
Year 5	Morgan Meaney—a s super learning attitude across all subjects!					
	Nevaeh Loftus— super effort in everything she does!					
Year 6	Emilia Lonc—A positive and mature attitude to all aspects of her learning 100% of the time.					
	Kacie Hall—Always responding to feedback positively to improve her work.					



Darlington Move More team from Darlington Borough Council are providing a Holiday

Activity Programme during the Summer Holidays for children who are eligible for free school meals at various venues throughout the town. The courses are Monday to Thursday 9.45am to 2pm each week. You will receive a letter shortly with more details.

Notice to Parents in Year 2

From September your child will be in Year 3 and no longer entitled to a universal free school meal. Unless your child is entitled to a free school meal, the cost will be £10 a week payable on Parent Pay

Our school meals have remained this price for several years. This represents very good value for money and the children receive a nutritious hot meal or packed lunch.

Swimming Returns!

We are delighted that the Dolphin Centre is finally allowing school groups to attend for swimming lessons. Over the next two weeks, a group of Year 6 children will be catching up on swimming lessons that were missed because of the closure. Swimming and water safety is an important part of the curriculum so we are over the moon that Year 6 have the opportunity to leave us with the necessary skills.

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Week	2	92.3%	95.1%	94.5%	87.6%	96.2%	92.7%	91.1%

Unfortunately, the children have missed so much school during the pandemic which has had an impact on many of the children. It is essential that unless children are poorly or needing to self-isolate, that they are in school every day and on time. Requests for leave of absence will not be granted unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances - holidays are not exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.