



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mrs Thompson

We're nearly half way through the autumn term, and it has been fantastic to see how well the children are engaging in their learning.

Behaviour in school at the moment is exemplary. The children are back in routine, following our rules of being ready, respectful and safe. Award assemblies at the end of the week have been a great opportunity for the children to come together to share their achievements and all staff are very proud of their classes.

We have a new group of Behaviour Champions from Year 6 who are very dedicated and passionate about their area of responsibility. Their first project involved zoning the playground and yard to support the structure over lunchtimes. Feedback from the pupils has been very positive.

We do however continue to be proactive in engaging the children to find out their views of what we need to do to improve school. This week the children have completed surveys about learning and behaviour. As soon as the results are analysed they will be shared with parents and carers.



Today is Mental Health Day. The children will increase their understanding of what mental health is and activities they can do to promote their wellbeing.

We now have 7 staff trained through the Mental Health First Aid Project which will increase our capacity to support children in school and the whole school community. As part of this project we receive surveys for children, parents and staff which will help form our action plan of support. Surveys will be sent home next week and will remain live until the end of October. If you have any problems accessing the survey please get in touch.



Percy Main continues to buy into the service, My School Health, which is run by a team of school nurses. Lauren is working in school every Monday afternoon to support children referred to the service, and can also work directly with parents and carers. We have a pastoral team meeting every Friday to identify children from our own observations who may benefit from support. If you have any concerns and would like your child referred, please ring the office and ask for a member of the pastoral team. We will always ask your permission before Lauren works with any child.



Mrs Mohun is our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator, and will work alongside me this year to support our children with additional needs. Mrs Mohun has extensive experience in planning and delivering interventions, is part of our pastoral team and has completed the mental health training. If you have any concerns about your child's development and progress, please get in touch with Mrs Mohun or Mrs Thompson.

## Dates to remember

Friday 15th October  
Cauliflower Cards must be back to school

Monday 18 October  
Reception Halloween  
Craft Day 2.30 till 3.15

Monday 18 October  
Reception RWI session  
1.30 till 2.30

Tuesday 19 October  
Yr's 1 & 2 RWI session  
9.00 till 10.00

Wednesday 20 October  
Year 3 and Penguins  
Galley In The Hall  
9.15 till 10.15  
(letter to follow)

Wednesday 20 October  
Rainbow Room  
Halloween Crafts  
2.30 till 3.15

Thursday 21 October  
Nursery Halloween  
Crafts 10.30 till 11.30

Thursday 21 October  
Harvest Festival  
Donations Welcome

Friday 22 October  
Teacher training day

Monday 8 November  
Year 3 Hancock Museum  
(letters to follow)

Monday 8 November  
Parents Evening

Tuesday 9 November  
Parents Evening

Friday 12 November  
Children In Need Day  
(Non uniform)

Friday 10 December  
Christmas Jumper Day



The Early Years classes are going to be running Halloween craft days this term. We would like to welcome one parent from each family to join the children in school for this event. The dates and times for each class are as follows:

**Rainbow Room—Wednesday 20 October at 2.30 till 3.15**

**Nursery—Thursday 21 October at 10.30 till 11.30**

**Reception—Monday 18 October at 2.30 till 3.15**



Year 4 were very excited and really enjoyed their trip to Segedunum. They were able to take part in a workshop called Life in a Roman Fort and they cannot wait to share all they have learnt about The Romans. Watch this space!



Over the next three weeks, the pupils at PMPS are taking part in the 2021 Virgin Money Mini London Marathon for schools. It is a chance for our children, of all ages and abilities, to be part of something amazing by running, jogging or walking 2.6 miles. This fits perfectly with our mental health day 'Hello Yellow' because physical activity is a great way to improve and look after our mental health.



During the summer holidays our children in year 4 were given the exciting opportunity to go to High Borran's. We want to say a huge thanks to #HAF2021 who fully funded the trip. The children had a fabulous time and enjoyed a range of activities including high ropes, orienteering, kayaking and canoeing to mention but a few. This was a great way to end the summer.



Children in year 5 and 6 had the amazing opportunity to go to Robinwood. We want to say a huge thank you to St Hilda's Trust who heavily funded the trip enabling as many children as possible to attend. A special thanks must also go to the North Tyneside Learning Trust who part funded the coach. The children had an amazing time engaging in activities like the

piranha pool, giant swing, archery and crate stacking. The children behaved impeccably throughout. Well done to all who attended and for having the guts to try something new.



Miss Cameron (in the office) received a very high accolade recently. She has just completed her apprenticeship to an extremely high standard and has been named as North Tyneside Council's apprentice of the year. We are all really proud of her and her accomplishment.



On Thursday 21 October the children in Reception to Year 6 will be celebrating our harvest festival at St Johns Church with Rev Lee. Unfortunately this year parents cannot attend due to Covid regulations. Every year we collect donations of food and take them along to The Bay Foodbank to help others who are in need in our area. We welcome donations of the following to school: Tinned meat in gravy, hotdogs, meatballs, soup, tinned custard, long-life milk, biscuits, coffee and crisps.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 invite parents/carers to their Read Write Inc sessions on the following days:

**Reception - Monday 18 October at 1.30pm till 2.30pm**

**Years 1 and 2 - Tuesday 19 October at 9am till 10am**

These sessions will help you to support your child to develop the skills they need to read and write. Ideas and packs will be provided to all that attend. Please be aware that only 1 adult can attend per family.



We encourage all children to develop a love of reading. In line with this we are delighted to announce the launch of our brand new library. Today Mr DW Bavard, our chair of governors, cut the ribbon to open the library. Children will be invited throughout the day to access a range of books for both independent and shared reading. The library will be open for fun activities every lunchtime and will be open to parents and families on a Monday after school where you can choose a book and enjoy a story at home.



Today year 5 went on an amazing adventure to The Rising Sun to complete an orienteering mission. The sun was shining this morning when they embarked on their trip. With a map in their hand they went out exploring the country park to see what exciting things they could find. They all had a wonderful time and proved that they all had great map reading skills.



We recommend all pupils from Reception upwards has a book bag. These are used to carry homework and books to and from school. They can be purchased at the office or online from Emblematic at the cost of £5.40. Thank you for helping us promote a love of reading. Please remember to send your child to school with a book bag every day.