



The Big Pie Challenge

Today Class 4 took part in The Big Pie Challenge! This is the largest ever Enterprise, Engineering and Coding Challenge for pupils all over the North East and is supported by Sir John Hall. The ultimate aim of the challenge is to children understand key skills such as budgeting, social interaction, career planning, and personal development. The project is supported by many companies and the children took part in building and flying gliders as well as using coding on computer games, competing against other schools and against the clock!

Red Nose Day

A big thank you for the magnificent efforts and contributions to Red Nose Day. We raised a tremendous £298.20 for the charity.

Menu Choices

New Summer Menus have been given out to children who currently receive school dinners. Please could you return your choices to school by 5th April? Thank you.

Class 3 Tennis

Class 3 participated with great enthusiasm in the tennis festival at Teesdale School on Monday. They took part in a range of games and activities, some of which were competitive. Well done Class 3!

Garden Update

The weather has been much fairer this week and the garden is now starting to take shape. The raised beds have been built inside the polytunnel and pathways marked out. We will add some soil and compost shortly in preparation for planting after Easter. All classes will have a chance to grow things and Dr Greenwell is running a gardening club next half term, which will really benefit from the space available.

The 'railway track' path and circular seating area have been completed and look fantastic. GlaxoSmithKline have donated a sum of money to purchase some curved benches which will sit on the circle and we are very grateful to them.

Kevin and his team have added a dry river bed, which will eventually be crossed by a small viaduct!

The turf has been laid and we will start to use the space after Easter, once it has had chance to knit together. That is the end of phase 2 and I am really pleased with how it looks. This spectacular area will allow children to work, play and learn.

Phase 3 is more complicated and will require some additional funding. It will have several references to the school's close proximity to the railway and provide great facilities for us to use. I will give you more details when we have secured the funding and have the relevant permissions.

Class 2 Assembly

Parents and relatives of children in Class 2 are invited to school on Friday April 7th at 9am to watch their children's assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

My Favourite Book – by Olly in Class 3

Continuing our recommendations by the children... 'Horrid Henry Meets the Queen is my favourite book. I like all Horrid Henry books as they are really funny! I like the fact that Henry is always trying to trick Peter but he gets caught in the end!' I agree. They are very funny. Thanks Olly!

Class 3 Walk to the Woods

Class 3 enjoyed their walk around Flatts Wood. They did several activities such as making fairy houses out of materials that they found in the area. They also found a letter instructing the children how to make guest's bracelets, searched for dragon eggs and making a nest for them. The children came back to school tired but happy and the activities will help them with their creative writing.



Easter Egg Raffle

The Great Wall of Eggs (the only chocolatey object that can be seen from space) is growing in the School Office! The raffle will take place on Friday. Tickets are 50p and the children can buy their tickets on the day from their class teacher.

New Club List

New club lists have been sent home today. There are several new clubs and a number of them are health related, which is a government priority, such as the FISCH club (Family Initiative Supporting Children’s Health). FISCH are offering a breakfast club for Y5/6 from 8.30am on a Friday and an after school club from 3:30 – 4:30pm for Y2 - 4 on Fridays which are free.

Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers

If you or any friends or family shop at Sainsbury’s, please could you ask them to collect the Active Kids Vouchers. This will enable school to exchange them for PE equipment. The collection box is located next to the staff room so your child could drop them off there themselves. Thank you.

Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held. If you would like to apply or find out more about this role, please contact Mrs Cole, Chair of Governors on 07944863824 or leave your contact details at the school office. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 27.3.17

Class	Present
Reception	98.8%
Class 1	94.5%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	98.8%
Class 4	95.2%

Overall attendance this week was 96.4%

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 46 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for your Diary

- April 6th – Class 2 trip to the Locomotion, Shildon
- April 6th – Football team tournament at Staindrop Academy
- April 7th – Y5s African Drumming at The Hub
- April 7th – Class 2 assembly 9.00a.m
- April 7th – Easter Egg Raffle
- April 10th -21st Easter Holidays
- April 24th Summer term begins
- May 1st – May Day Holiday
- May 8th-11th Key Stage 2 SATs (Y6s)
- May 12th – Class 4 to The Hub

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Head Teacher