



## **Class 2's Assembly**

Today has been a lovely day in school which started off with Class 2's assembly all about Easter. They sang, performed poems and gave us the traditional messages associated with Easter. The children were brilliant and informed us of the Easter story, as well as about customs in other countries. As a grand finale, the children performed a magnificent whole class dance which thrilled our audience. For children in Year 2/3 to keep in time and remember all the moves was a great achievement. Well done to them all and to Miss Blackburn, Mrs Miller and Mrs Wood for organising it.

## **African Drumming**

On Friday the Year 5s children attended The Hub to take part in an African Drumming Session. It has been quite a musical week with the children also sharing the songs and instrumentals that they have been doing with MusiKality within school. I'm sure they had a good time and thank the team at The Hub for offering us the opportunity to do some more music.

## **MusiKality Performance**

All of Years 3 to 6 worked each Wednesday afternoon with Dan and Amy from MusiKality this term. This Wednesday the children shared their learning with the rest of the school with Y3/4 performing two songs and Y5/6 performing two songs. The volume, confidence and performance skills of the children were very evident and I look forward to planning another great school play for parents in the summer, building on the successes of *Olivia* and *Lights, Camel, Action!*

## **Menu Choices**

New Summer Menus have been given out to children who currently receive school dinners. Please note if you have not returned the menu your child may not be able to have their preferred choice of meal.

## **My Favourite Book – by Aidan**

'I enjoy my Dinosaur Encyclopaedia best. It tells you all about dinosaurs and loads of facts! My favourite dinosaur is a T-Rex!' It is nice to see Aidan choosing a non-fiction book as these can be just as interesting. Thanks Aidan!

It is really useful for Class Teachers to see parents/grandparents comments in their reading records, even in Key Stage 2.

## **Class 2's Visit to the Locomotion Museum**

As part of their Railway topic, Class 2 went to Shildon on Thursday. This is a great museum and the guides and museum staff were impressed with the children's behaviour and knowledge of the topic. There were some lovely photos on the powerpoint before Class 2's assembly and I particularly enjoyed the ones of children and staff dressed up in railway/Victorian outfits!

## **Football Tournament**

The first round of football tournament of the year took place on Thursday. Our team is made up a mixture of Year 3-6 and is mainly comprised of the children who attend Mr Foster's football club. The children did very well and improved each match. Well done team!

## **Attendance Termly Reward**

After rewarding the 100% attenders for the Autumn term with some vouchers for Teesdale Sports Centre, on Thursday the 100% Spring term attenders were treated to a game of Crazy Golf at the Scar Top. I took thirty one children there and we had a fantastic time. There are further eight 100% attenders from Class 2, who as they were on their school trip, will go during the first week back after Easter. Well done to you all!



**Easter Egg Raffle**

Thank you very much to all the parents and grandparents who sent in eggs for the Easter Egg raffle. Every child went home with something chocolately and it was great to see the anticipation and excitement in the hall during the draw. A special thank you to Mrs Finley from FOMs who was our Draw Master!

**New Club List**

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 for Y2-4 on Fridays which are free. Here the children can do various athletic and multi-skills fun activities. Why not give it a go?

**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.

**OurSchoolsApp**

Many parents and relatives of the children have downloaded OurSchoolsApp free from either Google Play Android or the Apple Store. Once downloaded, search for our school and confirm by pressing OK. Then you will receive the latest news and reminders about events happening in school.

**Attendance for w.b. 3.4.17**

Class	Present
Reception	97.1%
Class 1	97.3%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	99.4%
Class 4	97.6%

Overall attendance this week was 97.7%

**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. 10 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week, which is a big improvement!

**Happy Easter**

It has been a very eventful term again in school and the children are a real credit to you all.

I hope the weather over the holidays is good and that our children and their families have a lovely Easter break. A reminder that the Summer term begins on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Dates for your Diary**

- April 10<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Easter Holidays
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Summer term begins
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day Holiday
- May 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 SATs (Y6s)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Class 4 to The Hub

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