



Chess League

Over the last term, Dr Greenwell has been working with a number of Key Stage 2 children to make up a squad of keen chess players. They have been competing against Gainford, Ingleton, Staindrop, Cotherstone and Woodland. They have represented the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship against very good players. I look forward to seeing how the team develops next year, when Dr Greenwell takes charge of the league after the retirement of Mr Blindt from Gainford!

1940s Weekend

On Sunday 25th June, Barnard Castle Mayor Sandra Moorhouse has invited us to take part in the 1940s celebration. Any interested children should be dressed in 1940s style and arrive at 12.45pm at school. From here, they will be transported in an old fashioned bus to the Bowes Museum. Mrs Ridley and I will accompany the children.

Woodland Football Tournament

The football team travelled with Mr Foster and Mrs Dupuy to an annual tournament organised by Woodland Primary School in very warm conditions. The tournament was played in good spirits and the team improved each match, winning some games. Mr Foster was very proud of their efforts. Special congratulations to Alex from Class 4 who was named 'Player of the Tournament'. Well done to you all!

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will be in two parts: Nursery and Reception children's events will be in the morning from 10.30am. Parents of these children are welcome to stay and have a picnic in the Base outdoor area afterwards. A picnic lunch will be provided by school for those Reception children who normally have a school lunch.

The events for children in Years 1-6 will begin at 1.30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and that the weather is kind.

More produce

Miss Blackburn and Class 2 had great fun in the polytunnel this week, harvesting many potatoes. It was lovely to see their faces as they 'discovered' each one! The potatoes were passed on to Mrs Slater, our school cook, to use them. I think we will plant some more soon to enable us to have new potatoes around Christmas.

Reception Assembly

The next class assembly will be by Reception children on Friday July 7th at 9am. We look forward to seeing parents and friends of Reception then.

School Nurse Visit

Today a school nurse visited school to support teaching and learning in Class 1. Our school nurse is Caroline Mooney, and if you would like to speak to her about health related matters 03000 266161.

Summer Performances

The Key Stage 2 performance of *Staggering Stanley* will take place on Monday July 10th and Tuesday July 11th. There will be 3 performances in total: Monday July 10th at 6pm, Tuesday July 11th at 1.30pm and 6pm.

Although they had a small part last year, Reception and Key Stage 1 children are not taking part in the production this year. This is due to a larger Key Stage 2, space for children and the audience, and the complexity of the play. Reception and Key Stage 1 will instead lead the Christmas performances, as they did this year.

Tickets initially will be prioritised for Key Stage 2 parents, and will be available from Monday 3rd July.



Dr Greenwell

I have been very impressed with the number of visitors Dr Greenwell has invited into to school to enhance our curriculum, right across the school. On July 3rd, her husband, Professor Greenwell will be accompanying Jay Animals Encounter to show skeletons and live animals, as Class 4 find out more about Evolution, one of the trickier topics of the Science curriculum. I am sure the children will be engrossed. Thank you Dr Greenwell.

School Fair

Thank you all for the donations for the School Fair which takes place on July 8th from 11am to 3pm. My office is becoming more crowded by the day with prizes! It promises to be a really lovely occasion. Let us hope the weather is fine on the day.

Witham Artwork Series

We have arranged for Year 4 children to attend the Witham Hall for the day on July 4th where they will work with an artist to produce some intergenerational work.

Trauma Teds

I have really enjoyed visiting the knitting group which takes place each Wednesday. The group is made up of Mrs Bowron, volunteers and children and is very popular with the children. They have really improved their skills and the conversations flow as they knit! So far we have completed 12 teddies with others partially completed. We are handing them over to the Red Cross on Wednesday 19th July and are very proud of the work the group have done. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 19.6.17

Class	Present
Reception	98.8%
Class 1	95.9%
Class 2	94.7%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	96.2%

Overall attendance this week was 96.3%

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. 55 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for your Diary

- June 27th New Reception Taster Morning
- June 29th – Class 2 Trip to High Crane Lodge
- June 30th – Sports Day (EYFS 10.30am; Y1-6 1.30pm)
- July 3rd – OAA Festival for Class1
- July 3rd – Jay Animals Encounters to visit Class 4
- July 4th and 11th New Reception Taster Morning
- July 7th Reception Assembly (9am)
- July 8th School Fair (11am-3pm)
- July 10th and July 11th Key Stage 2 Summer Performances
- July 12th-14th Transition Days for Y6
- July 21st Leavers' Assembly 9.05 for Y6 parents/relatives

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