

FORDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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Library Visits and Special Visitors:



This half term all classes will be visiting the library at the John Willie Sams' Centre, to further explore their love of books and also get to know this fantastic resource on our doorstep. This

week it was the turn of 2EM, 4LH and RHN. As you can see from this photo of 4LH, it is a great opportunity to explore a wide range of books, learn about how the library works and take some time to enjoy a story or a book together.



As part of the learning Reception are exploring this half term, they have been finding out about people who help them. Learning is always so much better when it is hands on and linked to real life and we were so lucky to have a real ambulance and medical professionals onsite earlier this week to share their jobs with the children and take them to explore the ambulance. The children really enjoyed finding out how it all worked. One of their other special visitors was Mr Hewitt, our caretaker, who shared all about his time as a police officer. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to talk to the children.



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

We will share upcoming dates on here for any events, meetings, term dates etc so that you don't miss anything. Calendar dates will also be updated on our school website and you will be able to find them by following this link:

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/diary/grid/2024/09/>

- 26th November - Choir performance at Whitley Bay Playhouse
- 26th November - 1CY Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 26th November - 2BH Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 27th November - 1JR Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 27th November - 6JF Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 28th November - 2EM Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 28th November - 4DG Parent/Carer Consultation day
- 3rd December - Reception visit to the Rising Sun
- 9th December - Reception Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 9th December - Design Technology week
- 10th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 11th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 11th December - Nursery Nativity (10:30)
- 12th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas performance (9:15 and 2:15)
- 16th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas parties
- 17th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas parties
- 18th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas parties
- 19th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas parties
- 20th December - Rocksteady performance to families (10:00)
- 20th December - Christmas jumper day
- 20th December - Last day of term
- 23rd December - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 6th January - Training day
- 7th January - School re-opens for a new term

TERM DATES - these can be found by clicking this link to our website

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/term-dates/> or by going to:

- www.fordleyschool.com
- click on 'Menu' then 'Parents' then 'Attendance Matters' then 'Term Dates'

Reminders and Requests

NUT ALLERGIES

In school we have children who have a diagnosed allergy to peanuts and other kinds of tree nuts. Accidentally eating, or touching, food which contains even traces of nuts can be fatal. We ask that children do not bring in any foods contain nuts in their packed lunches (e.g. nutella, Kinder Bueno etc.) Thank you!



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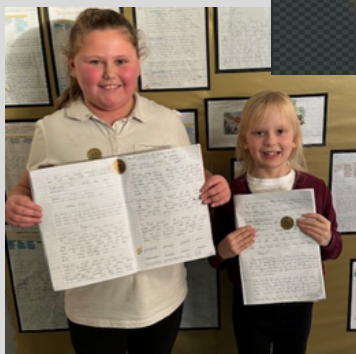
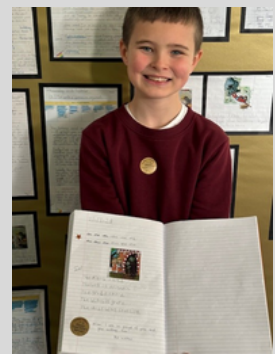


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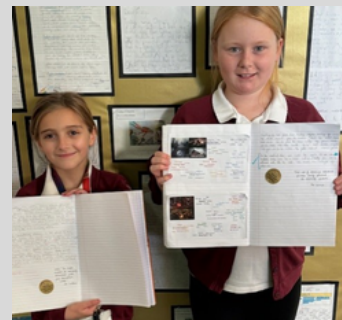
I have had the utter privilege this week of being able to celebrate, with a large number of children across school, the effort they had put into their writing and the amazing outcome because of this. I felt it was important to have a whole page of our newsletter this week dedicated to our budding authors! There are more to come from Y6 next week!



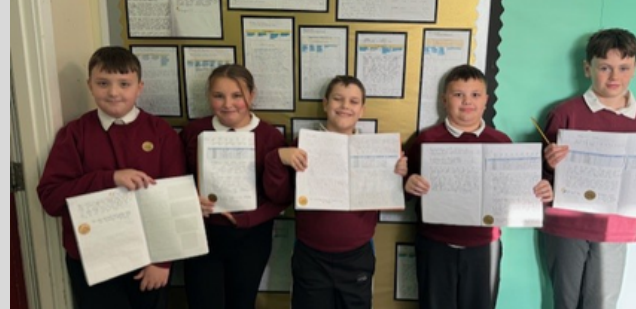
The sentences written by these Y1 children had capital letters, full stops and carefully formed letters - brilliant! It was lovely to see how much progress they have made with their writing since the start of this year.



The photo on the left shows two of our Y4 girls who had written their own version of a fairy tale and the language used and their paragraph organisation was fantastic. Well done. Also from Y4, one of our amazing boys shared with me the writing he had been doing with Mrs Lancaster and I was blown away by how much confidence he is developing in writing. He never really enjoyed writing but it has now clicked and it was evident how well he is now doing. Brilliant!



In the final set of four photos you can see 26 of our Y6 children who all came to share their writing with me. Within their descriptions they were aiming to include precise description, short sentences to change the rhythm of the writing, repetition of words and phrases to create impact and some had even tried to include semi colons and correctly used them. I thoroughly enjoyed reading every single one and I look forward to sharing the rest of Y6's writing here next week.



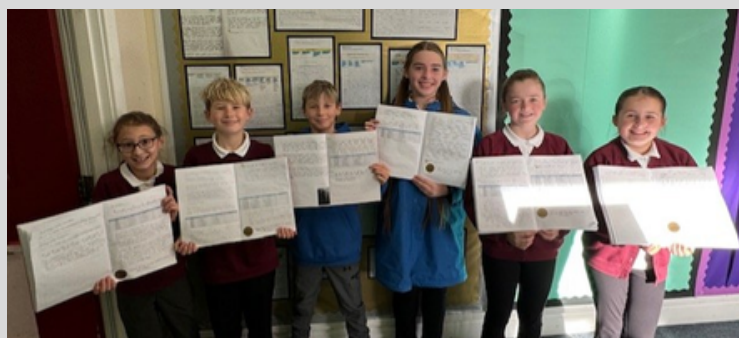
In the photo above you can see two of our Y5 girls who shared with me the writing they had been doing linked to their guided reading book, 'Beowulf'. They both painted a fantastic image and atmosphere through the well-chosen vocabulary they used, the range of sentences they chose and the way they used personification to bring inanimate objects to life. A fantastic achievement for both of them!



Here is an example of some of the Y6 writing I read:

'In the graveyard, thick, deathly snow engulfed the floor; everything was obscured. On the graves, cobwebs and moss hung covering the lost souls. There were silhouettes of tombs. Silhouettes of gargoyles. Silhouettes of death. Ahead, a jaundiced light came from an abandoned church.

In the church, insidious figures stared into oblivion. Light pierced through blood-stained windows revealing the fingerprints on the pews. Above, the old wooden roof was frail and was ready to fall any second. There were echoes of whispers. Echoes of laughing. Echoes of screams.'



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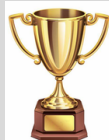


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Achievements at home:

It has been lovely, this week, to be able to celebrate successes in football with children from Y3 and Y4. They have been awarded trophies and medals for being awarded man of the match 5 times, being amazing at passing, being player of the week for scoring many points. Brilliant!



It was lovely to see, and be able to share, the tricky crocheting work two of our Y5 girls had been doing. They are always keen to create something new and it absolutely looks like they have gained a new skill. I challenge them now to see who else they can teach.

The following classes had amazing attendance this week, and have earned a star towards their celebration:

- 2EM - 99.2%
- 3AW - 98.6%
- 4DG - 98.4%
- 1CY - 97%
- 3DF - 95%
- 4LH - 95%



Our whole school attendance this week is 94.8 %

SPECIAL MENTION TO:

3DF and **4LH** as they have now earned their 8 star class treat!!!

Y5 and Y6 Success at the North Tyneside Athletics Competition:



On Thursday morning a team of children from Y5 and Y6 travelled to The Parks in North Shields, with Miss Gibbs, Mr Fawcett and Mr Owens, to take part in the North Tyneside sports hall athletics competition.

They competed against a large number of other schools and out of 12 events our team were placed first, second or third 9 times!. This is an utterly fantastic achievement, showing how well they represented our school as well as their determination to win.

Only 2 schools out of 40 go through to the next stage in the competition, but we can be exceedingly proud of our children for giving themselves (and our school) the best chance of being up there with the strongest schools in North Tyneside.

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Parking on Dudley Drive and surrounding streets



As those families who bring their children to our school through our main entrance at the start and end of the school day will know, I am outside on Dudley Drive most mornings and afternoons to monitor the traffic and parking for the safety of our Fordley children and families. The sign on the left is a photo of the sign outside of our school and it clearly states 'no stopping' between those times.

I am finding that I regularly have to remind drivers (not always parents/carers of our children) that the sign is there for a reason and this is highway code, not school, rules.

I ask that all families try to do the following:

- avoid double parking as an emergency vehicle might not get through
- do not park or stop on the zigzag or double yellow lines
- drive, and park, with care around local streets
- do not park in the school car park for Breakfast Club

This is to keep our families and children as safe as possible.

Please report any unsafe parking to

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/76/report-it>

DROP-IN SERVICE AVAILABLE AT FORDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EVERY TUESDAY 2.30-3.45.

- Do you require advice about your benefit entitlement?
- Would you like to check that you are receiving everything you should be?
- Do you want to check your entitlement to free school meals?
- Are you having difficulty managing your bills due to the increases in cost of living (i.e. energy/utilities)?
- Would you like help managing your debts and looking at options available?
- We can also help with other issues such as housing, employment and consumer.

Call into the drop in service to enquire further.
Alternatively, ring 0191 2704464 and ask for Caren or Sarah or email on the contacts below.

caren.thompson@ntcab.org.uk
sarah.skipsey@ntcab.org.uk

Please ensure you state the name of the school your child attends in the message.

Just a reminder that we have North Tyneside Citizen's Advice in school on Tuesdays from 2:30pm. You can call in to chat with Caren or her contact details can be found below.

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School Uniform - Tuesdays 3:15 in the hall:

Every Tuesday we now host a school uniform 'swap and drop' where you can bring uniform which is too small for your child and help yourself to any spare uniform which has been shared with us.



Other messages and requests:

Signing up to ASDA Cashpot

As a school we are a member of ParentKind meaning that if you sign up to ASDA Cashpot for Schools it can earn money for our school when you do your shopping and you don't lose your own rewards.

We would be grateful if you could sign up either by clicking this link: <https://rewards.asda.com/>

Or alternatively by typing the address into your browser. As of this morning we are already up to £742.65 thanks to this being shared on the Dudley and Annitsford page! 8 days left to go.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop at ASDA Rewards from 2nd September onwards we will donate to your school. Every time you shop at ASDA Rewards from 2nd September onwards we will donate to your school. Every time you shop at ASDA Rewards from 2nd September onwards we will donate to your school.

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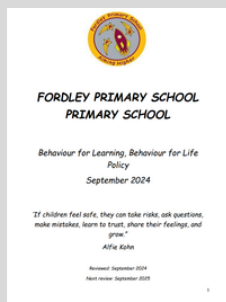
You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We**

This week's Character Skill:

Our Character Skills sit at the heart of our Behaviour for Learning; Behaviour for Life Policy (a copy of this policy can be found on our website by following this link: <https://fordley.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>)

The Character Skills cover:

- R - Resilience
- E - Empathy
- S - Self-Aware
- P - Positivity
- E - Excellence
- C - Communication
- T - Teamwork



This week's Character Skill was **Being Positive** and our Song of the Week was **This is Me** by Keala Settle.