

Friday 25th September 2020

Just like that, another week draws to a close. Another week of fun-filled learning and developing those vital skills children need, completed. I have seen children throwing themselves into their learning and really getting stuck in to the task at hand. School has been a wonderful distraction for our children from the goings on in the 'outside world'.

The Amazing Spitfire Flyover

We were so lucky to see The Spitfire World War Two fighter when it flew over Hexham First School on Tuesday as a thank you to the frontline NHS workers who have worked tirelessly to care for patients during the coronavirus pandemic. The children were so excited and their enthusiastic waving encouraged the pilot to bank and fly an extra loop just for us!



Last Call for the Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body for the appointment of one Parent Governor as soon as possible. Anyone who is a parent of a child at our school or who has parental responsibility of a child at our school can be nominated. Please feel free to contact Mrs Overton if you would like further information.

Middle School Applications

The online portal for Middle School applications for September 2021 is now open. You can apply for your child's Middle School place online via the Northumberland County Council website www.northumberland.gov.uk You will find the link in the Top Tasks section at the bottom of the home page "Apply for Middle, High and Secondary Places". If you are struggling to access any of the information let us know and we will do our best to help. Closing date for applications is 31st October.

My very best wishes,
Mrs Overton



Look who Mr Brown chose for the high quality leader board in Year 4 this week! - Well done



**Well done to this week's Dojo
Certificates holders**

Reception: Jacob – unique

Year 1: Riley - Resilient

Year 2: Olivia - Respect

Year 3: Lacey May - unique

Year 4: Tyler – resilient

**Reading at home certificates go to
Bobby N, Jay Jay, Zach, Amélie & Euan**

WEATHER FORECAST

The weather for the week ahead brought to you by David & Lucas in Year 4

“a cloudy weekend, some sunshine at the start of the week followed by heavy rain”

We have invested some of our PE money in some super new colour coded equipment for break times and the children are loving it. Mrs Moore says that Year 4 in particular are fantastic at hula hooping with Tyler setting the record of hula hooping for 3mins and 45 seconds – he should be very proud of himself.





Stay safe

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UPDATE ON CHILDCARE

Informal childcare arrangements for example grandparents' looking after children is now allowed for children under 14 or vulnerable adults where this is necessary for caring purposes.

This includes dropping off and picking up from school

NORTHUMBERLAND RESTRICTIONS

The North East of England still has local restrictions due to rising cases so please put on hold any planned sleepovers and visits to friends' homes until the current restrictions have eased. We really would appreciate your support with this.

The rules include the following

Residents must not socialise with other people outside of their own households in private homes and gardens.

Residents should not socialise with other people outside of their own households in all public venues excluding schools.

FACE COVERINGS

Any visitors to school will be required to wear a face covering particularly important for breakfast and after school club drop off and collection if you are waiting by the school office.



School DIARY

Thursday 1st OCTOBER

National Poetry Day

Friday 2nd OCTOBER

World Smile Day

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October

Parents Evening phone calls

Tuesday 20th October

School photographer

Thursday 22nd October

Children break up for half term

Friday 23rd October

Teacher training day

Year One have been busy discovering facts about the human body. The children sang 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' and discovered that this song names some of the external body parts. During continuous provision, the children's mission was to draw around a friend and then label external body parts. The children used their phonics knowledge to help spell some words!



Inquisitive children investigating magnets in Year 4 Science lessons this week.

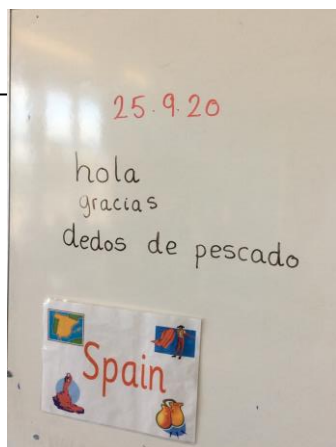


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A colorful illustration of five diverse children holding hands in a circle around a globe. The children are drawn in a simple, cartoonish style with spiky hair. From left to right: a girl in a red dress, a boy in a blue shirt and yellow shorts, a girl in a grey dress, a boy in an orange shirt and green shorts, and a girl in a yellow shirt and white shorts. Above them, a string of flags from various countries (United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, United Arab Emirates, Wales, Italy, and China) hangs across the top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.



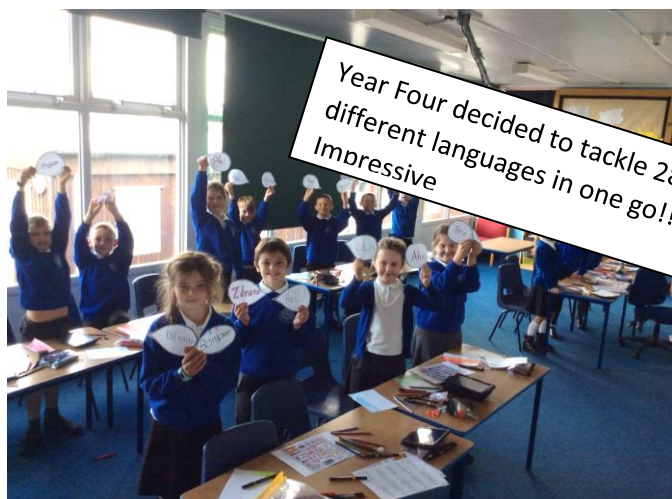
Year Three impressed Mrs Stokoe by ordering their lunch in Spanish today



Reception children painting their own 'Starry Night' painting by Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh. They made their own delicious Dutch Hagelslag - sprinkles, on buttered bread (no need to toast it)



Year Four decided to tackle 28 different languages in one go!!
Impressive



Salsa dancing in Year 1