

# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

7th November - Flu vaccination Nasal Spray (Year 1 - Year 6) only if consent returned  
8th November - Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents 3.30pm  
9th November - Year 2 to visit Washington Library  
11th November - Non Uniform Day - wear blue and donate a gift for our Christmas Fair  
14th November - Anti Bullying Week  
15th November - Year 6 class assembly 9.15 am  
18th November - Children in Need (cake sale)  
18th November - Headteacher's Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm  
21st November - Movie night - whole school finish 5pm  
24th November - Winners of poster competition to meet Amy Tinkler  
2nd December - Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm  
3rd December - School Choir to Sing at Bowes Museum  
5th December - Nursery & Reception to visit Art Centre to see Santa's Little Helper (pm)  
6th December - Nursery Christmas Singing 9.15am  
7th December - Reception Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm  
8th December - Punctuation show Y1-Y6 pm  
9th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm  
13th December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Service 2pm  
15th December - Year 3 & 4 Carol Service 2pm  
16th December - Christmas Dinner, Christmas jumper day  
19th December - Reception, Year 1,2 & 3,4 Christmas Party  
20th December - Nursery party am  
20th December - Year 5 & 6 Christmas party pm  
21st December - Last day of Autumn term 100% attendance lunch  
9th January - School reopens Spring term

### Movie Night

A movie night has been arranged for Monday 21st November after school until 5pm. The school council will be conducting a vote in each class for children to decide on the movie. Entry will be £2.00 which will include a hotdog and drink. Due to the dark nights, we ask that **all children are collected** by a adult at 5pm.

### Poster Competition

Children had the opportunity to enter a competition to meet Bronze Olympian gymnast Amy Tinkler. We are delighted that 15 children have been chosen to visit Sandhill Academy in Sunderland on November 24th to watch a demonstration, meet and greet Amy and have the opportunity to have a photograph taken. Well done to Thomas Brown, Aicha Bounkhalia, Jason Anderson, Sam Parker, Chloe Hamilton, Lexie Murray, Connie James, Rebecca Miller, Layla Casey, Tilly Newstead, Madi Chan, Erin Cummings, Jessica Watson, Sophie Hill, Christiann and Gabrielle Pitcairn.

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## Headteacher's Update

Welcome back after the half term holiday. Dark nights are now here and as winter approaches, we are preparing for the very busy festive events for all children across the school.

Thank you to all parent/carers who attended our consultations at the end of last half term. We were delighted that 98% of families managed to attend; however if you have not had the opportunity to speak to the class teacher, please feel free to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

We are pleased that the refurbishment of Year 1 boys and girls' toilets is now complete. We are committed to further enhance our school building and grounds for all children across the school. We have recently bid for a 'Community Chest' grant to support developments in our outdoor year 1 classroom-fingers crossed! Well done to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance for October at 99.7%. Children will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn afternoon. It is wonderful that 133 children are on track for a 100% attendance lunch on 21st December. Attendance to date is 98% - well done everyone!

We all thoroughly enjoyed Be Safe, Be Fit, Be Healthy Week. The benefits and impact from a wide range of visits/visitors and experiences enhanced our curriculum and learning. Thank you for supporting our sponsored 'Stepathon' challenge. I will update you of how much money we raised to support further enrichment experiences for our children. We are all looking forward to supporting and taking part in Children in Need, Anti- Bullying Week, Educational Visits, Author visit, Class Assemblies, Children's parties and Christmas Carol Services to name a few - and of course, the arrival of our Christmas trees on the 1<sup>st</sup> December!

Best Wishes  
Julia Watkins

### Medicines in School

Please can we remind parents/carers that only prescribed medicines can be brought into school. These must be handed into the school office where a form is to be completed and a member of staff will administer the medicine. If medicines are not prescribed, please refrain from giving them to children. Parent/carers are welcome to come into school at any time to administer unprescribed medication to their child. This is to comply with our safeguarding procedures.



### Children in Need/Headteachers Coffee Afternoon

We will once again be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November by having a cake/biscuit sale in school. Children can wear Pudsey accessories e.g headband, t-shirt etc. Children in Need wristbands will be on sale at the school gate from Monday 7th November priced at £1.00. We would welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits into school on Thursday 17th November. The cakes will be on sale during morning break for the children (no tuck shop that day), a 50p contribution would be appreciated. At 2.30pm parents and members of the community are welcome to join Mrs Watkins for her coffee afternoon.

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### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December. The arrangements for this year are as follows: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and their siblings can be collected by a parent/carer via the main entrance from 2pm. At 2.15pm Years 3,4,5 and 6 will visit the fair accompanied by their class teacher. Parents/Carers of key stage 2 children are welcome to join their children at this time. No child in Key Stage 2 will be allowed to leave school before normal finishing time at 3.15pm unless they have been collected by an adult. Each class will be making arts/crafts to sell as well as refreshments being available. Children's calendars (new design for 2016) will be available to purchase/order. We will be holding a Christmas raffle; tickets will be sent home soon. Other stalls will include a children's chocolate tombola, tombola, face painting and Santa's Grotto. We are starting to collect prizes and would welcome any donations or unwanted gifts into school. To help support our Christmas Fair and kick off Anti-bullying week (week commencing 14th November) children can come dressed in non uniform (**something blue**) on Friday 11th November. Instead of making a money donation, we would like all children to bring a small gift or prize. This can be anything from a small chocolate bar or a prize for the tombola. Our Christmas Fair is always a great community event and we welcome your continued support.

### Celebrating Learning Power '5Rs'

I am delighted to announce that the following children were voted by their class peers for their contribution to 'Relationships'. The children were invited with a family member or friend to enjoy high tea with Mrs Watkins. Well done to:

Reception - Phoebe Wilson Year 1 - Elliott Halse Year 2 - Ben Anderson Year 3 - Chloe Butler

Year 4 - James Morrell Year 5 - Byron Duckworth Year 6 - Connie James

This term children will be asked to vote for a child in their class who has clearly demonstrated 'Resilience'. The children will be exploring what resilience means and how this supports their learning as well as life long learning skills.

### Attendance

Don't forget our two week spot prize attendance dates. Any child with 100% attendance for the first two weeks following the October half term holiday, will be entered into a prize draw next Friday.

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## News - Be Safe, Be Fit, Be Healthy Week

Our Be Safe, Be Fit, Be Healthy week was a great success the week before we broke up before half term. Working together, staff from our school and a range of outside agencies ensured that the week was educational, active and fun!

It was wonderful to see all of the children from Nursery up to Year 6 learning about the importance and benefits of eating well and keeping their minds and bodies fit. In addition, the children enjoyed learning about how to stay safe from strangers, internet safety and the dangers of water.

With the task of reaching a class average of 8000 steps, our School Stepper Challenge was taken very seriously and very competitively! It was brilliant to see the children from Blackfell running laps around the playground and jogging on the spot in order to be the winning class. All of the children will receive a certificate in our celebration assembly with the winning team, Year 5, receiving a class prize. The final results and photographs of the week are published underneath and on website under each class. Thank you for helping to support our sponsored event and any money raised will be used directly within our school to fund further events and visitors.

Class	Average Class Steps
Nursery	4860 (morning only)
Reception	8352
Year 1	8156
Year 2	8206
Year 3	9,123
Year 4	8168
Year 5	10,268
Year 6	10,120



Ethan Scott and Ethan Jones showing their stepper



RNLI - Water Safety



Glo fitness



Word War 2 Bootcamp



Cooking Healthy Food



Smoothie Bike



Hoopstarz