



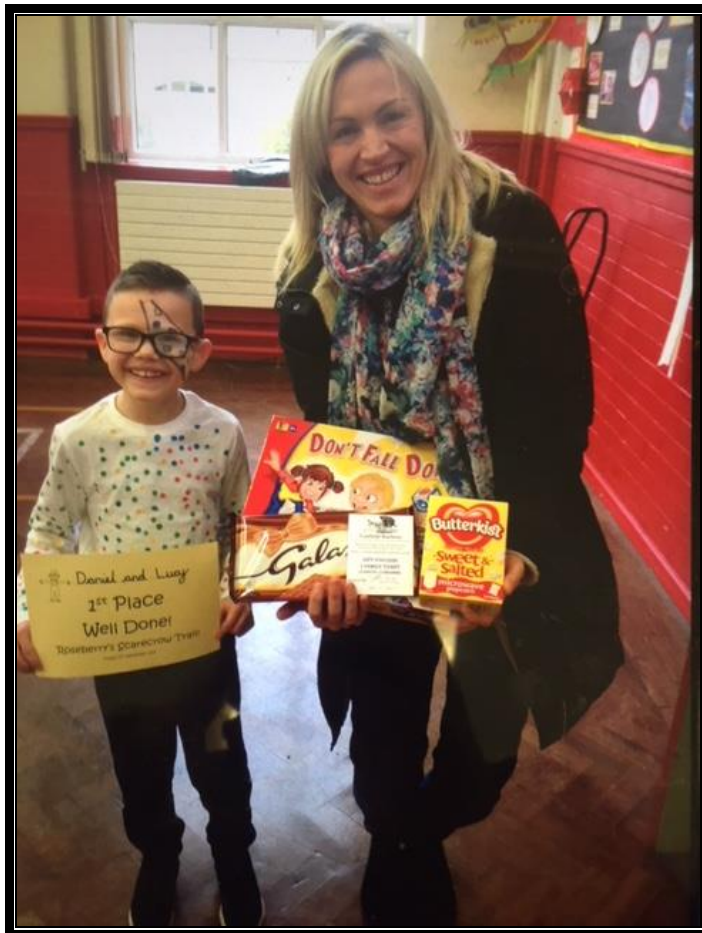
Roseberry Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

December 2017



SCARECROW EVENT

In November, we held our very first scarecrow trail. Thank you to all pupils and parents who submitted entries. The standard of work was incredible (and also a little bit scary). Who will forget Roseberry Scarer brandishing his hammer and saw? This was a very popular event and was well-attended by parents and members of the community. We have received many requests for it to be repeated. The winners were Daniel, Jamie, Faith and Brodie and we managed to raise £274 for the school. This was another successful event organised by Mrs Forster.



Well done to Daniel in Year 2, pictured here with his mum on Children in Need Day, who won 1st prize for his scarecrow of Michael Jackson.

Children in Need final total
£193.31

2nd prize went to Jamie in Year 3
Faith (Year 3) and Brodie (Year 2) were joint 3rd.



MINI POLICE

Our Year 6 Mini Police have been very busy over the last few weeks with visits to a mosque and the police control centre.



PERFORMANCE POETRY COMPETITION

Thanks to Mrs Dunn for organising our annual performance poetry competition. Miss Smith from Park View and Mr Aldridge from North Durham Academy came to judge it. The class winners are pictured below:



Tommy-John; Neve; Chloe; Rosie; Joey; Liam; Willow and Jack
Rosie was the overall KS 2 winner and Tommy-John was the KS 1 winner.
Congratulations to all the children who participated. You really did us proud!

AUTHOR VISIT



Claire Barker visited our school in November and told the children about her dog which is the main character in her stories – Knitbone Pepper Ghost Dog. The children did some brilliant writing about her visit. Watch out for a new display in the main hall! Claire also carried out a book-signing session which was very popular.

Our half-price book fayre was also hugely successful and we were able to buy more books for class libraries and attendance prizes.

Well done to Harry in Year 4 who won our November draw for 100% attendance and chose a Horrid Henry book!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Once again, our pupils did us proud with two fabulous Christmas productions. Our youngest children delivered two performances of their nativity, 'Shine Star, Shine', for their parents and relatives, while Junior pupils entertained us with their production – 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' – a thought-provoking play about the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone agreed our children put on a fantastic show.

Once again, Year 6 pupils entertained the local Friday Club by singing a range of songs and carols at their Christmas lunch. This was much appreciated by local residents.

The pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Empire Theatre, Consett was a real treat for the children. The tickets were all paid for through Miss Dodds' cake sales last year. I would like to thank her again for all her hard work and buying the ingredients out of her own money. I'm sure you appreciate all her hard work too! Please note after 3 years of baking, Miss Dodds is having a well-earned rest from the oven, so cakes will not be on sale in 2018.

I would like to thank everyone for the donations received for the Christmas Fayre. We managed to raise £990 altogether. Once again, Mrs Forster with help from parent volunteers, co-ordinated this popular event and gave up lots of her free time to ensure it was successful. I'm sure you will agree that everyone had a good time and she should be congratulated on her superb efforts. The total sum raised means we will be able to buy lots of new resources for our pupils.

Mrs Forster also co-ordinated our Christmas Market night which was another successful project, bringing in £674. I would like to thank all the staff who gave up their own time to support this event.



Infant Nativity & members of the Junior cast



Just a reminder that due to new government regulations, any pupil with an attendance rate of below 90%, is considered to be a persistent absentee. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and written evidence needs to be handed into school to even be considered. Next term, we will be continuing our prize draw for pupils with 100% attendance; prizes have been donated by our regular supply agency – Teaching Personnel. Any pupils attending medical appointments for a known condition will not be penalised, as long as we see proof of the appointment.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

The autumn term's parents' evenings were very well attended:

Ladybirds Nursery	91%
Robins Nursery	89%
Reception	90%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	85%
Year 5	88%
Year 6	100%

In response to parent questionnaires, we are going to introduce a termly report on your child's progress. We have completed our end of term assessments and this information will contribute towards the report which you will receive at the beginning of next term.

One of our parent governors will be analysing the parent questionnaires shortly and I will let you know the results as soon as possible. We will be seeking parent governor nominations in the spring term so you might want to consider yourself for the position.

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee over recent weeks:
 10/11/17 – **Lexi** (Year 2) for her hard work and making a great effort in class all week;
 1/12/17 – **Kaci** (Year 6) for her increased confidence and great progress in reading;
 8/12/17 – **Daniel** (Year 6) for improved behaviour and fantastic progress in reading;
 15/12/17 – **Phoebe** (Year 2) for her great presentation skills and beautiful handwriting.

DIARY DATES

School closes on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holiday and reopens on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

INSET DAY Monday 8th January – school closed to pupils.

TEACHER'S ACHIEVERS OF THE TERM

Well done to the following children for impressing their teachers throughout the term:

Year 1 – **Ethan** for fantastic progress in writing. He has grown in confidence and is a pleasure to teach.

Year 2 – **Lily-Rose** for superb efforts in all subjects and emotional resilience. She is an amazing role model to Year 2 children.

Year 3 – **Laila** for being an all-round model pupil who always tries her best. This is evident in her progress this term.

Year 4 – **Oliver** for his fantastic general knowledge and extensive vocabulary. He has also shown great progress in all subjects.

Year 5 – **Lewis** for maintaining his positive attitude to school and improved behaviour.

Year 6 – **Rosie** for her all-round excellent effort in all subjects and making even more progress in reading than ever before.



Left: Christmas angels decorated the school early this morning – courtesy of Pelton Methodist Chapel. What a lovely surprise!
Right: Year 4 pupils have been designing and baking gingerbread in the cookery room.



Your child will be bringing home a chocolate gift selection, very kindly donated by FD Motors.

The staff and pupils would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

