

Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter

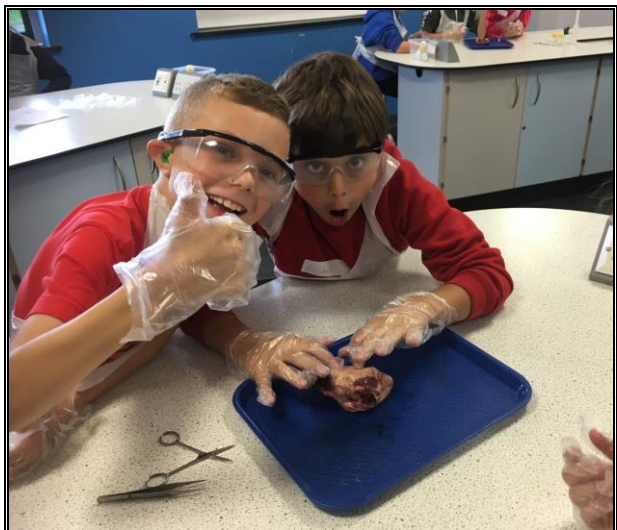


November 2018

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

We have held a host of activities during the autumn term. The whole school was treated to a performance of 'The Secret Garden' back in September and it turned out to be a community event as members of the Senior Friday Luncheon Club also came along to enjoy the show. This was a free event, financed by the money raised in our fund-raising activities.

- Year 6 pupils enjoyed their taster day at North Durham Academy in September.
- All pupils participated in the European Day of Languages, each class studying a country of their choice.
- Years 3 & 4 visited the Great North Museum as part of their studies on the Iron Age and were visited by Kirtida VEDI to enhance their understanding of Hinduism in RE.
- Years 5 & 6 had a visitor who explained about coalmining in our local area as part of their History study.
- Reception pupils were visited by the Fire Service.
- Year 1 & 2 pupils visited the local church as part of their RE topic and were visited by the RNLI as part of their History study on Grace Darling. The children learnt about the work of the RNLI and got to dress up.



*Above: Year 1 pupils learn about the work of the RNLI.
Right: Connor and William enjoying Science at NDA taster day.*

SPORT AT ROSEBERRY IN THE AUTUMN TERM

- Year 2 pupils took part in a multi-skills festival in September.
- Year 4 pupils participated in a Quicksticks Hockey Tournament.
- Year 5 experienced a trampolining afternoon at North Durham Academy.
- Year 6 pupils not only participated in an indoor athletics festival but they actually won it! Well done Year 6! See photo below! Don't they look happy?

DAILY MILE

Mr Adamson, our PE apprentice, is now co-ordinating the daily mile as part of his duties. Every week, he selects his best runner in KS 1 and KS 2. Pupils may be chosen for improvement or a great effort. Certificates are presented in Friday assemblies to the lucky pupils. He is also running after-school sporting clubs for both key stages.

Roseberry uses its sports premium to pay for the tournaments and transport to them: it pays for Mr Adamson's wages and also for additional swimming and PE resources.

ROSEBERRY GARDENING CLUB

Once again, our gardening club was awarded a silver gilt medal in 'Britain in Bloom' competition and also a silver gilt medal in 'Chester's Best' environmental awards. Well done to all our pupils who turn up every week in all weathers to make our school such a special place to be. A big thank you to Mrs Staples who runs the club and also to our parent and staff helpers and members of the Parish Council who help us throughout the year.

Right: Lilia and Lily with Mrs Staples at the award ceremony.



PELTON WAR MEMORIAL

Members of the Parish Council came into school to deliver an assembly about the effects of the First World War on the local community and to ask for the children's help in raising money for a war memorial to remember the men and women who gave their lives for our country. The Parish Council have been very generous to our school in the past so we responded with a non-uniform day which was well-supported by parents. The Parish Council wish to pass their thanks on to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause. We managed to raise **£179.83**.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again we celebrated harvest with a special assembly which was attended by Rev John Lintern. He brought along his magic tricks and really entertained the children whilst explaining the importance of sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves.

SCARECROW EVENT

The votes for the Scarecrow Trail are in and have been counted. We are happy to announce the winners are...

1st place - Spiderpig made by Tommy in Year 2
2nd place - Mermaid Pearl by Jessica H in Sparrows
2nd place - Roz by Neve Year 5 and Elin in Year 3
3rd place - Din-o-straw-us by a family in KS2

Thanks to Mrs Forster for arranging this popular event!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thanks again to Mrs Forster for arranging our annual Halloween Disco. We would also like to thank our parent-helpers for making this such a fun event.



FLU VACCINES

Flu vaccines were delivered to all pupils in Reception to Year 5 this week. Children who missed it can get the vaccine at catch-up clinics. A list of these clinics can be found on Class Dojo or call at the school office.

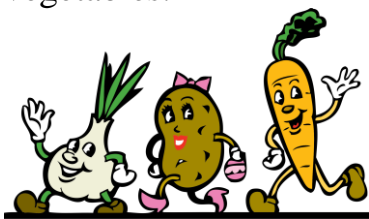


A big thank you to parents, too, for your very generous donations towards the Durham Foodbank. We managed to raise 83.86Kg of food which equates to 105 meals for local people in need.

Grace & Jay show off our donations.

EYFS HEALTHY EATING

Several of our families are attending free cooking classes in our cookery room, learning how to prepare tasty and nutritious foods. The pupils have also been treated to two workshops; one about fruit and the other about vegetables.



A joyous Year 6 – champions of the Athletics Tournament! Well done to you all!



DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

Friday	16/11/18	Children in Need – theme is spots v stripes
Tuesday	20/11/18	Scholastic half price book fayre starts
Wednesday	21/11/18	Y5/6 – Centre 4 Life
Monday	3/12/18	Share a Christmas Story and craft activities (one parent only please)
Tuesday	4/12/18	6:00 p.m. Christmas Market
Wednesday	5/12/18	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime
Thursday	6/12/18	Christmas Fayre (depends on available support)
Monday	10/12/18	1:30 p.m. Rec/Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Tuesday	11/12/18	9:30 a.m. Rec/Years 1 & 2 Nativity
Wednesday	12/12/18	9: 15 a.m. Ladybirds / Robins Christmas Stay & Play 1:30 p.m. KS 2 Christmas Production
Thursday	13/12/18	1:30 p.m. KS 2 Christmas Production
Friday	14/12/18	1:45 p.m. Ladybirds / Robins Christmas Stay & Play 5:00 p.m. Choir to Beamish Museum
Monday	17/12/18	Year 5 Multi Sports Festival Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday	18/12/18	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday	19/12/18	Ladybirds/Robins Christmas Party
Thursday	20/12/18	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Friday	21/12/18	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Winter safety advice from Durham Constabulary: Don't be in the dark this winter – get switched on to home safety

PEOPLE in County Durham and Darlington are being urged to protect their property from opportunistic thieves this winter.

The onset of dark nights can lead to a rise in burglaries, as a house which is in darkness can look empty to an opportunistic criminal.

As part of Durham Constabulary's Winter Nights campaign, people are being urged to take simple steps to secure their homes to help prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime.

Chief Inspector Caroline Davies, from Durham Constabulary, said: "All too often people are making their homes attractive to burglars and thieves by leaving them unlocked or in darkness during the winter months.

"However, a few simple steps are all it takes to reduce this risk and protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime."

Follow these tips to keep your home safe this winter:

- Lock all windows and doors – even if you're at home.
- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in.
- Leave a light on or use timer switches so lights come on when it gets dark.
- Don't leave valuables on show.
- Don't leave your house and vehicle keys in the lock or on a side table in view of a window, making it easy for a thief to fish them through your letterbox.
- Don't leave curtains closed during the day, only in the evening and overnight.
- If you have a house alarm, use it.
- Contact your local neighbourhood police team if you see anything suspicious in your area.

As part of the campaign, people are also being reminded to always lock their vehicles when leaving them unattended, and remove all valuables from sight.

"Vehicles left unattended with valuables left on display or unlocked are a magnet for criminals, who will often try a number of car door handles until they find one that has been left open," added Ch Insp Davies.

"It only takes a few seconds to make sure you've locked the door, but it could mean the difference between having your car stolen or having it there when you return.

"In the run up to the festive season when traditionally people are doing more shopping, they should also remove items from their vehicles before leaving them unattended, or lock them out of sight in the boot."

During the campaign, PCSOs will also be patrolling key hotspot areas which have seen an increase in burglaries, thefts from vehicles and antisocial behaviour.

To report any suspicious activity in your area, contact Durham Constabulary on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY AWARDS

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee over recent weeks:

7/9/18 – Alfie (Year 5) for his enthusiasm and determination to learn;

21/9/18 – James (Year 1) for his excellent writing in History, fantastic map work and polite manners;

28/9/18 – William (Year 4) for his amazing work in Science, carrying out research online to write a brilliant factual report;

5/10/18 – Devon (Year 3) for his positivity, great effort in Maths and having lovely manners;

12/10/18 – Joey (Year 1) for his fantastic work in Maths and his fabulous work in gymnastics;

19/10/18 – Jade (Year 6) for her excellent attitude to learning. She really tried hard with her writing and multiplication.

9/11/18 – Kyle (Year 2) for trying so hard to improve the presentation of his written work and starting to join in group discussions.

Well done to you all!



Charlotte, Harry, Elin & Kieran get dressed up as part of their RE topic on Hinduism. Activities such as these are part of our Curriculum Foundation 'Our Place in the World'.

All of our newsletters can be viewed in colour on the school's website.