



**Roseberry**  
**Primary & Nursery School**  
**Newsletter**

**December 2013**



**AUTUMN TERM EVENTS**

**Year 3 pedestrian training**

In our efforts to help children stay safe, our Year 3 pupils have just completed their course of pedestrian training sessions to help them stay safe whilst out and about in the community. They were made aware of road safety and learned how to cross the road safely, accompanied by trained representatives from the county council. Each child was presented with a certificate and a road safety booklet.

**NSPCC Childline**

Again, to help keep our children safe, Year 5 and 6 children watched an assembly presented by Childline and then participated in follow-up workshops.

**Anti-bullying Week**

The theme this year was how to stay safe online. After learning about e-safety, children were asked to design a poster to warn other children. The Leeds Building Society, in Chester-le-Street, sponsored the prizes and the winning posters are displayed in their branch.

Winners were:

Year 1/2 – Keira and Jessica, Year 3 – Clio, Year 4 – Tatiana, Year 5 – Francesca and Year 6 - Megan

**Pelton Library visits**

We all know reading is the secret to success at school so every class from Year 1 to Year 6 visited the new library at Pelton this term. The children really enjoyed browsing the books and seeing what the library has to offer. We would urge parents to try to make time to continue to visit the library with their younger children or encourage older children to visit on their own. The opening hours are below:

Monday 2.00pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday - closed

Wednesday 9.00am - 7.00pm

Thursday 2.00pm - 5.30pm  
Friday - closed  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Our own school library will be re-opening next term. We have just invested in Junior Librarian which is a web-based library management system with the aim of promoting a love of reading and incorporating the use of ICT on a daily basis for a real purpose.

### **Library book donation**

Some of our pupils' relatives may remember Miss Mary Pendlington who taught at Roseberry Infant School for many years and then later at the primary school. Miss Pendlington sadly passed away this term and her family wished to leave a legacy to our school, in the form of a donation of books to our school library. We have received a cheque for £550 for which we are very grateful. The books purchased with the funds will contain a special note inside dedicated to Miss Pendlington's memory.

### **Author visit**

Last month, the award-winning author, Stuart Reid visited our school and gave a presentation to KS1 and KS 2 pupils. He enthralled the children with readings from his Gorgeous George books and gave the children useful tips for their own writing. It was a great morning, thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.



## **Sporting clubs and events**

- Mini gymnastics – Our 4 -6 year olds took part in a series of free sessions using mini gym equipment.
- Sporting clubs for this term have included: Multisports, football, cricket and dance.
- Years 5 and 6 have participated in an indoor athletics festival.

## **Performance poetry competition**

Our annual performance poetry competition was a great success. We watched individual and class performances and the winners were chosen by our chair of governors, Mrs Elaine Holmes:

Class	Winner	Poem
Nursery	Ella	Humpty Dumpty
Rec	Jessica	Mary, Mary, Quite contrary
1/2 Green	Keira F	Caterpillar
1/2 Red	Keira M	Little Jack Horner
3	Rhiannon	I Asked My Mother For 15 Cents
4	Tatiana	In Flanders Field
5	Francesca	Witch, Witch
6	Ariana	April Fools' Day Pranks

The overall infant winner was Keira M.

The overall junior winner was Tatiana.

Both winners were presented with their own poetry books. Well done to all the children who participated.

## **Christmas events**

To get us into the Christmas spirit, every pupil enjoyed the free performance of the Snow Queen earlier this month. We hope all our parents and relatives enjoyed our performances of 'Oopsie Daisy Angel' and 'The Stars Come out for Christmas'. The children did us proud. The drama club, which takes place every Wednesday lunchtime, also entertained us with their own production and had everyone in stitches. A big thank you to Miss Allison and Mrs Hodgson who run the club and also to Mrs Hodgson and Miss Hanson who stepped in at the last moment to cover for absent children.

## **Fundraising**

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our charitable fundraising. We collected the following:

Firefighters' charity - £49

Philippine disaster fund - £86.50

Children In Need - £100.50

Christmas Fayre - £1,424

Another big thank you to FORS for giving up their time and arranging this popular event and raffle.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors. After the Christmas holidays, we will be sending out details and nomination forms. If you are interested, please look out for the relevant information.

Lastly, the staff would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

