

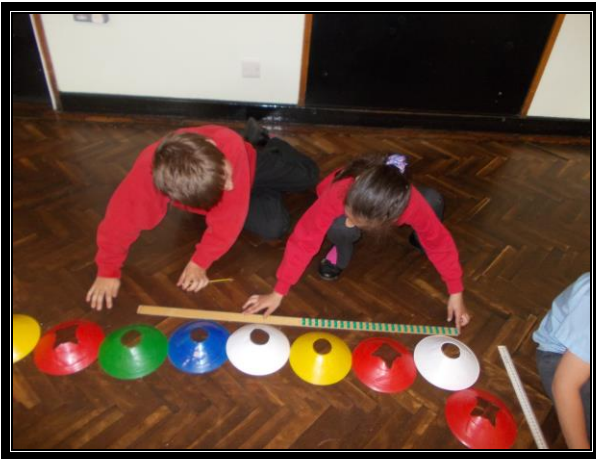


Roseberry Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

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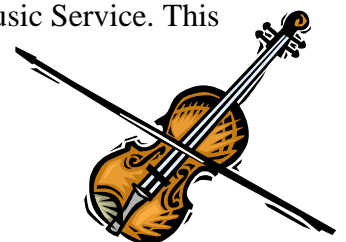
MEASUREMENT CHALLENGE WEEK

In June we held a week of measurement challenges across the whole school to develop children's skills in this area of Maths. Although Diamonds won the challenge, all the children had an enjoyable time completing the tasks. Each class presented their findings in a whole school assembly. Well done to Miss Allison for co-ordinating this work.



MUSIC AT ROSEBERRY

In June, the pupils were treated to a concert by Fiddlepicks from Durham Music Service. This week we hosted the brass band Comparsa Bataola who play Afro-Cuban style brass music. Both events were free of charge to the children who had great fun listening and participating.



ANNUAL FAMILY TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

This year our challenge was linked to the Lindisfarne Gospels: parents and their children were asked to create a model bridge to cross the causeway, linking Holy Island with the mainland. The bridge had to be capable of holding a toy car. Points were awarded for the longest bridge and the most aesthetically pleasing. Mr Laverick, our vice-chair of governors, was the judge.

First prize – the Bowman family

Second prize – The McKitten family

Third prize – the Martin and Robinson families.



SUMMER FUN RUN

A big thank you to everyone for their support in our Summer Fun Run. We managed to raise £1042.60 which will be used to buy new books for the children in September.



Well done to Kieran P in Reception for collecting the most sponsorship. He won a £50 voucher to spend in the Metrocentre. Amy Louise R. in Year 5 was second and won a £25 voucher.

SUMMER FAYRE

Our annual fayre was another huge success, raising £1042.60. The town crier was on hand to open the proceedings. Thank you to FORS for co-ordinating the work behind the scenes and running the stalls. All raffle prizes have now been claimed.



LINDISFARNE GOSPELS COMPETITION WINNERS

Our Year 5 pupils entered a competition to write about their news, with the prize being a free visit to see the Lindisfarne Gospels in Durham Cathedral. They were lucky enough to be one of the winners and as the prize was for 60 pupils, Year 4 went on this amazing trip too. Well done Year 5 and especially Ariana, whose news about the school's remodel and refurbishment won the prize!

DISCOVERY WEEK TO CAYEUX SUR MER

In July, fourteen of our children had a fantastic week in France. They participated in several excursions and had a great time. Their behaviour was exemplary and the photograph speaks for itself.



WATER BOTTLES

After the remodel of the school building, every class now has access to water. Therefore after the summer holidays, we are asking parents to send an empty water bottle to school with their child's name on it. The contract is now up on the water machines so they will not be here in September.

HOUSE WINNERS

Well done to Diamonds for winning this year's sports day. The final scores were as follows:

Emeralds – 214

Sapphires – 218

Rubies – 244

Diamonds – 276

The winners of the end of year house treat were Sapphires. They enjoyed a trip to the bowling alley with refreshments as their prize. Final point scores were as follows:

Diamonds – 18,604

Rubies – 20,754

Emeralds – 21,505

Sapphires – 22,680

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS ON ATTENDANCE

At a recent meeting, the school governing body was pleased to note that the overall level of attendance had gone up to 94.4% in the spring term and they wanted to congratulate parents, carers and pupils for the attendance levels achieved.

However absence rates remain well above the national average. This is mainly due to some cases of persistent absence and more than average days missed due to illness.

There are responsibilities on all involved and the school has little discretion and must manage absence within legal guidelines. Therefore careful monitoring will continue to ensure that every child is given the best possible opportunity and every support to maintain good attendance.

Governors wish to work alongside all involved to ensure attendance rates continue their welcome recent upward trend.

Attached to this newsletter is the latest guidance from the local authority.

FREE EXPOCHEF COOKERY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Roseberry has received funding for free cookery demonstrations and workshops for parents. There will be 6 free sessions which will take place during the next academic year. Further details will follow nearer the time. We do hope you can come along and take part. The modules will be as follows:

- Tempting teatimes on a budget
- Takeaway alternatives
- 'Get off to a good start' breakfasts
- Ideas for 5 a day
- Healthy snacks and drinks
- Nutritious packed lunches and picnics

BON VOYAGE TO YEAR 6

Finally the staff would like to wish every success to our year 6 pupils as they continue their education in their chosen secondary schools. Goodbye and good luck!

The staff would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and we'll see you back on **Tuesday 3rd September.**

