



Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter

October 2013

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE FOR MACMILLAN NURSES

On Thursday 26th September, our children held a cake sale in support of this worthwhile charity and raised £117.59. FORS (Friends of Roseberry School) held a popular coffee morning too and raised a further £443. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you too for sending your food donations into school for the Durham Foodbank. Rev John Lintern celebrated Harvest with a special assembly for the children on Friday 18th October.

DANCE FESTIVAL

On Friday 11th October every class participated in this whole school celebration which was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

SPELLING BEE

Our first half termly house challenge was to collect as many house points by correctly spelling words and being able to give correct definitions of relevant topic words. Children competed against each other in houses from Reception to Year 6. Well done to Diamonds who were the winning house.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud to announce that Roseberry has been awarded the **Bronze Kitemark** for our work in P.E. and sport.

Our joint work with Gonadeniya Maha Vidyalaya in Sri Lanka and a series of international themed projects throughout the year has resulted in Roseberry being awarded **the full International School Award**.



Roseberry is very proud to announce that we have been awarded **Artsmark Gold** status. Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme to enable schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. Artsmark is nationally recognised as demonstrating excellence in arts and cultural provision. Holding Artsmark status demonstrates that your school or setting values the arts and culture. Artsmark also contributes to the cultural aspect of Ofsted's requirement that a school promotes students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The summary of our arts provision stated that, "Roseberry Primary has large facilities for under 200 pupils which enables them to enjoy (for example) a large and airy, well-lit art room. There is a lot of space to display work and this is done to great effect. Percentage curriculum hours are good and extra-curricular take up high. All art forms are including in a varied and creative curriculum. Governors are closely involved, from attending planning meetings to acting as a judge for arts competitions. They are proud of the teachers' creativity. Children have access to quality and stimulating arts practitioners and the school has a close relationship with The Forge, who fully supported the Gold application. Roseberry has a strong profile for the arts, is often featured in press and media and displays work, such as their miners' banner in other settings e.g. the local community centre and Beamish museum."



Our certificates will be on view in the school office.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our annual Halloween disco was well attended and a good time was had by all. Another big thank you to FORS for giving up their time and arranging this popular event.

MESSAGE FROM CLAIRE DONNELLY, our PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

I am available to offer a confidential service for all parents, carers and families to offer information, guidance and advice. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any concerns or issues regarding your children at home or in school.

Maybe you have questions following a 'tough' weekend at home or you would just like a 'listening ear'. I can offer a one-to-one support in your own home, for example with behaviour, routines or other changes in family life.

Please give me a call on 07771371391.

DIARY DATES

13th November – Performance Poetry competition final
Week beginning 18th November – parents' mentoring meetings OR evenings on the 18th and 19th for parents who work (details to follow)
19th November – author visit
5th December – Christmas fayre
10th & 13th December – KS 2 Christmas productions
11th December – EYFS/KS 1 Nativity
Week beg 16th December – Christmas Parties
19th December – Christmas Disco