



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



**January 2015**

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays! Winter is upon us. The mornings are cold and snow has arrived but here at Roseberry, all is warm and welcoming! Children in the Early Years show that you don't need pens and paper to write with.



Oh dear – Jack Frost has lost his hand! Children in Reception developing their knowledge and understanding about the world.



## **Achievers of the term**

The teachers had a difficult choice as so many children have made fantastic progress in many areas of the curriculum but the following children were chosen as achievers of the autumn term:

Year 1 – Alfie J for excellent progress in English

Year 2 – Macey R for improvement in writing

Year 3 – Joshua W for outstanding behaviour and progress in writing

Year 4 – Ruby R for consistent hard work and effort

Year 5 – Aaron B for all round progress and remaining on 'Great to be Green' all term

Year 6 – Jamie M for his determination to succeed in all areas of school life

### **Winning house:**

Well done to Sapphires for winning the end of term treat (movie and popcorn) with 3442 points

Second were Diamonds with 3350 points.

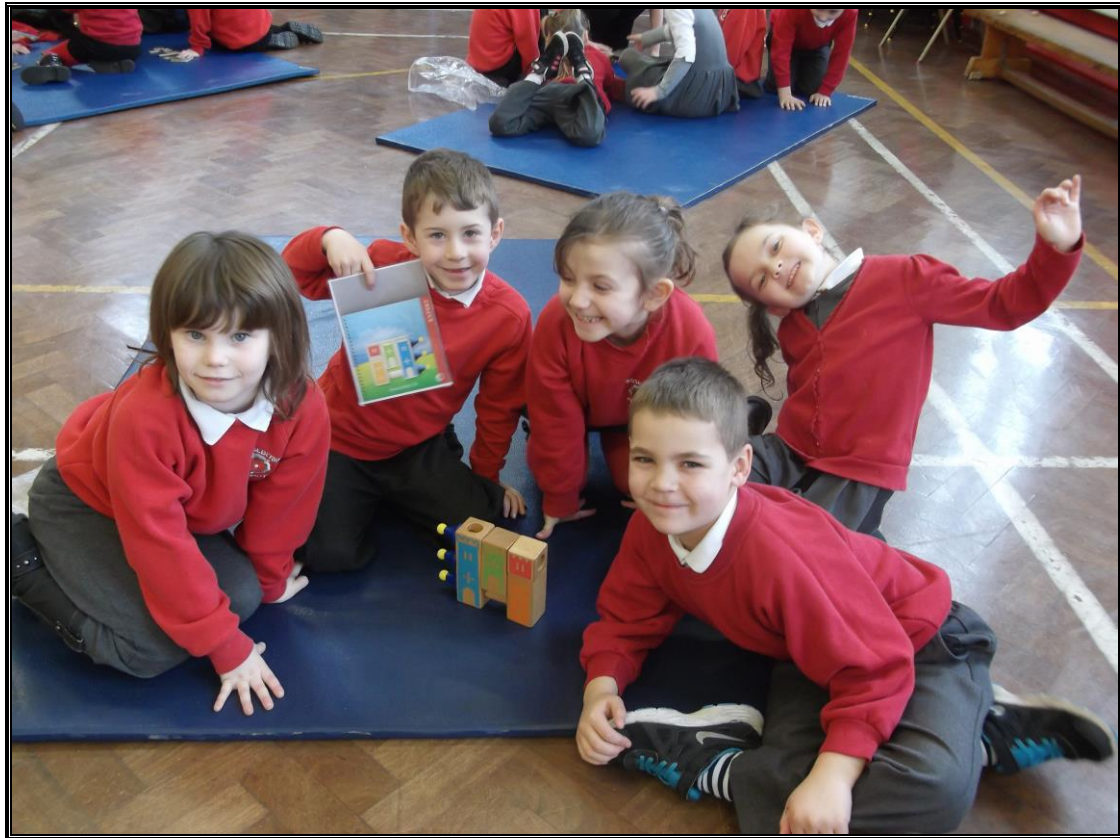
Third were Rubies with 3346 points and poor old Emeralds were last with 3192 points.

## **MATHS PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY**

Teamwork was the key to solving the puzzles in our Maths Challenge Day this week. All classes from Reception to Year 6 worked together to solve the puzzle in order to move on to the next one. The children loved the experience but they learned a lot during the day: hand-eye co-ordination; development of fine motor skills; strategic planning; sequencing; spatial awareness; understanding of balance; visual perception; logical deduction and social skills. Mr Laverick and Mr Barr, two of our school governors, also visited the school to see for themselves how successful the puzzle day was. They both commented on how well the children applied themselves to the problems and how enjoyable the experience was for everybody involved. Watch out for our problem solving display in the main hall where you will be able to see photographs of the event – coming soon!







*Pupils from Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 completing their challenges during Maths Puzzle Day.  
Thank you to parents for contributing towards the cost of this exciting activity for the children.*



### **Child Protection – message from the council**

Police have recently been involved in an incident of suspected on-line grooming of children of primary age in this locality. These unknown person/s have identified themselves as famous people, in particular members of One Direction on Skype.

We have liaised closely with the police and would advise parents and carers to talk with their children, in particular to discuss social media. We would advise you to view all conversation histories on Skype and talk to your child about anyone that they may have and conversations with on it. We would also ask you to check any conversation history on other social media network sites such as Facetime, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, gaming sites, chat rooms etc. Please check all your child's devices including computers, laptops, tablets, phones, gaming devices, kindles etc. Please ensure parental controls are in place on all media devices. The children need to be aware they are not in trouble, and this is about us safeguarding them.

Note: The terms and conditions of many sites (Facebook, Instagram etc...) prohibit their use by young people under the age of 13, and their use by young people should not be encouraged.

### E Safety – advice for parents from the council

One new resource which is particularly useful is the new “[Share Aware](#)” resources from the [NSPCC](#).

Parents could be encouraged to watch the video <http://goo.gl/LXg1P7>

### WEBSITE

Check out our new look website at [www.peltonroseberry.durham.sch.uk](http://www.peltonroseberry.durham.sch.uk)  
Our calendar will keep you informed of school events. All our newsletters can be viewed in colour on the website.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH

Parents have received a letter about having a school lunch on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The deadline for responses is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH

This popular event will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Details will be coming out nearer the time.

## LEARNING FRENCH AT ROSEBERRY



*Ollie and Jay (Year 2) performing with the puppet theatre in French.*





*Year 3 pupils using the puppets to develop their conversational French. The children were asking and answering questions about themselves.*

**YEAR 3 & 4 VISIT TO THE ROMAN FORT ARBEIA**



Dressing up as a Roman centurion and creating a mosaic – just 2 of the activities on this interesting excursion!



### **HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY AWARDS**

Well done to the following children for impressing Mrs Lee this month:

16/1/15 – Bobby H (Year 1) for his great work in English and Maths.

23/1/15 – Callum L (Year 3) for his grasp of division and remainders.

30/1/15 Maegan R (Year 2) for her fantastic work in reading and writing.

### **Birthdays in January**

Happy Birthday wishes were given to the following children in assembly this month:

Jamie B was 10 (Year 5)

Malik S was 10 (Year 5)

Rose B was 8 (Year 3)

Kieran R was 6 (Year 1)



### **DIARY DATES**

Cross country Saturday **31<sup>st</sup> January** at Bullion Lane and **7<sup>th</sup> February** at Langley Park.

Olympic athlete, Chris Tomlinson will be visiting school **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. If you haven't already done so, please return your sponsorship forms to school.

Anti-bullying Day – **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** (children will be working together to make friendship bracelets)

Safer Internet Day - **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 1 Gymnastics Carousel – **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – P.E. kits needed

School closes for half term **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** and reopens **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**February**

Chinese New Year Lunch -**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** KS 1 at 11.45 and KS 2 at 12.15

Book Fayre from **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Open Day for prospective parents -**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

World Book Day - **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** (Dress up as your favourite book character)

Judo experience – **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Mothers' Day Lunch -**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Parents' Evenings** – **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.30 p.m.

Reception Infant Agility – **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** (P.E. kit needed)

Red Nose Day – **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** (Pyjama Day)

Fire Fighters' Clothing Collection – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Climbing wall (Rec – Year 6) – **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Year 6 Safety Carousel – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

School closes for Easter holiday – **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**