

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

27th October 2023



Everyone has made a flying start to this year and our pupils have all settled in well to their new classes. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey about the return to school. I hope you feel that any issues you raised have been addressed. Our OPAL lunchtimes are going extremely well with the new addition of the wheeled zone. Keep the donations coming!

Mrs Dunn and the Roseberry staff team.

Achievers of the Half-Term

Reception Chestnut — Orla for her positive attitude.

Reception / Y1 Cherry — Nevaeh for settling in amazingly well.

Year 1 Hazel — Thomas for his enthusiasm and curiosity.

Year 2 Sycamore — Stevie for his improved confidence.

Year 2 Poplar — Holly for her positive attitude.

Year 3 Yew — Joey for his effort and enthusiasm.

Year 4 Elm — Will for his resilience and determination.

Year 4 Maple — Frankie for his hard work and perseverance.

Year 5/6 Alder — Nicholas for being a brilliant role model.

Y6 Oak — Ava for making an excellent start to Y6.

Well done everyone and thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for our Achievers' Assembly.

Attendance Reminder

Your child must attend school every day. Children who are regularly absent from school miss out on opportunities that can affect their life-long chances.

If your child is absent you must:

- Contact school on the **first morning** of absence and state reason for absence.
- Keep school informed on a **daily basis** if your child is absent for a long period.

Failure to do these things may result in your child's absences being unauthorised.

School will contact you before 10am if you have not provided a reason for your child's absence.

Staffing changes. Welcome to lots of new faces!

Miss Paisley is our new Reception / Year 1 Cherry Teacher.



Miss Murray is our new Year 2 Poplar Teacher.



Miss Morgan is our new KS2 Teaching Assistant.



Miss Guy is our new Lunchtime Supervisor (awaiting photo)

Miss Nixon has changed her role from Lunchtime Supervisor to EYFS Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Brown will soon be our new caretaker as Mr Atess left for pastures new last term.

Parental Survey feedback

Our recent survey about the start of term received 60 responses—thank you to everyone who contributed. Results showed that the majority of parents had attended the Meet the Teacher sessions and found them useful. 98% of parents said their child was usually happy in school and that they were generally happy with how the term is progressing.

You said ...	We did...
Children and parents were unsure if Pokemon cards were allowed in school.	We consulted with our Head Pupils who made the decision not to allow them.
We would like a list of important dates of events happening in school.	We produced a calendar of events of the term on paper and dojo.

There has been a few issues with another child in class but the teacher has dealt with these promptly.

So far everything seems to be going well.

Communication has been clear and thorough over Class Dojo and we have been really impressed with the amount of information that we receive.

Great term so far, would be nice if we were given a list to keep at home of important dates such as inset days, trip days, non uniform days etc well in advance?

I love the play initiative kids love it and always talk about what they get to do at playtime. The extra freedom is brilliant for them after covid restrictions. The kids love the topics they have been learning too.

Support from staff with regards to SEN support has been fantastic.

Photos from school over the last half-term



Children in **Little Acorns** Nursery have been exploring the theme of Autumn.



Children in **Willow Nursery** have enjoyed working with P.E coaches to improve their movement skills.

Children in **Reception Chestnut** peeled and chopped some vegetables to make their own vegetable soup.



Children in **Reception / Year 1 Cherry** enjoyed paired reading with their Year 4 partner class.



Children in **Year 1 Hazel** had a brilliant time at the Gymnastics Festival at Durham City Gymnastics Centre.



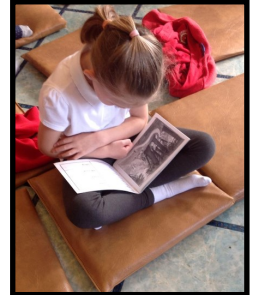
Year 2 Poplar practised their fieldwork skills in Geography by gathering local traffic information.



Year 2 Sycamore used our school grounds to find patterns in nature to inspire their own artwork.



Year 3 Yew enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Hindu Temple in Newcastle.



Year 4 Elm investigated how soil is formed.



To celebrate World Mental Health Day, Year 4 Maple started a game of kindness bingo.



Year 5/6 Alder made and enjoyed their own chicken pies.



Year 6 Oak have been developing their tag rugby skills.



Making Memories

Our Making Memories afternoon happens on the last afternoon of every half term. This part of our curriculum is dedicated to ensure children make happy memories and have fun. Here is what we got up to this time.



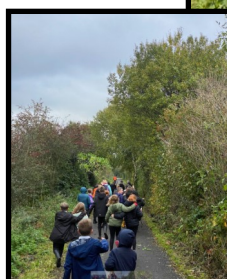
Year 1 and 2 made their own kites and flew them in the yard.



Year 5/6 Alder trekked to the King Coal statue.



Year 4 had fun with board games.



Our EYFS children made sandwiches and biscuits and had a teddy bears' picnic.



Year 3 Yew walked to the local shop to spend their 50p.

