

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th October 2017—Our Latest News ...



Escomb goes Scientific!

As part of work in school to improve scientific knowledge and investigational skills, the children have taken part in two exciting workshops.

On 3rd October Junior Evolve Science delivered workshops to Year 5 and Year 6. This was part of the Stem project and was delivered by Northumbria University. It was Lego Science where the children had to build and control a robot! The children absolutely loved the challenge!

On 17th October The Magical Science Roadshow was held in school. Every class participated and the 'magical science' really captivated the children's interest and enthusiasm.

Both events have certainly helped to give Science the 'WOW' factor for our children and we will build on the positive impact of this through our science curriculum.



A READING REVOLUTION!

We want to foster a love of reading in all our children and are doing lots of activities in the classroom to promote this. We kick started our reading revolution with an assembly 'Ready Steady Read'. The aim was to encourage children to read on a regular basis at home not just for the time of the sponsorship but to continue beyond this. In sponsorship we have raised £416. We get a proportion of this to spend on books for school. I will let you know how much when the total is finalised.

We also held a Scholastic Book Fair from 9th October. It is fantastic to see the importance that you as parents place on reading as we took £1316.54 in book sales. This is fantastic as we get 60% of this to spend on books in school—a total of £789.92!

WOW!

This is amazing—a huge 'Thank You' to you for your fabulous support!



Year 6—lighting the way for Lumiere

Year 6 are involved in creating one of the installations for Durham Lumiere Festival which is held from 16th November. An assembly explaining about the festival was delivered to the whole school and then year 6 took part in a cosmic workshop. After half term they will begin the artwork to contribute towards the installation.

Only 13 other primary schools across the county are involved in creating this. We feel proud to be one of the

We are definitely a caring school community!

Our grand total for NSPCC was £1648.60. This is absolutely amazing—Thank you for your support!

On 13th October we held our Harvest Festival Celebration in school. We had a massive collection! Again, thank you all for your kind donations which we took to our local foodbank, The Well in West Auckland who were most appreciative.

SO MUCH HISTORY ON OUR DOORSTEP!

As you know we continue to be involved in the Fighting Bradford Brothers commemoration. Year 5 has now completed the 'Art & Poetry' and 'Remembrance' workshops and will be researching local people who took part in WW1 after half term. Don't forget our 'Meet the Experts' session on Wednesday 1st November 2.30-4.30p.m. in school for those of you who are coming along to research family history. If anyone else is interested, please let us know.

It is so important that our children have a knowledge and understanding of their national and local heritage in order to give them a strong sense of belonging and pride.

Sporting Heroes

Year 4 took part in a Tag Rugby Festival for our cluster of schools on 12th October. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Our school Football Team continue to do us proud in the league on a Thursday night at King James 1 School. Thank you to Mr Jones for coaching and managing the team and Mr Gillis for his assistance!

**Mary Mary quite contrary, how
does your garden grow . . .**



Congratulations go to our
gardening club and Mr
Gillis for growing the
largest pumpkin and winning the County
Durham Pumpkin Growing Challenge!

Our prize is £100 of gardening vouchers!
Thank you to the children who have taken
part in gardening club and helped
achieve this success! Alan Titchmarsh—
watch out!!!

AMAZING ASSEMBLIES

On 11th October members from **St Cuthbert's Church at Toft Hill** were in school to deliver an assembly to the whole school. The assembly was fun and interactive and told the story of Moses.

Year 6 Class Assembly for parents was on Wednesday 18th October. They got us off to a fabulous start for our run of class assemblies. They shared their Learning Challenge work on Slavery and William Wilberforce and their English work on the Michael Morpurgo novel 'Waiting for Anya.' They finished with some fabulous singing!

Well done Year 6—a terrific job!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely half term break!

Wendy Gill & Staff

IMPORTANT NOTICES . . . IMPORTANT NOTICES . . . IMPORTANT NOTICES . .

Year 1 assembly—change of date

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances we are having to change the date of Year 1 class assembly for parents to **Friday 8th December at 3p.m.** Hopefully this is sufficient notice for you to make arrangements.

WANTED

We have Vacancy for a Parent Governor

Applications for a Parent Governor have been sent home today. Governors play a crucial role in the Leadership and Management of the school. If you would be interested in applying for the post, please complete the form or would like to discuss the role further please contact Mrs Gill.

Completed applications need to be returned to school by **Monday 6th November 2017.**

TIMINGS

Please note that Breakfast Club opens at 7.45a.m. Children should not be arriving before this time.

Similarly children should not be on the school premises before 8.45a.m. This is the time when there is a teacher on duty. Children should not arrive at school before this time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENT PAY

Thank you to parents who have registered with ParentPay. If you have not already done so would you please register as soon as possible as this system will also be used to communicate to parents.

DEBTS ETC

Please ensure that lunches, After School Clubs, Breakfast Club etc are paid for before the start of each week. If your child's account goes into arrears then you will receive a text message reminder or a letter. Please note that all debts over £30.00 are transferred to the Durham County Council debt recovery section.

WITTON PARK VILLAGE HALL HALLOWEEN DISCO

TONIGHT

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

6—7.45P.M.

£3 ENTRY (inc hot dog & drink)

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

6th October 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Olivia S
Class 1	Noah G
Class 2	Jake O
Class 3	Caden C
Class 4	Kam C
Class 5	Kristen T
Class 6	Abigail B

Superstar of the Week!

* Kristen T *

Star of the Week Award

13th October 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Ella S
Class 1	Ivy R
Class 2	Kibbi M
Class 3	Chloe D
Class 4	Daisy B
Class 5	Freya F
Class 6	Ellie S

Superstar of the Week!

* Freya F *

Star of the Week Award

20th October 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Isla T
Class 1	Jamie S
Class 2	Nathan K
Class 3	Ethan W
Class 4	Connie H
Class 5	Abigail W
Class 6	Lucy W

Superstar of the Week!

* Lucy W *



Congratulations



Winnes of Ready, Steady, Read!

Competition

(for reading for the most amount of minutes)

WINNERS

Reception	Emily B
Class 1	Nancy T
Class 2	Daisy L
Class 3	Joel A
Class 4	April G
Class 5	Brianna T
Class 6	Mia H

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:
25th September 2017

Year 3

99.3%

Well Done

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:
2nd October 2017

Reception

99.7%

Well Done

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:
9th October 2017

Year 3

99%

Well Done

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:
16th October 2017

Reception

98.3%

Well Done

Attendance

Please note that attendance for every child should be at least 95%. Anything below 90% is considered to be persistent absence.

Lateness is affecting attendance percentages for lots of children.

Registration is from 8.55-9.05a.m.

Please be aware of the following:

If your child arrives after the bell but before 9.05a.m. they are marked as late on the register. If your child arrives after 9.05a.m. they are marked as a 'U' on the register and this denotes 'late after the register is closed' and counts as an unauthorised absence.