

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 21st October 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening:

- On 3rd October Year 5 started their Anti-Bullying Ambassador training for the Diana Award. This is a programme that is delivered in conjunction with Staindrop Academy. Mr Towers visits us on a fortnightly basis and works with our children to help them gain the award. It focuses on friendship, good citizenship and how children can make a difference in their local community.
- **Class Assemblies:** Year 6 & Year 4 have both delivered their assemblies to their parents. They shared the learning they have been engaged in this half term through drama, art, song, film clips and reading some of their own work. Thank you to both sets of parents and grandparents for coming and sharing in our assemblies—it is much appreciated!
- Year 5 class assembly had to be postponed due to Mr Brunton's absence from school. However Mr Brunton will be back after half term and we have re-scheduled the assembly for **Friday 11th November at 3p.m.** We apologise for the inconvenience this caused for parents but really hope that you can join us then.
- On 6th October **Konflux Theatre** was in school to deliver workshops to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The theme was **Roald Dahl** and the aim was to inspire our children to read for pleasure and for this to then impact on their desire for writing. The children absolutely loved their workshops and we can already see that it has encouraged them to want to read and write more! Who knows—we have the next Roald Dahl sitting amongst us!
- As reading is a big focus for us in school this year, we also had 'The Reading Room' in for the whole school on Monday 17th October. This was two actors who played out scenes from a range of classic novels. The children (and staff) reported that this was one of the best 'shows' that we have ever had in school. Please seize the opportunity and encourage your child to tell you about this and encourage them to read more! *(and not just their reading books from school but anything that interests them—we really want to foster a real love of books and reading in our children.)*
- As you know we held a **Bookfair** in school from 10th to 14th October. This was testament to how much our children do love books and how important as parents you feel reading is, as we took over £1000 in sales. This means that we get 60% profit to spend on books from Scholastic! Thank you for your tremendous support. We are hoping to use this to set up a Reading Café—look out for further news about this.
- Year 3 took part in a **Friendship Day** on 6th October. This focused on what makes a good friend, being kind and considerate towards each other and helping to make our school a happy place to be. The children thoroughly enjoyed this day.
- **Our Bishop Auckland Cluster of schools** worked together on an **Autumn Event**. Year 3 worked with Ira on writing poetry and Year 2 and 5 worked with Suzanne Williams, professional artist on producing a canvas and a 3D willow structure. The 'Sharing event' was attended by year 2 and their parents on Thursday 20th October at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church. The whole project was a huge success and gave our children an opportunity to work with real artists to inspire them.
- On Friday 14th October Mrs Turner and I took 4 children to the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle to receive our **International School Award**. This is a huge achievement and is in recognition for all the work we do in school to ensure our children are global citizens. Our school was asked to give a presentation at the event to share our work about our visits to and from other countries and also about the learning we cover in school across the whole curriculum to help prepare our children to be citizens of the wider world. Thank you to Tilly B, Harry B, Ruby O'N and Thomas S for being real superstars and representing our school magnificently!
- Tomorrow morning Mrs Peart and I set off on our adventure with 6 children and four parents to visit our partner school in Japan. We are all really looking forward to the visit. The children have been busy preparing work for the children to share with respective classes in Japan and the 6 children making the visit have put together a presentation to share with Ogawara Minami school. All of our children have contributed to a huge banner that we are taking as a gift and as a symbol of our partnership. We will tell you all about our visit when we return.
- We will be holding our **Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 1st November**. We are asking for any donations of non-perishable foods; we will then take these to our local food bank.
- Please take the time to have a look on our website: www.escomb.durham.sch.uk— we have been busy up-dating it over the last few weeks. Take a peep at the Classes pages and community page to see what your child has been learning in school.

It has been a very successful half term and we are really proud of the hard work, positive attitude and kindness towards each other that our children have shown.

Have restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

7th October 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Connor C
Class 1	Lily H
Class 2	Keira B
Class 3	Ross J
Class 4	George R
Class 5	Jamie W
Class 6	Alicia M

Superstar of the Week!

*** Alicia M ***

Star of the Week Award

14th October 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Jessica C
Class 1	Phoebe W
Class 2	Joey B
Class 3	Lucy O
Class 4	Amelia W
Class 5	Abigail B
Class 6	Grace G

Superstar of the Week!

*** Joey B ***

Star of the Week Award

21st October 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Christopher R
Class 1	Daisy L
Class 2	Charlotte D
Class 3	Finley B
Class 4	Kristen T
Class 5	Michael S
Class 6	Daniel S

Superstar of the Week!

*** Kristen T ***

Writer of the Week

7th October 2016

Reception	Nieve H
Class 1	Nathan K
Class 2	Charlotte D
Class 3	Aimee S
Class 4	Brianna T
Class 5	Leah A
Class 6	Harry B

**Well Done for producing
such fabulous writing!**

Writer of the Week

14th October 2016

Reception	Kate D
Class 1	Milly H
Class 2	Caedan H
Class 3	James R
Class 4	Adam F
Class 5	Lucy W
Class 6	Michael B

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Writer of the Week

21st October 2016

Reception	Anna-Lee
Class 1	Charlie D
Class 2	Lyla T
Class 3	Oliver B
Class 4	Lewis A
Class 5	Aaron B
Class 6	Jake V

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ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

26/09/2016

Year 3

99.7%

Well Done

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Week Beginning:

03/10/2016

Year 3

Year 6

99.3%

Well Done

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

10/10/2016

Year 3

99%

Well Done