

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 30th September 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening:

Japanese Culture Morning

On 22nd September Year 4 & 5 were visited by students from Teikyo University in Durham for a Japanese culture morning. Children worked with the students on activities relating to origami, calligraphy, Japanese language, using chopsticks games and dressing up in traditional Japanese attire (Yukata). This was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. This also supports the Learning Challenge work in Year 5.

Enterprise

On Thursday 28th September Y5/6 children attended a 'Business and Enterprise Day' at Staindrop School which was delivered by Durham University STEM Team. Children took part in various activities throughout the day such as designing coins for the longest reigning monarch, designing their own theme park. The children reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the opportunity to visit a secondary school. Once again the excellent behaviour of our children was commented on.

Sporting news

Our school football team played in their first league match at King James on 29th September. We were awarded the points for our first game as the opposition didn't turn up! We drew our second game with St Wilfrid's. Well done to the whole team, - this was the first time that the team have played a match and the coach, Mr Jones and manager Mr Brunton inform me that they played really well!

Mrs Collings and I are attending a presentation evening at Bishop Auckland Town Hall tonight. We have been nominated for the Dales area award for Primary School Contribution to P.E.—Thank you to the kind parent who nominated us. (*We will let you know how we get on!*)

Dr Bike

Kevin from Wheel education was in school yesterday to run another Dr Bike session. He also had a first meeting with our Bike It Crew. Kevin will be visiting school every half term to facilitate cycling/scooter events to encourage our children and parents to be active. Watch out for more information.

Forthcoming Events:

- During October half term Mrs Peart and I are taking a group of 6 children to Japan to visit our partner school 'Ogawara Minami' in the north east. This is returning the visit that our Japanese partners made to us in January 2016. On our return we will, I'm sure, have lots to share with you. We will, if possible, try and share some of our visit as it happens via the school website!
- As per the Yearly Planner sent to parents last week—the first of our Parent Assemblies is for year 6 parents and will take place on Wednesday 5th October at 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there

Information:

- **Homework Expectations:** We have revised our policy following some of the feedback from the parent questionnaires at the end of last year. This outlines the practice within school and ensures a consistency of approach across the school.
- **Free School Meal Entitlement:** Although all children within Early Years and KS1 are being offered a free school meal this year, parents claiming certain benefits should continue to complete an eligibility form to ensure that our school funding (pupil premium) is not affected. Please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Dinner Money:** Please note that the KS2 school dinner cost has increased to £2.00 per day (as from 6th September 2016). Please ensure all monies are sent into school on Monday.
- We have a lot of children who are late for school. Lateness is recorded on the school data system and persistent lateness is a cause for concern and can trigger further action. (N.B.School starts at 8.55a.m.)

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

23rd September 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Leon D
Class 1	Max A
Class 2	Henry S
Class 3	Jayden B
Class 4	Adam F
Class 5	Noah M
Class 6	Ruby O'N

Superstar of the Week!

*** Ruby O'N ***

Writer of the Week

23rd September 2016

Reception	Sam E
Class 1	Joe W
Class 2	Daniel B
Class 3	Connie H
Class 4	Ava W
Class 5	Nel W
Class 6	Grace G

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

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners

KS1	Christopher R
KS2	Emma P

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Lucky Dip Winners

KS1	Katie P
KS2	Jake P

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30th September 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Aela S
Class 1	Harry M
Class 2	Sophie B
Class 3	Charlotte A
Class 4	Hope S
Class 5	Bobby D
Class 6	Casper W

Superstar of the Week!

*** Casper W ***

Writer of the Week

30th September 2016

Reception	Nancy T
Class 1	Daisy L
Class 2	Ethan W
Class 3	Charlie M
Class 4	Dylan C
Class 5	Zak G
Class 6	Ethan S

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ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:
16/09/2016

Year 3

100%

Well Done

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Week Beginning:
23/09/2016

Year 2 & Year 5

100%

Well Done