

## Newsletter — 3rd February 2017

Dear Parents

What's been happening over the last few weeks .....

A group of Year 6 children attended a Primary Maths Challenge at Bishop Barrington School on Wednesday 18th January. Children competed against nine other local primary schools, completing numerous mathematical challenges and problems throughout the day. Well done to Harry, Thomas, Lucy B and Deyla for showing determination and fantastic teamwork and for gaining first place in the poster competition and fourth place overall.

Sarah McAllister came into school on 25th January to cook a variety of healthy meals with our Year 2 children. This linked to their learning challenge, "How can 5 a day help me be healthy?" Sarah made a lemon cheesecake, smoothie and stir-fry with the children then everyone had an opportunity to taste the food.

A group of Y6 children and children from St Chad's RC school began their rehearsals on the 25th January to take part in a special forthcoming 'Fighting Bradford's' VIP event on 11th March. The Fighting Bradford brothers have been awarded the VC and for the first brother Roland this is to be commemorated at the event which involves a church service, witnessing the laying of a stone to commemorate and the opening of a garden area.

Year 4 children visited Bishop Auckland Town Hall library on the 27th January to take part in the 'Heritage Hunters' programme. The programme involved children learning about the Victorian and Georgian era and taking part in activities such as looking at various buildings in Bishop Market Place and researching the 1850's Census to find out who lived there.

A group of choir members took part in the Ready, Steady, Sing Programme (in association with the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain) at Ushaw College, Durham on 31st January 2017. The workshop aimed to develop singing skills by learning warm-up tips and techniques to unlock children's voices and to also improve their confidence. Children thoroughly enjoyed the event and were looking forward to performing to the whole school on Thursday.

Our school nurse, Joanne Richardson and her colleagues were in school to deliver a series of 'health' workshops to children on 1st February. Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 children took part in Dental Health and Hygiene workshops and Year 6 took part in workshops relating to Growing up and A Healthy Heart. Year 4 and 5 children have already been working on the FISCH Project this term which involves children learning about healthy eating and the importance of taking part in exercise. All of these workshops are in place to improve children's health and lifestyles.

Year 6 children have taken part in the Sportshall Athletics Festival at Bishop Auckland College today. Children were involved in a variety of sporting activities and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done to all year 6 for their excellent behaviour and team working skills.

We held a 'Spelling Workshop' in school today to inform parents about our Read, Write Inc spelling programme in Years 2—6. This will help parents to work with their children at home. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope that parents found the workshop beneficial.

We are collecting Activekids vouchers in school again this year. Your help in collecting these would be much appreciated. Vouchers are available in stores now until 2nd May. Please encourage your family and friends to collect these too as we use these to gain much needed PE and cooking resources for school. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Wendy Gill & Staff



## Congratulations



### Star of the Week Award

**20th January 2017**

#### Class Nominations

Reception	Nieve H
Class 1	Charlie C
Class 2	Thomas B
Class 3	Anna T
Class 4	Dylan C
Class 5	Jake J
Class 6	Liam M

**Superstar of the Week!**

**\* Liam M \***

### Star of the Week Award

**27th January 2017**

#### Class Nominations

Reception	Matty R
Class 1	Ryan S
Class 2	Lucy H
Class 3	Aimee S
Class 4	Jayden D
Class 5	Adam H
Class 6	Lucy E

**Superstar of the Week!**

**\* Matty R \***

### Star of the Week Award

**3rd February 2017**

#### Class Nominations

Reception	Robbie
Class 1	Zack R
Class 2	Spencer S
Class 3	Oliver B
Class 4	Hope S
Class 5	Alec G
Class 6	Deyla A

**Superstar of the Week!**

**\* Spencer S \***

### Writer of the Week

**20th January 2017**

Reception	Jensen T
Class 1	Nathan K
Class 2	Ethan W
Class 3	Abi T
Class 4	Jack R
Class 5	Alec G
Class 6	Lucas G

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

### Writer of the Week

**27th January 2017**

Reception	Ivy R
Class 1	Finley H
Class 2	Amelia O
Class 3	Esme S
Class 4	Freya F
Class 5	Jamie W
Class 6	Jessica O

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

### Writer of the Week

**3rd February 2017**

Reception	Heidi D
Class 1	Daisy B-W
Class 2	Katie P
Class 3	Harrison S
Class 4	Kristen T
Class 5	Alfie J
Class 6	Ruby O

**Well Done for producing such  
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### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

09/01/2017

**Year 6**

**98.7%**

**Well Done**

### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

16/01/2017

**Year 6**

**100%**

**Well Done**

### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

23/01/2017

**Year 2**

**99.0%**

**Well Done**