

Pittington Primary School

Newsletter

16th February 2024



Calendar Dates

February

26th - Term Begins
28th - School Photographer



March

7th - World Book Day
7th - Year 6 - History Lady Visitor
14th - KS1 Invasion Games Festival
19th - Year 5/6 TAG Rugby Skills Festival
21st - World Maths Day
25th - Spring Parent Event
28th - Year 3/4 Easter Performance



More details will follow if your child is involved in any activities

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

All children received their World Book Day tokens yesterday ... please check their bags and pockets!

After School Activities

- ☒ KS2 Cookery - Tue
- ☒ SATs Booster Y6 - Wed
- ☒ Computing Club - Wed
- ☒ AE Sports Y5/6- Fri (am)
- ☒ AE Sports Multi Skills Y1/2- Fri



We have all spent some time this week thinking about the Speak out Stay safe programme, supported by the NSPCC.

The visitors to our school were blown away by our thoughtful and mature children.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer helper to support our children on trips and visits - please contact the school office.

Easter Raffle

We would be extremely grateful for any donations from parents, carers or local businesses who are able to support our Easter Raffle (more details to follow).

Any donations can be left at the school office.



Celebration Assembly Winners



Each week, class teachers choose one child to receive a 'Pupil of the Week' award for something notable that they have achieved. A pupil is also chosen to receive a 'Curriculum Award' for working hard in lessons.

Pupil of the Week

Reception: Ada A
Year 1: Allysie
Year 2: Isaac M
Year 3: Theo M
Year 4: Mason S
Year 5: Willow C
Year 6: Charley Mc



Curriculum Award

Reception: Kiya A
Year 1: Sophia J
Year 2: Charlotte T
Year 3: Cooper N
Year 4: Eli E
Year 5: Charlie O
Year 6: Eva B



Attendance & Punctuality

Please ring the school office to report the reason for your child's absence **each day**.

Whole school
attendance
target

96%+



Department
for Education

Schools are required to have a robust day to day process to track and follow up absence, as well as a legal responsibility to promote the importance of good school attendance.

Please see our Daily Absence Flow Chart below:

Step 1

If a parent does not leave a reason for absence, school will follow up with an absence message to registered parents/carers.

Step 2

If no response is received, a follow up phone call will be made to registered parents/carers.

Step 3

If we have still not received a response, a welfare visit to the family home may be carried out by the Headteacher.

Class Attendance

Reception: 96.73%
Year 1: 96%
Year 2: 95%
Year 3: 97.76%
Year 4: 94.63%
Year 5: 94.81%
Year 6: 96%



97.76% Attendance Winners
YEAR 3

Take a look at what has been happening at Pittington Primary School ...



NSPCC

With a visit from the NSPCC, Years 2, 5 and 6 were reminded about the important message to speak up if something happens at home or in school which makes them feel unhappy or uncomfortable. They also explored the NSPCC website and engaged brilliantly in workshops and discussions.



We can DANCE!

AMAZING

On Friday our Year 2 and Year 5 children took to the stage at the Gala Theatre and showed everyone how to really dance. The children were so brave and were truly wonderful!



Years 3 and 4 took part in a Multi Sports Festival at Maiden Castle where the children learnt learning new skills linked to basketball. The children dodged, ducked, ran, skipped, aimed, chased, jumped, dribbled and generally had a brilliant time. The festival encouraged participation for all and promoted fitness through fun and engaging activities.



Chinese New Year



In Nursery and Reception we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Nursery made their own giant dragon and performed a dragon dance in the hall.

During Chinese New Year, red is the most popular colour in China, because people believe that this colour will bring in good fortune and scare away evil spirits.

Reception all had a turn at being the 'real chefs' in their Chinese Restaurant, writing lists of ingredients and preparing all of the vegetables by chopping carefully. All of the children enjoyed a banquet to celebrate the year of the Dragon.



Chartwells have been working with Reception, who engaged in a 'Food around the world' workshop.

Megan told us about the different foods we could try in Greece, Italy and Mexico- She explained where the food came from and we made mini Italian flags and tried 3 different foods from each country- it was all very yummy! Some of us went back for seconds.



Drawing Club

Year 2 and Year 5 have enjoyed their drawing club this half term. They have produced some excellent sketches and worked brilliantly together.



Have a wonderful half term!