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Headteacher's report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you like our very new electronic newsletter. We have decided to send you the newsletter electronically for a number of reasons. The newsletter, at the click of a button, can be read in almost any language. You can read the newsletter using an app on your phone (download SZapp from your app store) and we can share lots of the amazing things that go on in school with you, including pictures and videos.

Safeguarding update

Safeguarding is very high on the school agenda at all times. School has a display in school where children have told staff which people in school keep them safe. A standing item in school council meetings is safeguarding and children are encouraged to share any concerns they may have in school and any concerns are acted upon. Every morning the children have 'Circle Time' in class and this gives them sometime to share any worries or concerns, no matter how small. Whenever necessary, any concerns will be shared with parents/carers and the senior leadership team and support offered to the child or the family. We are all very aware of the atrocities, which are happening around the country and as always will ensure your children are kept safe in school and on school trips.

Parental support

We have been very encouraged by the number of parents who join Pam Sayer and Trevor Needham and if you would like to join them they meet in school every Monday morning. We also have weekly meetings on a Wednesday morning, for any parent who needs support with English and again this is very

successful. The children in school always need someone to support them with their reading and any parents and carers who have some time spare would be very welcome in school to support the children. We are trying to ensure the outside of school looks fresh and cared for and have tried very hard to plant up hanging baskets and planters. Again, if you have any time to help with our 'gardening' we would be very happy for you to help us with this.

Building update

If you have been into school this year, you will have seen how amazing school is looking and we are very proud of the changes. We are very keen to make sure your children work in a school, which promotes good mental and physical health. The school always smells nice from the flowers we have across school and we have worked hard on the displays across school, to ensure children's amazing work is valued. I hope you have also noticed the flowers and plants we now have in our playground. In the summer holidays work will be completed on two libraries in school. Last half-term all the children in school were given an opportunity to choose the books they would like to have in their new library. These have now been bought and will be in the library from September. Building work will also be completed in our Early Years environment to enable Nursery and Reception children to have their own separate indoor and outdoor spaces. In the Autumn Term, we will ensure you are invited into school to see these changes.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 and Year 2 have worked very hard again towards their SATs this year. They should be very proud of the hard work they have put in over the year and I hope you are as proud of them as we are. The results should be released in July

and we will let you and them know as soon as we know. For our year 6 children this will be the final term at Corporation Road Community Primary School and we wish them every success in their future.

Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children

Our Year 1 pupils will sit their Phonics tests with their class teachers during the week beginning 12th June. **Please ensure your child is in school during this week.**

Parents Evening

As you will see below this will be held on Monday 3rd July and details will go out later in the term. This will enable you to celebrate the good work your children have covered over the year.

Attendance

Class	% Attend
Class 1	89.2
Class 2	92.2
Class 3	93.4
Class 4	92.7
Class 5	96.3
Class 6	95.7
Class 7	95.9
Class 8	96.3
Class 9	95.8
Class 10	97.1
Class 11	96.2
Class 13	96.9
Class 14	96.6
Class 15	96.7
Class 16	97.1
Average	95.7

Year 1 to Year 6 average attendance is 96.4%.

Lates

Class	Lates
1	22
2	25
3	32
4	65
5	60
6	48

Class	Lates
7	70
8	34
9	51
10	43
11	29
13	37
14	9
15	30
16	26

Year group news

Nursery

We have had an exciting half term! A cup of caterpillars arrived in Nursery. We watched them eat and grow to TEN times their original size. The caterpillars hung upside down and shed their skin to form a chrysalis. Beautiful butterflies emerged to complete the miracle of metamorphosis. The children in Class 1 even managed to observe one ‘hatching’ from its chrysalis! We enjoyed them for a few days then released them to fly away. We have enjoyed reading The Little Red Hen. In mathematics, we used scales to weigh flour and rice and practice using the vocabulary heavier and lighter. In our number work we have counted farm animals to 10 and beyond and matched to the correct numeral. Some of us even started to look at how many items there were altogether by combining two groups.

This half term is a ‘Seaside’ theme. Our outdoor area will have ‘a day at the beach’ role-play set up on our grassy area with a pop-up tent, sand, beach mat and picnic. The tunnel will be transformed into an underwater adventure. We can’t wait!



Reception

We learned about how things grow and change. We enjoyed stories which included, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Bad Tempered Ladybird. We learned about different mini-beasts and enjoyed watching ladybird larvae change into ladybird beetles.

On Thursday 25th of May we held an Ugly Bug Ball. The children made amazing masks and head-dresses and also learned songs about bugs. We invited our family and friends to enjoy the fun. The children were brilliant and sang beautifully. We thank the parents that came and sang along with us, your support is much appreciated.

Our topic this coming term is the Seaside and what you would find in a rock pool. We are going to learn information and facts about the beach. We will tell stories and read stories about the beach including, Sally and the Limpet and At the Beach. We will write postcards, letters and messages for a bottle.

We will make a beach shop which will sell ice creams and beach objects - such as buckets and spades. This will help us with our maths learning - we will add and take away using money (pennies).

When we visit Saltburn, we will be able to explore the beach and maybe find some rock pools to explore.

If you have any books about the beach or any items from the beach please feel you can share them with us. Have you ever visited the beach together? Do you have any photographs of the beach that your child can share and talk to their class about?

Year 1

For the summer term we have been studying 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. We have been learning about the features of animals and how we can use their features to sort and classify them. We have linked what we have learned in topic to Science by looking at different types of teeth and their purposes for different animals. We are going to look at animal's habitats around the world and learn about the job of a zoo keeper. As part of our topic, we are going to visit a local farm. In English we have been writing for different audiences, for example persuading them to try our favourite hobby. We are going to write letters to Reception to tell them what to expect in Year 1. In Maths last half-term we worked on multiplication and division. This half-term we will be working on adding and subtracting mentally.

Year 2

Classes 7 and 8 have enjoyed their topic 'Scented Garden' so much that we are continuing with it this half-term. They have planted seeds and observed them growing, ground herbs to make scents and designed their own leaf. We now have our own Curious Garden to look after too. We have read and written from a wide variety of books based around plants and gardens. Measure has been our focus in Maths, where the children have enjoyed using rulers, weighing and measuring water. In Science we have been looking at germs, how they spread and where they are found. In PE the children have learnt a dance to a well-known song from 'Toy Story', and this half term they will continue to develop the dance and learn how to critique a performance.



Year 3

Last term the children enjoyed their Urban Pioneers walk around Darlington, where they learnt about the history of the town and looked at landmarks. They also spotted areas of Darlington that could be improved. This led to some fantastic writing of letters to the local councillors, asking for action about the litter in North Lodge Park and also offering to help.

This half-term the children are learning about rivers and the water cycle. Look out for the new homework grid linked to their topic. They will also be learning to swim during PE lessons on Thursdays and be receiving pedestrian training to keep them safe around roads.

Please continue to read with your child, as well as help them learn their times tables. By the end of Year 3 children need to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables off by heart and the related division facts. Any help you give them at home will benefit them greatly.



The band stand in North Lodge Park that was one of the landmarks Year 3 saw on their Urban Pioneers walk.

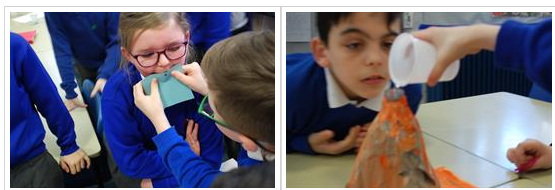


During British Science Week Year 3 mixed popping candy with a fizzy drink to find a new way of inflating a balloon!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term! In English we have read a book called The Angel of Nitshill Road. We have used this as a stimulus for our writing and the children have enjoyed learning about how this school dealt with bullying. We spoke about what we can learn from the story and how we can use it make our school a better place. In Science we continued our exciting electricity work. We learnt how to build a simple circuit and the different materials that are conductors and insulators.

After half term we will be using a book in English called The Vanishing Rainforest. This book is all about deforestation in the Amazon - I'm sure the children are going to write some super stories based on the book. In Science we are moving onto investigating states of matter. We will be looking at solids, liquids and gases, as well as the water cycle.



Year 5

Class 13 and 14 had a lovely half-term looking at space and planets. We learnt how the Earth and other planets move in the solar system, relative to the Sun. We linked our topic work to our English and used the short film 'Pandora' as our inspiration to write. We wrote about the planet of Pandora and about imaginary insects that may have existed on the planet.

This half-term will be a busy one, with many sporting activities planned and of course the class transition where children get to spend time with their new teacher.

Our topic this term is 'Beast Creator' and the children will study and look at mini-beasts and how they live. This will link in beautifully with part of our science studies of living things and their habitats, but we will also be studying forces and their actions on Earth.

Year 6

In Year 6, last half-term, we prepared for SATs by enjoying extra lessons over the Easter Holidays. We would like to say thank you for sending your child in during this time, as it made a huge difference to their performance during SATs week.

During SATs week, every child gave an excellent account of themselves and made their Year 6 teachers feel proud. All their hard work paid off and showed that they are now more than ready for secondary school. To celebrate the end of SATs, the children enjoyed a visit to McDonalds – it was worth it!

In the next few weeks, we will be assessing their writing, so during this time, it is important that your child remains focussed and attends school every day on time.

PE

Last half-term was a busy one for PE and this next half term promises to be even busier. To name a few: Year 4 children took part in the Quadkids Athletics competition, Year 5 girls and boys played Netball at Polam Hall and our Year 6 children participated in the annual Darlington Dance Festival. Well done to all who took part!

Coming up this half term:

- Year 5 Cricket
- Playmakers Award for Year 5
- Change for Life Celebration for children who regularly attend Energy Club

- Community Games Day for Year 4

All of these events take place out of school.

In-school events this half-term include our annual Sports Day at the Railway museum field and a School Games Day to celebrate all the wonderful sports that take place in school. Dates for the above will follow closer to the individual events.

PE Kits

A reminder- please could parents name all items of clothes including PE kits.

When the children do PE many jumpers and tops go missing; it is hard to locate items to their correct owner when they are not named.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary dates

We are in the process of looking at your child's new class for next year and we will let you have the details very soon. We have included some key dates for you to make a note of:

9 Jun	Residential Trip to Kingswood 09 Jun 2017 - 11 Jun 2017
27 Jun	Leavers Assembly All day
3 Jul	Parents evening and reports handed out All day
6 Jul	Race for life All day
7 Jul	School Trip to Saltburn All day

Stay in touch

There are several different ways to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Please visit our website for key information, resources and links to help you work with your child:

<http://corporationroadschool.co.uk/>

Marvellous Me is an app that you can download for free or access from the website below- hear news about your child's learning and get reminders about upcoming events. This has been very popular and parents, carers and pupils have all shown a very positive response to this. Currently 89% of our children have at least one parent or carer engaged with Marvellous Me.

<https://marvellousme.com/>

We are also on Facebook (Corporation Road Primary School) and on Twitter: @CorporationRoad

Clubs

Monday-Thursday	Homework Club, 3:15-4:15pm (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Every Tuesday	Science Club, 3:15-4:15pm (Y3)
Every Wednesday	Energy Club, 3:15-4:30pm (Y1, Y2 and Y3)
Every Wednesday	Craft Club, 3:15-4:30pm (Y1 and Y2)
Every Wednesday	Games Club, 3:15-4:30pm (Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Every Thursday	Football Club, 3:15-4:30pm (Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Every Friday	Film Club, 3:15-5:15pm (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)

In the news

Annabelle Foulds: competition winner!

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/local/darlington/15240572.Young_writer_inspired_by_memory_of_best_teacher/



Annabelle Foulds collecting her prize from author Gabrielle Kent

Percussion master-class from Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich!

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/local/darlington/15312480.Status_Quo_drummer_tells_students_about_his_career_Rockin__All_Over_The_World/



Jeff Rich from Status Quo

House points

Well done to every child who has been earning house points for their house! Children can earn them for doing anything positive around school, such as good behaviour, being a good citizen, super reasoning in maths or amazing presentation.

Overall house points for the year:

James Cook	7274
Christopher Columbus	8305
David Livingstone	6945
Marco Polo	8404

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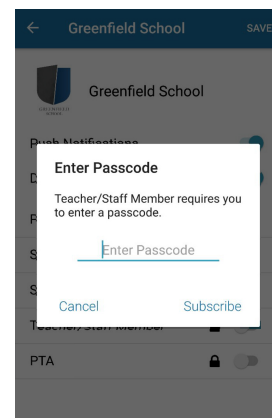
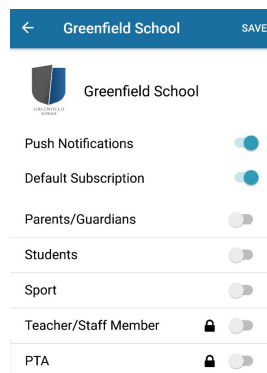
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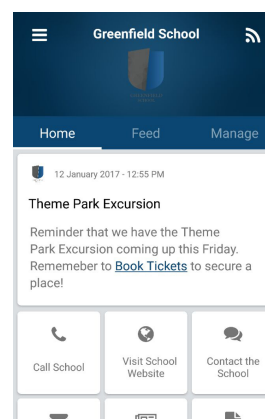


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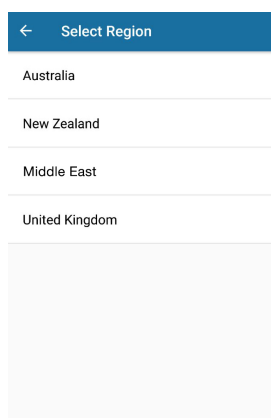
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3. Download and install SZapp.

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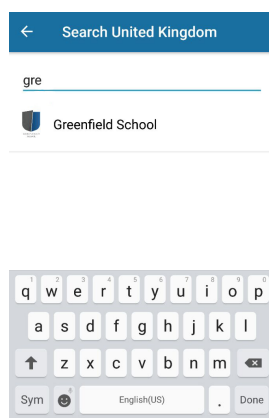
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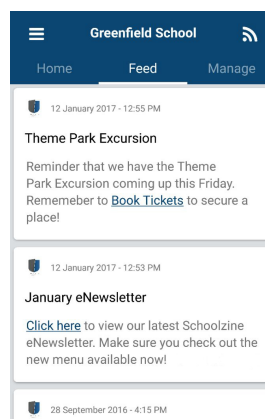
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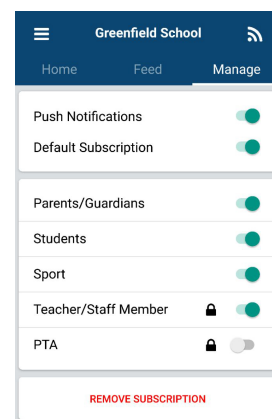
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