



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Adam Bushnell

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time working with author Adam Bushnell this week. Year 1 created a troll family, thought about what naughty things that the troll might do at school and made troll traps from sticks and rocks. They used these ideas to write a story. Year 2 worked on their story writing too. The focus was 'Crazy Creatures' and so they spent the afternoon designing their own crazy creature, before exploring all the different vocabulary they could use to describe it. The children were encouraged to write expanded noun

phrases about their creature. Then they went out into the playground to develop their story plan before sharing their ideas with each other in preparation for writing their own fantastic story. Have a look on their class learning pages on the school website to see them hard at work.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

Everyone was delighted to meet their new friend Charlie this morning and wear green to support Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. Charlie wowed us with the progress he is making and he got a special round of applause for walking all the way around the daily mile track this week – what an achievement! The children found out all about what makes Charlie special and what they can do to help him. We decided that the most important thing was to be a good friend!



Easter Egg Decorating Competition

As part of our Easter celebrations, once again we are holding an Easter egg decorating competition. On **Thursday 7th April**, the children will spend the afternoon in school decorating their eggs in the hope of winning. On **Thursday 7th April**, Key Stage 2 children need to bring enough hardboiled eggs to create their design and any special resources they may need. Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be decorating a picture/outline of an egg, which they will be provided with, and are welcome to bring any special resources they may like to use to create their picture. The entries will be judged on Friday morning and a winner and runner up from each class will win a prize and points for their team.

Reading Books

It is important that all children bring their reading books to school every day. This allows them to practise their reading in school where time allows and complete Accelerated Reader quizzes. For those children who are following the Read Write Inc. phonics programme, it allows us to ensure that their books are changed on the correct day. We would be grateful if parents would ensure that following reading practise at home, that books are put back in school bags so that they can be returned to school each day.

School Text Messages

Following our questionnaire to parents regarding communication, we have been trying to ensure that communication via text message is as clear as possible. For text messages sent to all pupils, these messages will begin WS referring to 'whole school'. Where messages are for children in a particular year group, these messages will begin with the name of the year group and where messages are specifically referring to your child, they will include the name of your child. Please note that the Teachers2Parents system limits the number of characters we are able to use in any one text message which makes composing text messages tricky. We work hard to try to ensure they are as clear as possible within the given number of characters. Please note that the text messaging system is not constantly monitored. If you require an urgent message to reach the school, please phone or email us at wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net



Red Nose Day 2022

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day this year. Our non-uniform day and table top games raised an amazing **£416.91**.

School Meal Price Increase

The cost of school lunches will be increasing across the county. From **Monday 4th April**, school lunches for Key Stage 2 pupils will cost £2.20 per day and school lunches for 30 hour Nursery children will cost £2.64 per day. Reception and Key Stage 1 school meals continue to be free, funded through the government Universal Infant Free School Meal funding.

Easter Extravaganza Raffle

Friends of the School are organising an Easter Extravaganza Raffle to win the Easter hamper full of goodies shown in the photograph below. Look out for their letter, along with raffle tickets (£1 per strip) which will be coming home either today or Monday.



Family Easter Disco

A family Easter Disco is taking place at Charles Attwood Market Tavern (Wolsingham Club) on Friday 1st April from 6pm – 8pm. Entry is free and there will be games such as bingo for the children to play and win prizes. Why not go along and have some Easter fun!

Wolsingham Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Different associations in Wolsingham are currently trying to organise events for the Queen's Jubilee weekend. They are looking for donations of red, white and blue material to make bunting. If you have any material you are able to donate, please send it into school and we will pass it on. If anyone is interested in helping with the events, please see information in the next Weardale Town Crier and the Weardale Gazette.

Dates for your diary...

Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April
Easter Egg Decorating Team Event	Thursday 7 th April
School Closes for Easter Break	Friday 8 th April
School Re-opens	Monday 25 th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Key Stage 2 SATs	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May

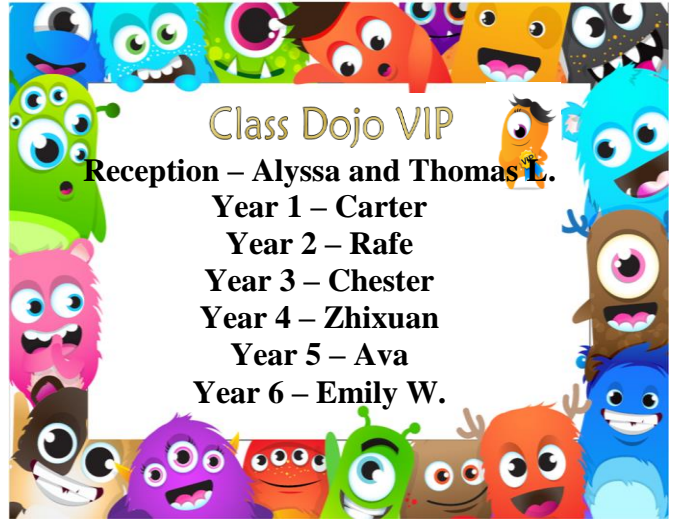
S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Reception – Betsy
- Year 1 – Oscar
- Year 2 – Chloe-Ann
- Year 3 – Beau
- Year 4 – Finlay
- Year 5 – Oliver
- Year 6 – Rose



Top Spellers

- Year 1 – Woody
- Year 2 – Alexandra
- Year 3 – Xander
- Year 4 – Euan
- Year 5 – Ricky
- Year 6 – Olivia

Shed Score League

- 1st – Year 6 – 289,529,276
- 2nd – Year 5 – 99,220,926
- 3rd – Year 4 – 79,873,958
- 4th – Year 3 – 32,544,546
- 5th – Year 1 – 22,745,564
- 6th – Year 2 – 821,570

Highest Earners

- 1st – Jack Year 4
- 2nd – William Year 6
- 3rd – Caison Year 6

Most Improved

- 1st – Reece Year 6
- 2nd – Annabel Year 6
- 3rd – Rose Year 6

Highest Earners

- 1st – Ruby C. Year 1
- 2nd – Woody Year 1
- 3rd – Dillan Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Willow and Isaac Year 1
- 2nd – Ding Hao Year 1
- 3rd – Ruby C. Year 1