



# Northburn News

Dear Parents

Another year has flown by and it is time again to say thank you, and to some, farewell. Thank you for all your support, as we embed new initiatives.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 children all the best. I look forward to hearing about your future achievements. Your show was truly amazing, and we are very proud of each and every one of you.

Sadly, Mrs Vickers, Mrs Knowles, Mrs Ricketts and Mrs Child will all be leaving us at the end of the year. Between them they have worked at Northburn for a considerable number of years. I would like to thank them for their dedication. They will be greatly missed by colleagues and children. I wish them all the best in future ventures.

Mrs Waters begins her maternity leave in August . We are all very excited about the arrival of her baby and very pleased that he/she didn't come early. We welcome Mrs Laverick, who will be covering Mrs Water's maternity leave.

The Northburn Challenge Award has ensured that we teach a broad and balanced curriculum , which celebrates a range of talents and skills. All the children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 have completed their School Challenge Award. A special assembly was held so that the children could be presented with their badges. Some individuals displayed impressive commitment. They produced a range of work including diaries, information leaflets and items for our school grounds. Some challenged

themselves to learn to count in a number of languages. Those children received a gold badge, in recognition of their efforts. A huge well done to those pupils. The award is given at the end of each phase and takes two years to complete. Those children who are currently in Year 1, 3 and 5 will be able to

challenge themselves in the coming year and I hope that many will strive to gain a gold award.



The OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) has been embraced by the children. The children are playing much more creatively. I am particularly impressed with the construction of the 'cool café' and its menu.



Events have been very well supported throughout the year. The sun has shone on us and we have been extremely lucky with the weather. Sports day was a huge success. Thank you to the sports leaders who helped the younger children. As a school, we enjoy great sporting success and have just been notified that we have been awarded the Gold Sports' Award. Having achieved Gold for 4 years , we are now able to go for platinum next year. Only 0.5% of schools have achieved this prestigious award.

You can also keep up to date with our activities on Twitter: @NorthburnSchool



## Sporting Success

We have had another successful summer of sport at Northburn.

Our Year 3 tennis team competed in the C.S.V (Cramlington and Seaton Valley ) tournament and finished first (there were 8 teams). They then went on to compete at the County final and finished in 3rd place. An incredible achievement.

Our Year 4 tennis team finished in 1st place at the CSV games.

Thank you to Phil Baron, from Cramlington Tennis Club, who trained the pupils for the competitions.



Our Y 5 and 6 athletics team competed in the C.S.V School Games Quad Kids tournament and finished 1st, qualifying to compete at the Northumberland School Games

### Northumberland School Games

Our Year 6 athletics team finished in 3rd place and received bronze medals. Our Y4 tennis team finished second and received silver medals. An excellent achievement.

### Cricket festival

Our children continue to participate in an extensive range of sports. Our Year 3 and 5 children participated in an inter-school cricket festival. They enjoyed the experience of playing competitively.

## Key Stage 1 News

Key Stage 1 had a fantastic time at Northburn's Multi-Skills Festival. Due to being in mixed teams for a variety of activities, there were plentiful opportunities for pupils to develop their agility, balance and co-ordination. In addition, they were able to demonstrate and apply the skills they have been learning in PE lessons.

Some of the activities included: hoop-la, relay, ladders, traffic lights and body letters. Each event was run by our Year 6 Sports Leaders, who were excellent at supporting the KS1

pupils. The morning was a great success with all pupils rising to the challenge. We are very proud of our KS1 athletes. Take a look at a selection of pictures from the day and comments from children about the day.



"I really enjoyed the dice multi-skills activity because I enjoyed throwing and counting the dots. The dots meant I could throw that number of beanbags onto the mat to get the highest score."  
Joseph Fagan



"I really enjoy doing sports so I loved multi-skills. I got to throw, catch, run and hurdle." Noah Burns

"I liked multi-skills because I got to work with a partner. I found the bean bag throw easy and the tennis activity challenging. My favourite part was the mat step because you had to be fast."  
Lewis Gordon

"I love multi-skills because I love to exercise. I enjoyed the ladder run because the Leaders made it fun."  
Megan Stott



## EYFS News



EYFS have enjoyed visits from both the fire service and the police. They spoke to the children about the job that they do and how they look after us.

Reception children enjoyed a visit to Whitehouse farm and our Nursery community had a lovely day at the beach.

The children love our new woodland area. Thank you to all who have helped us to develop the Nursery and Reception outdoor areas.





Didn't we have a lovely time.....



## Ground Force Day

Thank you very much to parents and staff who gave up a Saturday to develop the school grounds. The newly painted railings look great. We have a new caravan painted on the Nursery garage and new OPAL zones created in the main school playground. The pond area which was completely overgrown has been cleared. We now have a designated area for our fire pit.

Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Next year we have plans to develop our grounds further. If you have any contacts, or would like to be involved, please let me know.



## Lower Key Stage 2 News

### Cragside Trip

In June, LKS2 were lucky enough to visit Cragside House. The sun was shining on Lord Armstrong's estate and pupils used the grounds to carry out a range of science, art and geography activities.

"I loved doing the mini-beast hunt in the woods, we found a damsel-fly." Libby

"It was interesting finding out how Lord Armstrong used water to make electricity." Tom

"I enjoyed sketching the house and the wild life in the Pinetum." Rosie



### School Trough Competition

Mrs Cowan and pupils in LKS2 have been busy preparing a trough for the Northumberland in Bloom competition. Pupils have grown and cared for a wide variety of plants as part of the competition. They grew plants from seed and have already planted spring bulbs for next year. They were judged against other schools across Northumberland and we have just heard that we finished in the top 3 (as yet we do not know if we were 1st, 2nd or 3rd). Look out for our picture in the local papers. Well done.



### OPAL

Since the introduction of OPAL, playtimes for children in LKS2 have been transformed. Pupils now enjoy an exciting, creative, physical environment with imaginative games and activities. Children are highly active and relish high quality role play and greater integration amongst the key stages. They can build a den, play in the mud kitchen, climb a tree, chat in the Berry Café or just chill in the music zone. OPAL has been a massive hit with all pupils and continues to support children's emotional and physical health.

"I enjoy building dens with my friends." Estelle

"I enjoyed making a fantasy world with action figures in the Small World Zone." Ryan

"I learned to climb a tree and dismount carefully, making sure you hold on until your feet are on the ground." Aspen



## Upper Key Stage 2 News

On June the 26<sup>th</sup>, a small team of year 5 children took our Goblin G2 car to The Yorkshire Croft Racing Circuit.

The Year 5 team were fabulous to work alongside that day. They should feel very proud of their conduct and achievement on such a big occasion, competing against many other primary schools.

Currently, we are awaiting the official results for our placement in each race. However, both the drivers and pit crew performed brilliantly, demonstrating all the key skills a team needs.

We had a brilliant day and it wouldn't have been achieved without the combined effort of all of Year 5 children, the staff, as well as numerous parents and grandparents.

Fingers crossed for something even bigger and better next year!

Children in Year 6 have been testing it out this week and 31 passed their driving test.  
J Haxby-Nicholson



## Northburn's Got Talent

Indeed they do! Our Year 6 children put on a fantastic performance for their parents and relatives.



## Reports

Thank you very much for your feedback on reports. Overall, comments were very positive. FROG is the system we use in school to track the progress your child has made. Previously, this record and your child's school books were not made available to you. I hope that the combination of parent consultation meetings, drop ins, open days, access to your child's books and their FROG data ,throughout the year, will give you a comprehensive picture of the work they are doing and how they are progressing. A few parents have asked if they can have a printed version of the FROG summary. Unfortunately, the cost to the school would be too much. We will continue to have information sessions for parents about FROG.

## Governors

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Governors for all their hard work over the year.

## 100% Attendance

Well done to all who have managed to attend every day since the beginning of the summer term. Those children who attend every day are entered into a termly draw . The winner receives a Vue voucher. Nathan Okodoa is our winner this term.

At the end of the year all children who have 100% attendance for the year receive a £5 voucher.

Although we had a lot of illness this year, thirty children managed to avoid all germs, and were at school everyday. Well done.



## P.T.A

I would like to thank the P.T.A for the amazing work they do. Our school budget continues to be incredibly tight and funds raised through events are crucial . Funds raised enable us to provide exciting opportunities and resources which enrich our curriculum offer and support learning. The summer fair was hugely successful, helped by the glorious weather. The event takes a great deal of time to plan and organise success and I am very grateful to all who volunteer.



Yellow have won the cup for the half-term and the whole year. They had a non-uniform and treat day on Thursday the 19th of July.

Well done Yellow House.

## Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners will rise from September.

School dinners will be 2.30/day or £11.50/week. N.B children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be entitled to a free school meal.

If your child is in Year 3-6 ,and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office. Even if your child has a packed lunch it can be worth applying, as we receive additional money to support your child's education.

## School Uniform

School sweatshirts, cardigans and book bags can be purchased at:

Cloud 9 Leisure

Unit 59F

South Nelson Industrial Estate Cramlington,

NE23 1WF

Tel:01670 739370/ 07876026202

cloud9leisure@hotmail.com

Cloud9leisure.co.uk

## Dates for your Diary

Teacher Training Day	Monday the 3rd September
First Day Back	Tuesday the 4th September
Drop in	Wednesday 19th September 3.15-4.15pm

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely and, hopefully, sunny and warm summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday the 4th of September.**

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