



# Northburn News

Dear Parents

Another year has flown by and it is time again to say thank you, and to some, farewell. Thank you once again for all your support.

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. I'll be visiting Cramlington Learning Village in September– so look out for me!

Sadly, Mr Hall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Laverick 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. I am sure they will all be back to visit us.

We are very pleased to have Mrs Waters back from maternity leave. We are also looking forward to welcoming Miss Harrison to the team as our new Deputy Head.

Children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 have all received a Northburn Challenge Award. Some have been awarded a gold badge in recognition of outstanding effort. The award ensures we remain focussed on delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, which celebrates a range of talents and skills.



## Improvements to school entrance

I am hoping that improvements to the school entrance will be completed in the summer holiday. There are improvements to perimeter fencing and the creation of a new path leading through the car park to the school entrance. This will improve safe access to the school during school hours.

# PE Newsletter—Summer 2019

## Northumberland School Games

On a sunny day in June, three teams from Northburn represented Cramlington and Seaton Valley at the Northumberland school games. Year 4 pupils played in the tennis competition and were awarded with a hard earned silver medal for their efforts.

Year 6 pupils competed in athletics and girls football competitions. All pupils had a fantastic day and gave a great demonstration of the school games values. Despite not winning any medals everybody showed determination, fantastic sportsmanship and were a credit to the school.



## Year 3 Cricket Festival

Year 3 pupils enjoyed a morning of cricket at Cramlington Cricket Club. Beaconhill Primary school joined us and everybody had a fantastic time learning basic cricket skills in a friendly and fun environment. Previous festivals have led to several Northburn pupils becoming members of Cramlington Cricket Club.

## Multi-skills Festival

This month, year 1 and 2 pupils were invited to the Cramlington and Seaton Valley partnership multi-skills festival. The festival had a tennis theme and was run by Cramlington tennis club. Pupils enjoyed learning fundamental movement skills for agility, balance and co-ordination doing tennis based activities. Dylan commented, “ I liked throwing balls into the buckets, I scored two points.”



## Sports Day 2019

After a terrible forecast and an expected postponement, the sun shone on brightly on sports day this year. Pupils in years 5 and 6 competed in five events to find the best boy and girl in each house, as well as best overall team. After lots of running, jumping and throwing Green house were victorious followed by blue, red and yellow.

Pupils in Reception to year four had their turn in the afternoon and competed in more traditional events such as egg and spoon, sack race and football dribble. After six fun events yellow house were victorious. Blue and green tied for second place with red house in fourth place.

The year six sports leaders ran each event and did a fantastic job, showing great maturity. Mr Aird gave a big thank you to the PTA, who provided drinks and medals for all of the children.



### Dance Festival

Girls in years 5 and 6 took part in the first ever Cramlington Sports Partnership dance festival this month. The prestigious 'Best of British' event took place at the brand new Newcastle Eagles Arena in front of hundreds of spectators. Northburn dance troupe have been learning two dance routines at after-school club during the summer term and performed them fantastically on the night. The first dance was to the music 'Step in Time', from the musical Mary Poppins. The second to 'Twist and Shout', a sixties rock and roll dance with flips, shakes and shimmies. The girls received a fantastic ovation from the crowd and were a credit to the school. They gave a big thank you to Mrs Hall and Aitman who volunteered their time to train them.



### School Games PE Award

We are delighted to announce that we, Northburn Primary School, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.





## Nursery News



This term has been fun packed!

The introduction of lots of new areas in the nursery garden has provided a stimulating environment where lots of our children enjoy spending a large part of their session. The new litter picker station, wigwam and mud kitchen remain firm favourites for many.

### Bike Week

The children enjoyed our discussions around healthy eating and keeping our bodies healthy, with many of the children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. With the delivery of 10 new balance bikes, the children all had the opportunity to develop their skills in the nursery garden. We now have some children riding to school with no stabilisers, fantastic achievements!



We have continued to focus on the children's gross motor skills, practicing rolling, throwing and catching a ball with a partner, with only a few lost balls!



The children have all enjoyed our, "under the sea" topic, producing some fantastic boat models, lighthouses and story maps. It is fair to say that our beach trip was definitely one of the nursery highlights of the year.

**Tapestry continues to be a very beneficial tool for both staff and carers. Thank you for your continued support, another successful year!**



# Reception News!



We have had a very busy term in Reception. We started with a visit to Whitehouse Farm. The children loved travelling together on the coach. During the visit we fed and handled lots of different animals. The weather did not dampen our spirits, we even managed a very muddy tractor ride.

Next we took part in bike week. We decorated our helmets and learned about keeping safe on our bike and scooter. Mr Hall set up an obstacle course for us to bike or scoot around at lunchtime.



## Chicks

Mr Wilson gave us some chicks to look after for a week. We learned about the life cycle of a chick and how to care for them.



Lastly we started to get ready for Year 1. We met our new teachers and visited the classrooms for stories, singing and fun. We are all very excited. We have also been helping the Nursery children by showing them around our fantastic area and answering their questions. We hope the children have a fantastic summer!





## Key Stage 1 News

Summer term has been filled with sports and gardening, as well as lots of learning about our local area.



This term we have further developed our Key Stage 1 Garden Area by planting wild flowers in our donated flower beds. The broad beans we planted just before May have fruited and produced some wonderful broad beans.

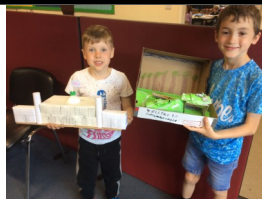
As part of Mr Hall's retirement afternoon, Key Stage 1 planted flowers into old canoes to remind us of Mr Hall and his love of the great outdoors. We loved our afternoon planting and learning songs such as, "My name is Joe ..." and "Purple Stew".



In July Key Stage 1 all went to Alexander Park for a multi-skills morning based around tennis skills. Although weather was a little chilly, we all enjoyed the morning and learned new skills.



It is wonderful to hear so many Key Stage 1 children have taken up cricket with All Stars Cricket as a result of our sessions at school. Hopefully we have some budding cricket stars who can follow in the footsteps of Ben Stokes and the amazing Cricket World Cup team at Lords last Sunday.



As part of our topic homework this term children were asked to find out about and produce a sculpture of a human or physical landmark that can be found in the North East. We were astounded by the work children produced including: Blyth Beach Huts, Northumberlandia, High Force Waterfall and Gateshead Sage. It produced a wonderful display that celebrates what we have in the North East.

A warm and sunny Sports Day allowed us to put our new found skills into practise through different events. Children took part in events that required them to use their balance, ball skills and agility, but most importantly fun.



## Lower Key Stage 2 News

### First Aid training

Pupils in lower key stage two have received training in basic first aid skills this term. Sam and Wayne from [icansavealife.co.uk](http://icansavealife.co.uk) visited the school to teach pupils vital first response skills, that can be used in everyday first aid situations. Skills such as contacting emergency services, treating minor burns, bandaging and even CPR were taught successfully.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this session and demonstrated an excellent understanding of how to act in an emergency.

Pupils were awarded a silver certificate after completing the course and will have the chance to complete their gold award when they move into upper key stage 2.



### Geography field trip

This term, Years 3 and 4 have been on a geography field trip to Nelson Hill. Pupils have been learning how to find directions using a compass. We also climbed Nelson Hill to study and map out our local environment. At the end of the trip pupils had a better understanding of the human and natural features in our local environment. Amelia commented, "I enjoyed finding out about the changes that have happened to Cramlington in the last 50 years. There are a lot more houses and roads now."





Pupils in year 3 and year 4 have represented the school in tennis competitions, organised by the Cramlington and Seaton Valley sports partnership. The after-school tennis club has seen pupils training every Thursday during the summer term with Phil Baron from Cramlington Tennis Club. Both teams played in local area competitions against other Cramlington schools and amazingly managed to win both.

Year 3 advanced to the county competition at Churchill Tennis Centre, Wallsend and finished in a very credible 3rd place. The year 4 team were awarded a place in the Northumberland School Games and managed to go one better than the year 3 team by winning a silver medal for 2nd place overall. We are very proud of our tennis teams and they have continued a rich vein of form by Northburn who have won local area competitions for the last three years.



## Upper Key Stage 2 News

### Professor Brainstorm

Once again, Professor Brainstorm has visited Key Stage 2 this year. In the show, titled 'Exploding Science', he gave demonstrations using liquid nitrogen. One child was able to hammer a nail into wood using a frozen banana!

Another favourite with the children was a demonstration of air pressure using a giant 'spud gun'.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this session and demonstrated an excellent understanding of science, being able to explain results with scientific vocabulary.





## Gateshead Goblins June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

Sun, smiles and lots of cheering at the Goblin G2 event this year. The Year 5 team were a credit to the school!

Our car 'The Flying Scotburn' took part in three events: drag race, slalom and a timed lap.

There were 40 schools taking part at Gateshead Stadium and although we did not bring a trophy home for any individual race, we did finish overall in third place. The children's efforts were praiseworthy.

Each individual within the team had a key role to play to ensure our day was successful, whether this was a driver, mechanic, push starter or simply a motivator. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout what was a very hot day!

It is also important to mention the remainder of Year 5 who took part in the building of our goblin G2 Car in May. They had a brilliant build week working alongside Mr Lodge, Mr Smith, Mr Atkinson and myself to learn about the mechanics and forces involved with the car. The build week ended with a design competition, in which they had to design the side and front panels of the car all based on an environmental theme.

Without all of these elements, our day at Gateshead would not have happened so thank you to all involved.

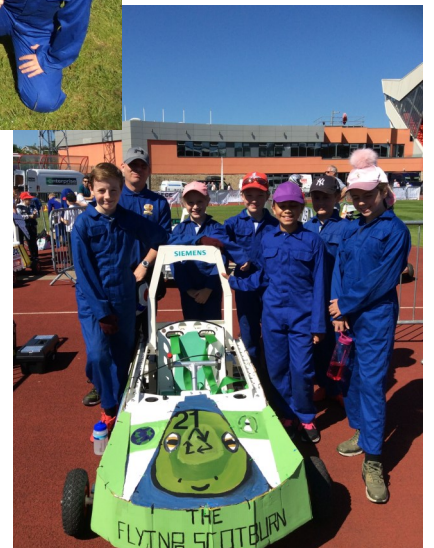


### School Games

Every week, on a Monday, we do football practice at break time. We warm up by doing multiple passing games, where we have to communicate and find space. We all went to the competition and we WON! It was all down to a penalty shootout against Cragside. This meant we were through to the School games on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

After a few months of hard work, it was finally the School games. We arrived extremely excited but dreading the heat! We started our matches off against some tough teams but we worked hard and tried our best. Our coaches said it was the best we had ever played.

Even though we came 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a great time and kept our resilience throughout the matches, and we would love to do it again! By Gracie



## Governors

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Governors for all their hard work over the year. They are instrumental in planning school improvement and development.

## 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. Alexander Richards 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, 27 children managed to avoid all germs, and were at school everyday. Well done.



Yellow have won the cup for the half-term and the whole year. They had a non-uniform and treat day on Tuesday 6th of July. Well done Yellow House.

## 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. The event takes a great deal of time to plan and organise success and I am very grateful to all who volunteer.

The P.T.A are keen to enlist more parents, grandparents to the team. If you are interested please call or pop into the office and we can give you more details.

## Dinner Money

**The cost of school dinners will rise from September.**

**School dinners will be 2.50/day or £12.50/week.**

N.B children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive a free school meal. However, if you think you would be entitled to free school meals, still apply. Entitlement triggers additional money for the school and your child.

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.

If you are successful in your claim the school offers a £50 voucher for Cloud 9 Leisure (our uniform supplier)



## School Uniform

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

Cloud 9 Leisure

Unit 59F

South Nelson Industrial Estate Cramlington,

NE23 1WF



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## Dates for your Diary

Teacher Training Day	Monday the 2nd September
<b>First Day Back</b>	<b>Tuesday the 3rd September</b>
Drop in	Wednesday 18th September 3.15-4.15pm
Year 6 Residential Year 5 Bikeability Training	Week beginning 7th October
Parents Evenings	14th+15th October
School Photographer	Tuesday 15th October
Teacher Training Day	Friday 25th October
Half Term Break	Week beginning 28th October

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 3rd  
of September.**

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