

# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter

July (2) 2024 Summer!



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are in the final day of this academic year which has once again whizzed by! They say time flies when you are having fun....so a fun year it must have been!

You will have received your child's school report for this year which I hope you all enjoyed reading. We are so proud of what all of our children have achieved this year and the progress they have all made.

Transitions across school and for our Year 2 children have went really well across this term. The Year 2 children have had several trips across to the Juniors and have met Mr Shenton, Mrs Seebacher and their class teachers. They have had their move up "day" last week and had a lovely time whilst the Year 6 children were at their secondary schools. They have had an amazing 3 years at our school and it has been wonderful for all staff to see them grow, develop and achieve. We know they will continue well on their learning journey at the Juniors—don't forget us though and you are always welcome back to see us and say hello! Their Leaver's Concert was a lovely celebration of their 3 years with us—a huge well done and a big thank you to the Year 2 team for their work in pulling it all together!

Our Health and Fitness fortnight has been action packed with visits to The Urban Factory, Boldon Tennis Club and The Beacon of Light as well as taster sessions for all children in Tag Rugby, Dance, Karate, Yoga...Thank you to Miss Green and all of the staff team for their work and planning into making these events happen. Sadly the weather did not help us with the completion of the Sports Days and due to the schedule of the other events, attempting to give time to rearrange was tricky—particularly with the weather forecast predicting further rain! We were very lucky with lots of lovely experiences for our children that did manage to take place. A big shout out and thank you to Sainsbury's East Boldon for the donation of fruit across the fortnight for the children—each year group used the fruit in different ways—smoothies/kebabs/tasting. To end our fitness fortnight we welcomed Para-Olympian Stephen Miller into school. It was a wonderful experience for our children—he was an inspirational speaker and the children were all engrossed in his assembly and viewing his medals! We look forward to the Olympics in the summer!

We are once again looking ahead to some updates and improvements in school across the Summer. We have our planters finally in position—we just need to get them filled with gravel and top soil and we can begin to plan planting in the Autumn Term with the children.

Our kitchen area in school is being replaced and refitted and within this we are getting a new oven and hob and under bench fridge! This will be a great addition for us to complement our Design Technology curriculum—Mrs O'Donnell is already planning a cooking/baking afternoon!

I have popped our annual parent questionnaire on a google link, sent out on Parent Mail. We are always very appreciative of your supportive feedback. We are all very proud of our school and any ways to make it even better is always welcome! This will remain open over the holidays.

Finally, on a personal and staff note, we would like to extend our thanks to all parents/carers for their continued support over the last year. I feel very proud to be headteacher of such a fantastic school, working with wonderful children, dedicated staff and such supportive parents. Have a fantastic, restful and safe summer break and all of the staff look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Holt

## A visit from Para-Olympian Stephen Miller!

What an amazing afternoon we had on Monday! We welcomed Stephen Miller into school where he spoke about how he became a Para-Olympic champion...6 times! It was a wonderful assembly and he is such an inspiration to us all. He spoke about bravery and courage and above all resilience! He kept on trying and trying to reach his goals and above all—he loved what he did—just to prove happiness is key!

A huge thank you to the award winners and all of the sponsorship money that was raised.



As discussed previously, our whole school attendance for this academic year is 96.27% which is fantastic and close to our target of 97% which we will keep for next academic year. Below is a breakdown across all of the classes so that parents/carers can see how their child's class as a group as well as how well the school have attended. Thank you for all of your support with attendance.

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for 2023-24	95.84%	97.11%	96.68%	94.91%	96.32%	96.82%



Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Summertime is always the best of what might be!”  
Charles Bowden



## The Big Sing!



A small group of our choir children attended The Glasshouse International Centre for Music for “The Big Sing”. Along with lots of other schools they sang out their hearts to the songs that they have been learning! They had a wonderful time.



## Beacon of Light!

An action packed day was had by all of the Year 2 children at the Beacon of Light!

Commando Joes, Dodgeball to name a few of the wonderful activities!



## Hall Hill Farm!

The rain held off and Reception had a wonderful day at the farm on Tuesday!



## Attendance Superstars!



This week we celebrated all of the children with 100% attendance for this term as well as those with 100% across the whole academic year.

Mrs O'Donnell would like to extend her thanks to all parents and carers who joined us for the Art Gallery last week. We raised over £500 in total which has allowed us to purchase sketch books, our art scheme and some further new DT resources that will be housed in our new kitchen when it is replaced in the summer! A huge thank you!



## Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Each year, libraries across the area deliver reading challenges which are a great way to motivate children across the holidays and keep up reading skills to prevent the “summer dip”.

South Tyneside Libraries will be delivering this year's Summer Reading Challenge from the council's multi-service 'hubs' (The Word, Cleadon Park, Hebburn Central and Jarrow Focus) and the volunteer run library Boldon and Cleadon Community Library and Perth Green Community Library located with Perth Green Community Association.

The theme for this year's challenge is “Marvellous Makers!”. It follows the story of the makers getting ready for a big festival...but the objects they need have mysteriously disappeared!. It runs across the holidays and up until September.

Please head along to your local library across the holidays with your child. They will be able to browse the books and take out a selection and join in the fun reading challenge.

Be a superstar reader.....

How many books can you read across the holidays? Why don't you have a photograph taken and share with your new teacher in September how many books you have read? Why not try a non fiction book as well as a story book? Make sure if you go on holiday to take a book or two with you for the journey! Miss Holt has packed 2 already in her case ready for her holiday!



## End of Term Treat!

We all enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat yesterday in school. Every child in school had the option of an ice cream cone, or a plain lolly (orange/lemon).



## Raffle Prizes!

Thank you for all of your contributions to the end of term raffle! In total we raised £288 which we are going to use to support with new resources in school! Tickets have been drawn and prize winner notified—thank you!

