

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy end to our first half term in school, so I have added an extra newsletter in before half term to give you an overview of all of the things that have been happening in school!

We have had a fun Computing Week across school and have welcomed Phillipa from the Open Zone into school to work with our Year 2 children on keyboard skills as part of our Computing curriculum. We value our partnership working with the staff from the Open Zone as it allows us to tap into specialisms in this area and allows our staff to work alongside their team as well, supporting their professional development. We are also able to borrow equipment from the Open Zone, which enhances our computing experiences for our young children.

Alongside Computing Week it has also been Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 12th February. I delivered a whole school assembly on safety as well as how to keep safe when using the computer. I hope the information that was sent out to parents last week was useful. We are well aware of how quick technology changes and progresses and keeping our children safe when using devices is so important. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mrs Davies our Computing Lead.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit across to West Boldon Lodge. This was a lovely end to their work on the Great Fire of London. As part of the outdoor activities, the children are able to make and bake bread as well as recreate the Great Fire in a safe manner. This was definitely the favourite part of the trip when I spoke with some of our Year 2's!

A small group of Year 1 children were our Gymnastic representatives for the competition across at the Urban Factory. Myself and Miss Green attended, with Mr Orr as our chauffeur on the Boldon School mini bus! They were super role models for our school and had a lovely time

Once again, we had a successful Toddler Time in school. These are becoming really popular and it is lovely to welcome families into school. This time it was Valentine's themed.....and some of our friends came dressed for the occasion!

Our book sharing events, allowed parents/carers to spend time looking at workbooks with the children at a mid point check in across the year. Hopefully this was helpful and follow up discussions with teachers will take place after half term.

Finally, today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Harvie. We know just how much she is loved in school from staff, children and parents alike. She would like me to pass thanks on to all parents. We had a lovely celebration assembly with the whole school and a little toast to her new chapter after school!

Many thanks as always for your continued support and wishing you all a lovely half term break!

Enjoy the pictures overleaf!



Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up please take a note of key dates...

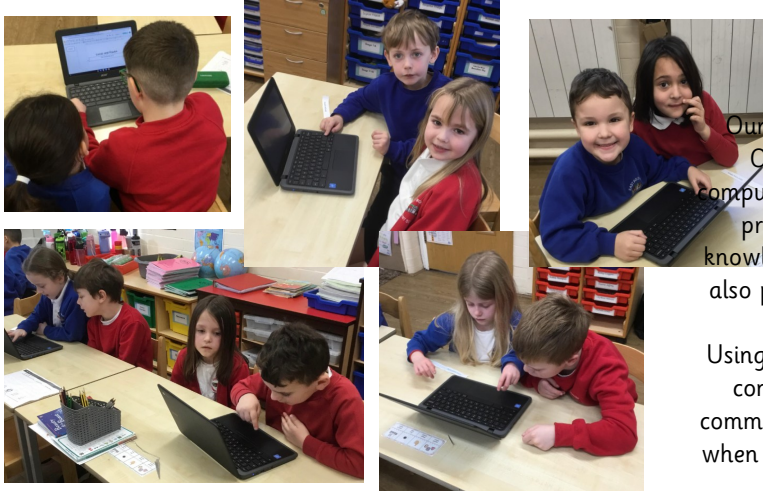
Friday 21st February—Break up for half term
MONDAY 3RD MARCH—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Tuesday 4th March—School reopens for children

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- Wednesday 5th March—Our School World Book Day celebrations—see letter from Mrs Verity.
- Thursday 6th March—Year 2 Class 3 to attend a swimming session at the Sunderland Aquatic Centre (x3 weeks)
- W/B 10th March Parents Evening chats to take place:
 - Tuesday 11th March—Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 - Wednesday 12th March—Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 - Thursday 13th March—Class 1

Miss Holt loves a quote!
 "Effort is a direct reflection of interest"
 Anon



Open Zone!



Our Year 2 children enjoyed working with Phillipa from the Open Zone to focus on keyboard skills as part of their computing curriculum. They worked together in pairs to create a presentation about the Great Fire of London, using their knowledge from their History curriculum to support them! They also practised logging in and logging off as well as developing their keyboard skills..

Using Google also meant they could see the feature where one computer can be linked up to all computers...they had fun communicating with their class teachers! Of course, staying safe when using the computer was also reinforced! Good job year 2!

West Boldon Lodge



Year 2 enjoyed a trip to West Boldon Lodge this week to consolidate their work on The Great Fire of London. Activities included making and baking bread on a campfire (like the bakery in Pudding Lane!) as well as making their own houses and recreating the fire in a safe manner as

part of the outdoor curriculum



Animals visit Year 1!

We had a visit of some animal friends into Year 1 this week to consolidate the children's work on animals they have completed as part of their Science curriculum.



Gymnastic competition!



We were very proud of all of our gymnasts who attended the competition across at the Urban Factory! We had an amazing time and the children were excellent representatives of our school—well done!