



MORPETH
Stobhillgate
FIRST SCHOOL

May Newsletter

Welcome to our May newsletter! This half term has been an action-packed 5 weeks and our children have been extremely busy! We have squeezed so much in! Here are a few highlights!

This week we have been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are looking forward to continuing our celebrations during our fabulous Summer Fair this afternoon! A huge well done to Nathaniel in Y1, who won our Jubilee bunting competition! This multi-coloured design really stood out! Thank you to Mrs Sligo who supported us in getting the winning bunting printed. Can we also say a huge thank you to Morpeth resident, Simon Dawson who has made all of our children a platinum jubilee medal and to Morpeth Town Council for gifting all our children a celebratory mug.



Our Y4 football season commenced with an away game at Morpeth All Saints and then a home fixture against St Roberts. The children have thoroughly enjoyed representing the school and we have been extremely proud of their outstanding sportsmanship and attitude. If you know of any company that would be interested in sponsoring a new strip for the team we would love to hear from them!



Our partnerships at the Newcastle United Foundation provided us with 10 tickets for the Newcastle United V Arsenal match. We raffled the tickets and made an impressive £270! Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets. It was brilliant to hear that the winners had a fabulous experience at the match. Here is a photo of Alexander, who clearly had an amazing night!



This half term we have started to implement our new behaviour policy and so far it has been an absolute triumph! The behaviour of our children is fantastic and these slight changes have made it even better! I am sure you have heard, from your children, all about the important class champion award! It really has become a prestigious award that the children are desperate to earn and it has been lovely to see our children sharing this pride with their families. Thank you so much for your support in this.

This week year 3 has taken part in a Newcastle Foundation 'Restart a Heart' worship. This was a brilliant opportunity for our children to learn a vitally important skill!



Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your enthusiastic support over the last 5 weeks; we hope that you have a lovely half term. We have lots planned for the next half term including, camping trips, sports days, a whole school theatrical performance and much more!

Stobhillgate Achieve Gold

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and

ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.



EYFS

It has been another exciting half term in the Early Years at Stobhillgate.

In Nursery we started the term reading, The three Little Pigs. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore different materials as part of our 'Design and Technology' week. We built three houses, one made of straw, one made of sticks and one made from bricks. Then we used a hairdryer to investigate which material was the strongest. Everyone really enjoyed taking turns to hold the hairdryer and blow the houses down. We now know that brick is definitely the strongest of the three materials.

Reception have enjoyed our project, "Where did Goldilocks go next?". We have read various traditional tales including, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Little Red Hen. We have received letters from the Three Pigs and Little Red Hen and a video from The King of Fairytale Land. The project gave purpose to our writing as we created 'Wanted' posters, wrote letters to fairytale creatures, and wrote a short storybook about where she had been. We have learnt about the importance of maps and created our own maps of 'Fairytale Land' to help us guess where Goldilocks might be. It has been exciting and enjoyable investigating what Goldilocks has been up to but it came to the end when the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk chased her home. We finished our project by making our own bread, just like the Little Red Hen and enjoying a slice of freshly baked bread outside in the sun. In Maths we have started finding the answers to various number sentences and the children are

thoroughly enjoying making their own number sentences and working out the answers.

Forest School has been full of adventures and we have enjoyed using our imagination to make our adventures come to life. Our learning has been focused around, 'Stanley's Stick'. A story about a boy and his stick and all the things it can be. The children have each collected their own stick, they have learnt how to tie knots using rope to turn their sticks into rafts.

As we come to the end of this half term we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about our Queen and her 70 years on the throne. The children have been reading, 'The Queen's Knickers' which has made everyone smile. We have taken the opportunity to learn more about London and have really enjoyed virtually seeing the sights. We look forward to celebrating!



Year 1

Wingrove Primary School

One of the highlights of this half term was our wonderful trip to Wingrove Primary School in Fenham, Newcastle. This trip allowed our children to work alongside and get to know children who have a very different cultural background and very different beliefs to our children. This helps our children have a wider tolerance, understanding and acceptance of people who are different to them. We have already exchanged letters with each other and Wingrove will visit us in July. This relationship will continue next year too as the children grow up together.



Perfect Plants

This half term we have been learning about the structure of plants, including the roots, stem, leaves and flower. We have found different plants around the school grounds and looked at the different parts and named them. Maybe at home you could do the same in your garden, or the local park? We have also learnt the names of some plants you might find in a garden like tulips, lavender, sunflowers, daffodils and roses.

Forest School

Another wonderful part of coming to our school is the opportunity our children get to participate in forest school. We are very lucky to have Mrs Bush who leads these sessions in school where the children develop their skills from Reception to Year Four. This half term the children have been using loppers to cut down branches and whittling pieces of wood to create woodland characters.

River Safety

In our English lessons we have been innovating a warning story that involves the main characters being warned not to go near a river. During our writing, we have not only been working hard to improve our handwriting, capital letters and full stops, but we have also been learning about adjectives and similes.

Year 2

I would like to start by saying how very proud I am of each and every child in my class. They have worked exceptionally hard all year; however I was blown away by how focused, determined and calm they were as we completed the SATs over the last few weeks. What a class full of super stars I have!

This half term has been another action packed one. We returned after the Easter holidays to DT week. The children made some colourful pouches for this project. This required resilience, patience and precision from the children, and once again they delivered. It was wonderful to watch as the children supported each other in their learning; helping with cutting and threading, and in some cases modelling how to sew a running stitch to their peers. As a result, the finished products looked amazing!

We also went on our school trip to the Zoo during the first week back. This trip was linked to our learning of Hot and Cold places in Geography. The visit was exciting and engaging, and not only did the children get to see the animals, they also got to hold some too. Every child behaved impeccably on this visit, proudly representing Stobhillgate First School.

Back in the classroom, we have been writing warning tales in English. We used the model text 'Man Mountain' and created our own version of the story. The children took great pride in their writing, including lots of wonderful vocabulary and punctuation, and they were very excited to be able to show their books to you during our 'open classroom'. In maths the children were learning how to measure different lengths. These lessons allowed for lots of practical exploration of objects around the school. The children had lots of fun trying to estimate the length of a metre, and making comparisons.



I hope you have a lovely week off, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for our final half term!

Year 3

This half-term, we kicked off with DT week during which the children made some impressive volcano/earthquake themed cushions using techniques such as: applique, running stitch and cross stitch! The children all had lots of fun whilst recapping knowledge from their Geography unit!

Our current unit sees us delving into the world of warning tales. Miss Hennessey has been working hard with the children to establish the structure of these and what language features we can use to ensure that they are successful in creating suspense and intrigue for the reader. In the picture below, you can see the children orally retelling the story through a Talk 4Writing approach.

Telling the time is always a tricky one. We approached this in a different way this half-term to help the learning 'stick'. We got up, active and used concrete manipulatives to create a clock and visualise what it all means and what differing times look like. We started by recapping o'clock, quarter and half past before moving onto telling the time to 5 minutes and 1 minute.



Year 4

What a half term! It may have been a shorter one, but it has certainly been jam-packed!

The term started with DT week, our focus being on textiles. Year 4 children designed and made book covers.

Robin Wood was fantastic! Children enjoyed 3 full days of activities from zip wiring through the trees, to taking on the dreaded piranha pool! We all had a fantastic time and came home very tired but with lots of stories

to tell. Miss Owens, Mrs Bush and Mr Henderson were so proud of the exceptional behaviour, the amazing teamwork and the courage of every single child who pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones.

You may remember making uniform donations this time 2 years ago – Our donations were gratefully received by Linda Community School in Zambia, organised through a charity called the Zambezi Sunrise Trust.



Isaac's Varjak Paw inspired book cover and Lucy's Harry Potter themed book cover!

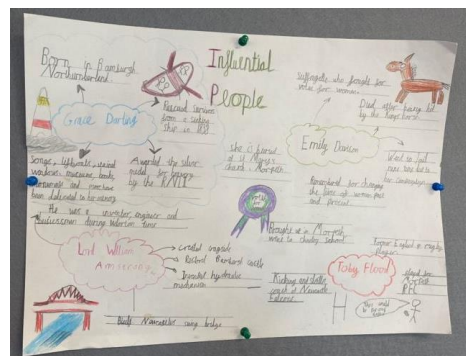
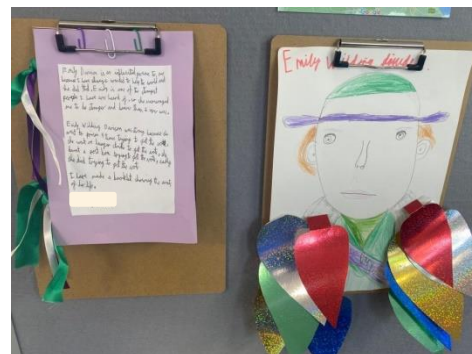
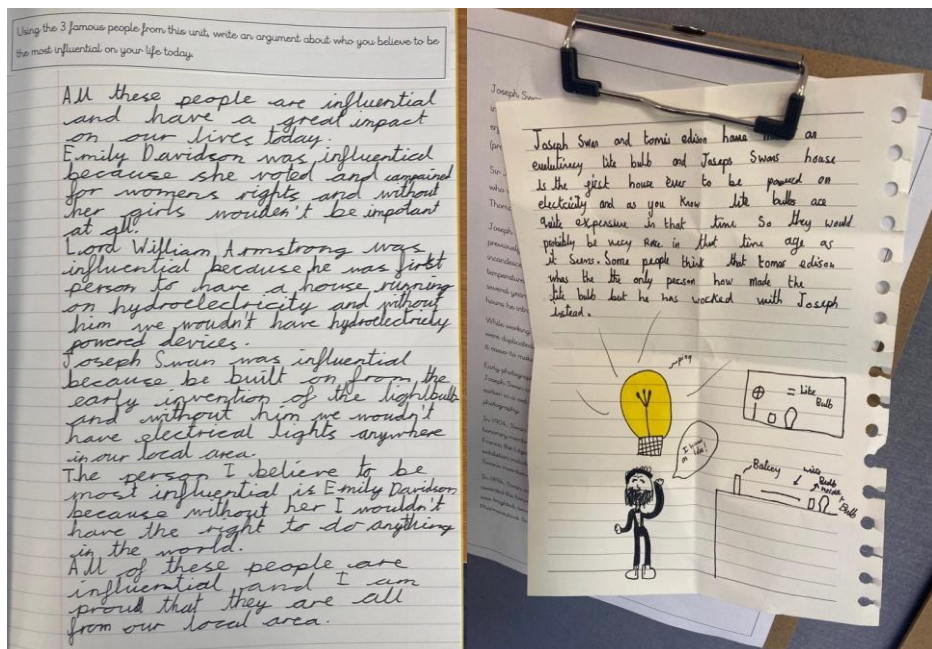


At the end of last half term, children in Year 4 wrote letters to the children in Zambia. John, a trustee for the Zambezi Sunrise Trust, visited school this week to deliver a whole school assembly and to distribute much anticipated replies to our letters! We hope to continue this link into the next academic year.



Back in the classroom, we have had a real “buzz” for this half terms’ topics...Literally! We have loved investigating the different components within a circuit, making a bulb light and especially discovering how to make a buzzer (noisily) buzz!

We have enjoyed learning about local history in our topic; *Famous People from the North East*. Children have learned about three significant individuals and how they have influenced our lives today: Emily Davidson, Lord William Armstrong and Joseph Swan. It has inspired some excellent homework’s and some brilliant reflections from the final lesson in this unit:



Other news

Training Day

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 24th June for a training day.

Forest School

Next half term Forest School sessions will resume for Year 3 and Year 4 children. Please make sure your child has their Forest School kit in school on a Friday.

Would you like to volunteer in our school?

From September we are looking for some parents/carers to help take care of our school library. This will include supporting the children when they change their reading book, making sure books are returned correctly and listening to some of them read. If you are interested in helping, please email stobhillgate@the3rivers.net. Parents and carers will need to have a DBS check before working with the children.

Cool Milk

Parents/Guardians of children over the age of 5 who are not eligible for free school meals will need to visit www.coolmilk.com and select the 'Register your child for milk here' option on the main home page if you would like your child to receive milk.

KS2 Forest School

Friday 10th June

Friday 17th June

Friday 1st July

Friday 8th July

Friday 15th July

School Uniform

You can begin ordering uniform for the next school year from [Tots to Teams](#).


Pupil Achievements

Well done to Jack and his team (Bedlington United U9's) for winning the season and for receiving the outstanding team of the season award.

Brilliant Babies now available at Stobhillgate First School

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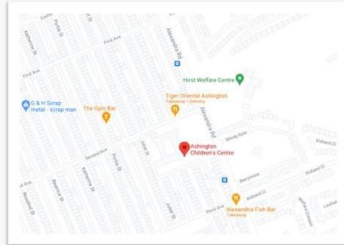
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Summer Term 2022 Dates

| June | |
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| Monday 6th June | School Recommences |
| Thursday 9th June | Year 4 visit to Glendale Children's Countryside Day |
| Friday 10th June | Special Lunch Menu |
| Tuesday 21st June | Reception visit to Tynemouth Aquarium |
| Friday 24th June | Teacher Training Day - School Closed |
| Thursday 30th June | Year 4 visit to Brinkburn Priory |
| July | |
| Wednesday 6th July | Sports Day |
| Thursday 7th July – Friday 8th July | Y4 Transition at Chantry |
| Thursday 21st July | School closes at 3:15pm for summer |
| September | |
| Tuesday 6th September | School Recommences |

MORPETH FAIR DAY

FUN RUN

SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022

10.15am START

Approx. 1 mile (1600m)

(Registrations open near the Clock Tower from 09.30)

Open to all children at Middle Schools or First Schools

School Year 8 and below

(It is recommended that those aged 6 or under are accompanied on the run)

EVERY FINISHER WILL RECEIVE A GOODY BAG & CERTIFICATE

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(those who are not already members of the club)



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HELP!

We Need Your Plastic Bottle
Tops!



Picnic in the Park Sunday July 17th, 12noon to 4pm, 2022
will be creating a community art work using recycled materials. The theme is conservation, but we're also hoping to pay tribute to the Queen's Jubilee, so although all colours are needed, red, white and blue bottle tops would be especially appreciated.

Please can you save your

- **CLEAN** plastic bottle tops - any shape, size or colour of plastic lid would be great.

We also need a small number of

- **CLEAN** small drinks pop & water bottles so if each child could bring 1 bottle we would be very grateful.

Deadline to hand in your bottle tops etc is Friday 1st July.

Thank you!