

Dear Parents and Carers,

A **huge** thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents who joined us in school for our welcome assemblies recently. We hope you found the sessions informative, and a useful insight into the Year group expectations for your child. Children (and staff) were really excited to have you back in school after Covid restrictions were eased. Children were so proud to show you around their (new to some) learning environment and to share examples of their work. It was lovely to see you in person.

A further opportunity to discuss your child's progress in greater detail will come next half term, as **'Parents Evening'** is planned for early November. To run these consultations as successfully as possible, parents and carers will have a choice to discuss their child's progress either face-to-face or over the phone with their class teacher. Further information will be sent out shortly, including a link to select your preference for consultation online. Thank you to all parents, staff and governors for their continuous support. I wish everyone a very relaxing half term break.

Mrs Hawes

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all children celebrating their special day!
 We hope you had a lovely day with family and friends.

Nursery Ezmae **Class 1** Willow
Class 2 Bodhi, Ellie **Class 3** Anna, Monty
Class 4 Ella, Jackson, Millie, Evie



INVEST IN MY COMMUNITY

Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen admin' error at **Just Giving** your very generous and kind donations were automatically refunded to you a few weeks ago. An alternative fundraising site has now been found and we are really pleased to relaunch our campaign to raise funds for additional resources to be used across school.

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/wolviston-primary-school-2651>

We would be extremely grateful for any donation to support our school community. If you would like to make a donation please follow one of the links here on the newsletter or via our social media pages.



FAIRTRADE

TUCKSHOP RETURN

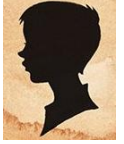
Our Fairtrade tuck shop will start again every other Friday from 12th November - 50p for a drink and snack. Thank you to William, our Head Boy, for organising and securing full sponsorship for this. **Every penny will go to the children in the orphanage in Myanmar.**

GREAT NORTH HANCOCK MUSEUM

As part of their Pharaohs topic, Class 4 enjoyed a great day at the Great North Museum: Hancock. Spending the whole morning in the Ancient Egypt gallery, they explored different artefacts they had read and written so much about in class. They completed activities based on the Book of the Dead and the journey to the afterlife, labelling maps of Egypt, investigating the role of priests and building their own pyramids. The preserved mummy of Ityru received a mixed reception, being described as 'fascinating' & 'gross!'



Class 4 also enjoyed the freedom of the museum to complete a scavenger hunt of artefacts. They searched throughout history, exploring Roman Britain, ancient Greece and the Anglo Saxons, as well as the Natural Northumbria and Living Planet galleries.



Class 2 had a wonderful day at Beamish learning all about life in Victorian school. Their costumes looked amazing - a great effort from everyone involved. The children took part in a **'Life in the Infant Classroom'** session where they sat in rows and practised their **'Three R's'**. Staff at the museum were so complementary of the children's behaviour; they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well Done!



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES



A huge thank you to everyone who has sent a poppy in. They are all wonderful. Please keep sending them in.



PDDAY/School Closed: 22nd Oct
Autumn Half term: 25th - 29th Oct
Autumn Term Ends: 17th Dec'
Return to School: 4th Jan 2022
PDDAY/School Closed: 18th Feb' 2022

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS



The generosity of our school community was truly overwhelming this year. An array of items were very kindly donated, including non-perishable food, toiletries, baby products and clothing. Our Head Boy, William, and Head Girl, Millie & their deputies, Archie and Jemima, took the **175kg** of donations to our local Food Bank in Billingham to deepen their understanding of the vital work carried out by the volunteers.



During the visit, Helen, team leader, explained the process from donation to allocation. The children and Mr Wilcox, were then set to work; sorting, weighing and boxing up the donated items. William, Millie, Archie and Jemima thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were very keen to pass on their new found knowledge and understanding to the other pupils during a whole school assembly. The children are keen to continue the link with the foodbank and have suggested other projects which we could hold during the year, in order to support such a worthy cause.

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and governors for their generosity and support.

SPORTING EVENT SUCCESS

Well done to our Girls' Tag Rugby Team who came third in the Stockton Finals. The girls' positive sportsmanship was noticed by event organisers. Well done to all those involved.



Five of our KS2 children competed in the Tees Valley Cross Country Finals and were very successful, taking first place across Stockton schools! Well done to everyone who took part.



Our Y3/4 children are learning to play the Samba Drums as part of their extended Music curriculum. Mr Thompson, from Tees Valley Music Service, comes in to lead sessions for the children this term.



BRAVE THE SHAVE

During half term one of our Y5 children will be doing something truly amazing!! On 5th Nov, surrounded by family and friends, Jackson will be **'braving the shave'**, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you would like to donate here's the link...

https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/jackson-holloway/donate?fbclid=IwAR0xUxWg6oj9tjCg5UxLIUEY-iKMMYSxWTAKS-TG-ZjK9F346R_2xmtusE

Good luck Jackson from everyone at Wolviston Primary!

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are very proud to offer high quality Wrap Around Care, to all Wolviston Primary School pupils. Our offer provides structured activities, before and after school, which are led by our own qualified staff who know your child well.

Booking for next half term is now open, please follow one of the links below. Please can all parents and carers to complete a separate form for each child, to aid registers.

Thank you in advance.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyx141V9k2OCPv_h3GE6mk9TXiBEC5xNvjE3-n9csH5UOEVTJfQSKs4SUY5QIU3UEJDMzU0VkrVQy4u



To open the link, simply point your smart phone camera over the QR code.

Monday - Singing

Children will develop their love of singing whilst learning new songs and developing their skills. The children will also be working on choral performance and will perform together in school during the year

Tuesday - Lego Club

Children will design, test and build a variety of models using age appropriate LEGO bricks. With custom designed challenges they will use LEGO to develop their knowledge and skills in areas such as science, technology and engineering through play.

Wednesday - Seasonal Arts and Craft Club

Children will be provided with a range of seasonal themed craft activities which will promote creativity, and provide the children with an opportunity to explore new materials and new techniques in art.

Thursday - PEAK Sports & Yoga

Children will be given the opportunity to engage in many different activities during the half term, this will keep them active and engaged. Yoga will follow PEAK Sports for children who subscribe to Night Owls.

Friday - Animation Club

Children will watch a range of classic and well known cartoons and animations, then through a variety of medium; drawing, modelling clay and new technologies, will explore the different approaches of animation for themselves.

There are 25 places available for each club. Once filled, the option to book a place will be removed.