



NEWSLETTER 8: November

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:

- Nursery - Finlay for spotting lots of different patterns around school
- Reception - Isabella H for being an absolute delight - taking the lead in play and coming up with some excellent ideas to explore
- Year 1 - Leyland for his amazing and imaginative creations using Lego
- Year 2 - Layla for writing a brilliant dinosaur description
- Year 3 - Bobby for his excellent knowledge and understanding during our science investigation.
- Year 4 - Lily-Beau for being such a good friend to her peers and showing great maturity. Well done
- Year 5 - Vinnie for showing a good understanding of how to gather data from line graphs. Well done!
- Year 6 - Eliza for a very poignant WW1 poem



Attendance

As you know, attendance is hugely important and we will be reporting attendance on a weekly/monthly basis. The class with the best attendance each month will be rewarded with an extra 10 minutes of play time. Well done to Year 6 for 97.6% attendance in October

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
100%	95.4%	99.6%	96.4%	94.5%	94.8%	95.5%	96.7%	96.2%

Attendance for October is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98%	93.9%	93.6%	96.5%	94.8%	93.0%	96.2%	97.6%	95.3%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan - 956

St Oswald - 840

St Cuthbert - 920

St Bede - 994

Well done to everyone

Pen Licence

The following pupils received their pen licenses this week for their handwriting:

Year 5: Nicole & Sophia

Year 6: Matthew, James, Adam & Scarlett



School Meals & ParentPay



It's great to see more children having school dinners this term. However, just a polite reminder that all school meals must be booked via ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are free and can be booked for the full term. Nursery & KS2 children meals can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis and must be paid for at the time of booking.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it can be **distressing for a child** if they haven't been booked in to have a school meal and they don't have a packed lunch (please note that this doesn't usually come to light until lunchtime). Staff will obviously then contact parents/carers to arrange a meal but children may have to have whatever is available at short notice and it is not always their choice or parents may have to bring a packed lunch in for their child. Please help us ensure your child has the meal of their choice by booking meals by a Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have any queries about booking on ParentPay, please contact Mrs Cowan or Miss Greenwell who will be more than happy to help.

FairActive School Award

We are delighted to announce that we are a FairActive school. To achieve this award, we had to:

- Set up a Fairtrade committee - we now have 2 Fairtrade ambassadors in each class
- Hold a year group assembly - this was recently delivered by Mrs Quiney in Reception/Nursery classes
- Hold an event - Children in Year 3 recently examined and sampled Fairtrade products which were purchased from Asda, Aldi, Co-op and Marks & Spencer
- Take a Fairtrade challenge - Children in Year 4 took the "Big Switch" challenge and baked and decorated sugar free banana breakfast muffins and chocolate muffins using a variety of Fairtrade products.
- Children in Year 5 have been preparing artwork for display on our Fairtrade board and the tuck shop trolley, as we have now started selling Fairtrade chocolate.

The Fairtrade ambassadors are now starting to work on the final school award which is the FairAchiever award. We will keep you updated about their activities.

Dogs in the School Yard/Premises

Just a reminder that **dogs are not allowed** (even if carried) on the school premises at any time, including the church path down to school, including when dropping off/picking up your children.



Protecting Children Against Influenza (flu) and Complications

The **nasal influenza** vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception-Year 6. The team is scheduled to visit School on 25th November. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted by 19th November.

To give your consent for this please follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **114245** and click "Find School".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

Medical Appointment

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please notify the office in advance so we can update our records and notify the class teacher. School also requires a copy of any confirmation letters for the appointments. Thank you for your continued support.

Medical Audit

We are currently in the process of carrying out a Medical Audit to ensure we have the correct information regarding children's medical conditions. If you haven't already returned the form can you please return it to the school office by Wednesday 10th November. Also, if your child has a medical condition that school is not aware of can you please contact Mrs Cowan on 01207 232624 or email stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net as soon as possible. Thank you.

Remembrance Liturgy

Just a reminder **Y6** will lead the **whole school** in a Remembrance Liturgy on **Thursday 11th November** at 9.30am in the school hall. All parents/carers are welcome.



Sickness/Diarrhoea

Just a reminder if your child has had a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea either in school or at home, they must stay off for 48 hours after the last episode before returning back to school. Thank you for your continued support

Science Packs

Science packs were sent out at the end of last half term to children in KS2. Can you please return the evaluation form to school by Wednesday 10th November. Children will be entered into a prize draw to win a prize from Durham University.



If you have any queries, please contact us at
stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net



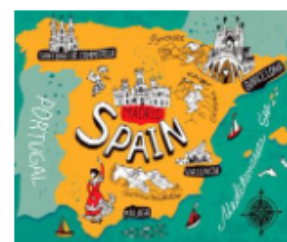
International Bulletin 2



¡Ánimo!

This month we are learning all about...

SPAIN



Did you know? 10 fun facts about Spain

- Country Name: Spain
- Continent: Europe
- Capital City: Madrid
- Population: 48 million (2021)
- Currency: Euro – € (EUR)
- Size: 195,360 miles
- Driving: on the right
- No. of countries with Spanish as the official language: 20
- Famous for: tapas (small plates to share), flamenco dance, lively festivals
- Famous festivals include The *Tomatina*, where people throw tomatoes at each other, and The Running of the Bulls, where bulls chase people through the streets!

Theme of the month:

El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
2nd November

- Click the link to learn more about the exciting celebration
<https://youtu.be/mLjG4d4ePcM>
- Click [here](#) to print a template and colour in your very own Día de los Muertos masks!

¿Habláis español?

This month try to answer the register in **Spanish!** To do this simply answer using:

Buenos días Señor (Hello Sir)
Buenos días Señora/Señorita
(Hello Mrs/Miss)

The ñ makes a 'ny' sound



Challenge!

Find out the names of all of the countries where Spanish is the national language. Have you heard of them before? Can you research a fun fact about each country?

Meet the staff: Señora Heath Can you work out the Spanish from the answers?

Comida favorita: Curry or chocolate!

Idiomas: French, Italian, German, Japanese

Lugar preferido: Kyoto, Japan

Dato curioso: I was once on local Japanese TV, promoting road safety!

Importancia de los idiomas: It has opened my horizons to the world outside the UK.

You get so much more out of visiting a country if you can speak a little of the language.



Don't forget to share your MFL fun with us at #MFLfunSTB

