



Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

What a week! I am so proud of the whole school family this week. The Year 5 girls hockey team took to the new sport like ducks to water! They thoroughly enjoyed their hockey festival and exhibited exemplary teamwork and sportsmanship. The Christmas Fair was a huge success raising £2141 plus a £200 donation from Berwick Rangers which will go towards funding an outdoor classroom. Thanks to everyone involved including businesses who donated prizes, PTA and staff for their organisation, children who created items for sale and manned stalls and parents who donated and attended the fair itself. An amazing team effort!

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Blu
<u>Reception</u>	Corey
<u>Class 1</u>	Brodie
<u>Class 2</u>	Cleo
<u>Class 3</u>	Mason
<u>Class 4</u>	Mila
<u>Class 5</u>	Havanna

Diary Dates

Friday 5th December

Santa Dash! Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers.

Monday 8th December

Christmas performance Mr Straughan, Mrs Mutch and Mr Moscrop 9.30a.m. and 2.00p.m.

Tuesday 9th December

Christmas performance Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Choir perform at the Dementia Cafe

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas performance Miss Bayly and Miss Richards 9.30a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 11th December

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

'Time to Share' 3.20p.m. (an opportunity for you to informally view your child's work)

Choir perform at St Andrews Church 4 p.m.

Monday 15th December

Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch Christmas party

Tuesday 16th December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

Choir perform at Tweed Connections

Wednesday 17th December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

Thursday 18th December

Year 5 Christmas party

Friday 20th December

1.30p.m. Carols in the playground. No after school club. School closes.

Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery, we have been learning the nursery rhyme Five Little Ducks. The children have re-enacted the rhyme, focusing on turn taking and language development. They have been learning to count and recognise numbers to 5. We were also practising adding one more or finding one less. They enjoyed playing with rubber ducks in the water tray and we also made a small world duck pond! The children created little wooden ducks using spring loaded clothes pegs. They enjoyed cutting out the template and sticking the duck onto the peg. They developed and strengthened their fine motor skills by opening and closing the pegs. The children have also followed instructions to make their own paper plate duck mask. This week we have introduced the following new vocabulary - "frown" "doubt" "apprehensive" and "duckling". We linked our nursery rhyme to the story of 'The Ugly Duckling.'

It has been a very busy week in Reception. We all worked hard to decorate crafts to sell at the Christmas Fair and have been practising our Nativity with the Nursery. In maths we have been exploring the composition of numbers to five using five-frames. We often use stories and rhymes during our maths lessons and this week have been singing 'Five little speckled frogs'. For RE we have been learning about the Nativity story and why it is important to Christians all over the world. On Friday we finished off the week with a brilliant pantomime, it was fantastic fun!





Class 1 and 2



This week Year 1 have been continuing their book 'Dragon Post' and have been writing a guide explaining how to look after a dragon. They included adjectives and the conjunction 'but' to improve their sentences. During Numeracy the children looked at the names and properties of 3D shapes and counted the faces, vertices and edges to identify their properties. In science the children made a season wheel and explained how the weather changed during each season. In RE the children discussed why God is important and wrote a prayer to thank God for important things in their life. During history the children compared cars in the past to modern cars and explained how they had changed. In PE the children played invasion games and practised agility skills to avoid the opposition. They have continued to practise their nativity words and songs this week for our BIG performance. To end the week everyone enjoyed a super pantomime at Spittal Community Hall. A super week, well done Year One!

Year 2 have been busy this week continuing their work on the book 'Wolves'. They have written sentences all about a wolf using the conjunctions so that, because, in order to and by to extend their sentences. They then wrote their own glossary page for a book about wolves using new vocabulary to explain the meaning of different words. To end the week the children have started to write a non chronological report about wolves using subheadings, questions and real information. During numeracy the children have practised using a numberline to add and subtract a single digit number from a 2 digit number. They recognised that addition can be completed in any order but subtraction cannot. In history the children looked at the different countries that fought in World War I and recognised the flags. They all discussed as a class their views about war and why they thought it was a sad event. During RE the children discussed Baptism and looked at how people prepare for a new baby. They compared this preparation to the birth of Jesus in the Manger. A fantastic week, well done everyone!



Classes 3, 4 and 5

This week, we successfully wrapped up our book, 'The Barnabus Project!' The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about how the story concluded and, most importantly, discussing the moral of the story. We had some excellent conversations about the meaning behind the ending. We have started tackling addition word problems. The class has been working hard on identifying key vocabulary within the text to help them understand and correctly work out which numbers are essential for solving the sums. Our geography lessons this week centred on our local area. We've been acting as junior cartographers, focusing on: street names and locating places on the Spittal map. Our Christmas Fayre was a blast! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our stall. Our famous Christmas biscuits were a massive hit and sold out in record time!

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting week! We've launched our new maths unit on multiplication and division and continued to sharpen our times-tables skills using TTRS. In geography, the children began exploring different biomes and loved discovering the variety of climates and habitats around the world. We've also been hard at work rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity, and the children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork. As part of our festive preparations, Year 4 created some wonderful crafts ready for the Christmas fair. To finish the week with some fun, we all enjoyed a fantastic trip to the panto!

This week, Year 5 has worked extremely hard in the classroom. In English, they have been improving their comprehension skills by focusing on retrieving and inferring information from texts—something they should continue to practise at home while reading. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000, and Mr Moscrop is extremely pleased with how quickly the class grasped these concepts. During the week, we also took a short walk to practise our Nativity in the venue, and the children excelled once again— not long to go now until the real deal! Additionally, some of the girls in the class took part in an Area Hockey Festival at Longridge Towers, where they performed incredibly well, showed fabulous manners and were a credit to the school. Hopefully, this will springboard some competitive fixtures for the girls to get involved in. Well done!

