

EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Secret Reader

A love of reading is the most important gift we can give our children; it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world! Mrs Grant and the teachers at East Boldon Juniors love reading and we need your help to show the pupils that you love reading too. We had our first Secret Reader in school recently. It was a surprise to Alex to see his mum in school and the pupils loved the experience of being read to by someone new. In case you missed it, the idea is that somebody from our school community (teachers, family members, cooks, governors etc) gets in touch and comes into a class to be a Secret Reader! The pupils love it!



Football tournament

Year 4 sent three teams to play in a football tournament at Boldon School. We had a great time! Here is a photograph of our winning team showing off their medals.



Science

Year 4 had a disgustingly good time modelling the digestive system in the classroom. They broke down bananas and biscuits in a scientific experiment in zip-lock bags. Urgh!



Mammoth art

Y3 have been very creative turning plastic milk bottles into woolly mammoths. They are so good, we had to share them with you.



Cross Country Stars

This week, we had 23 boys and girls from years 5 and 6 competing against other schools. They all ran their hearts out. Well done!



We are the champions!

The school football team needed a single point in the final week of the season to seal the league title and they did it! Well done to all and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the school and the children.



SEN Parents' Evening

If your child is currently on the SEN register as having an additional learning need, a parents evening on Wednesday 21st November is available to discuss their progress, needs, provision and interventions. An appointment of 10 minutes is available with your child's class teacher.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, the class teacher is the first point of contact. They may feel that it's appropriate to make an appointment with Mrs Gartland, SENCO or recommend advice or support from Dave Lumsdon, the school Educational Psychologist.

Remembrance Day

On Saturday 10th November, the Friends of East Boldon Parks are joining us to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. They plan to come into East Boldon Junior School's main hall to look at work that pupils have completed, look at pictures, read stories and enjoy refreshments. All are welcome to join us. The school is creating a display of pupils' work and also any stories of WWI or WWII historical stories from our community. If you have any stories or photographs that you would like to share, please can you get in touch. Our email address is on the top of this newsletter (we will be happy to photocopy anything for our display so that nobody loses their original photographs).



Remembrance Day poppies and items of stationery will be on sale from Monday. Most items cost 50p and will be sold during the morning breaks while stocks last. With so many identical items of stationery being sold to pupils next week, we recommend that pupils label items with their initials or take the items home, as it would be very easy for items to get muddled up.

Anti-bullying update

On the whole, our pupils are delightful. They are well-mannered, hard-working and polite. They treat each other with care and respect and we love to celebrate this here in the newsletter and in Celebration Assembly. We all know that we are not perfect though. Our jobs, as educators, is to provide the children with the skills to reflect and improve any aspects of unacceptable behaviour.

Each half term, we will give parents a summary of the work that we do and some feedback about how the school has managed incidents of unacceptable behaviour in school.

Bullying incidents – 7 (avg 1 per week).

Four of these incidents were logged as bullying within a friendship group that have fallen out.

What have we done about these incidents?

This term, the school has actively worked with children through PSHE work and with individuals so that they have time to reflect on their decisions. Staff work with pupils in our Reflection Room at playtime, so that pupils can complete a reflection form for school and a copy is taken home. The school has worked with families to improve behaviour and has issued fixed term exclusions when necessary.

What next?

We always believe that we must give pupils a chance to improve their behaviour and we reward all of our children for making good choices. Anti-bullying week begins on the 12th of November and our assemblies are about 'Respect' throughout this term.

Our aim is to eradicate incidents of bullying from our school through support, reflection and the use of the school's Anti Bullying and Behaviour and Discipline policies. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Let's Celebrate!

Writers of the week

Year 3 – Evie Worrall and Grace Honey
Year 4 – Tristan Hardingham and Charlie Walker
Year 5 – Alfie Orrell and Daniel Johnson
Year 6 – Noah Davenport and Fern McCully

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Kathleen Ewart and Emily Nellist
Year 4 – Jamie Newton and Rosa Loughlin
Year 5 – Libby Heslop and James Otterson
Year 6 – Joe Stores and Fraser Davison

Head Teacher's Awards

A number of our Year 6 children were trick or treating in the community and they recognised a younger pupil from our school who was a little upset. They stopped and cheered him up, sharing their sweets in the process. The certificates are being proudly displayed in the two year 6 classrooms. Fantastic!

Term dates for your diary

Autumn term:
4th September – 19th October
30th October – 20th December

6 Nov: Y5SC at The Word
7 Nov: Y5JM at The Word
13 Nov: Y6 at Victoria Tunnels
20 Nov: Y3 at Great North Museum
21 Nov: SEN Parents' Evening
26-27 Nov: Parents' Evening
12 Dec: Y3/4 Christmas Party
13 Dec: Y5/6 Christmas Party
20 Dec: Carol Service at St George's

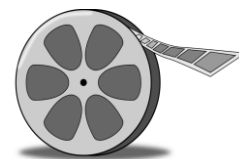
Child Safety Reminders:

After School Provision and Clubs

To ensure the safety of the children please let us know if your child will not be attending their after-school club so this can be marked on the club register. If arrangements for collection by Helen Gibson Kids Club or The Happy Shack change, please inform school and the providers. Thank you.

Video/photo on social media

Please be aware that photographs or video taken at school events such as shows and assemblies should not be shared on social media if they contain images of children other than your own. Failure to abide by this may result in parents being asked not to take photos or video in school.



Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.

