



Issue 1 - February 2019

What a busy month we have had at East Herrington. As always, the children continue to make us very proud and have been involved in many fabulous events and activities. We have had many visitors in school such as RNLI, NSPCC and RSPB and have even managed to have an E - safety assembly.

We must thank you for the fantastic effort that was made by all on Number day. It was an amazing day in school and not only did the children work hard and involve themselves with mathematical challenges, they all had lots of fun and were totally exhausted by the numerous flash mobs that took place during the full day! I was thoroughly impressed with the outfits and must commend parents and children's creativity. Thank you to Miss Bowes, Math's subject leader, for organizing such a fantastic day. We have raised an outstanding amount of £2,686.15 for NSPCC with donations still being received! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mrs Hair



Swimming Gala

Mrs Ferguson took our fantastic swimming team to the Sunderland school games at the end of January. They did an amazing job and competed against 22 other schools. We are so proud of all the teams. The boys' A team came 4th in front crawl and the medley. The boys' B team came 7th in the final for front crawl. The girls A team also got to the finals for front crawl and the medley. Thank you to Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Fannen who meet the children at the Farrington pool every Wednesday at 8:00am and to all the fabulous children who took part – they were a credit to our school.



Marvellous Me

Thank you to the 452 families who have signed up to our Marvellous me app. Teachers and children are enjoying using this app to improve communication between school and parents. We hope everyone is enjoying seeing snippets of their child's school day and think it is useful to receive reminders about events. There are only a few parents left to sign up and then the whole school will be able to access this lovely way to see how your child is doing at school and share their successes. Thank you to all those parents who have shared their positive thoughts with staff.

Number day

Number day saw an imaginative dressing up day for all pupils in school. I loved seeing the effort children and families had gone to, and this added to our fantastic day of maths challenges in school. The children had an action packed day and KS2 were also involved in a highly competitive quiz.

Not only were the children immersed in their mathematics learning, we had lots of fun carrying out the flash mob to 5,6,7, 8 to raise money for NSPCC.

The children even got to dance during their lunch. Children and staff had a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone.



World War 1 workshops - Year 5



Y5 launched their WW1 topic by spending the day with two experts from the Oriental Museum. The children got the opportunity to handle real WW1 artefacts, to create their own dada poems and to study and replicate propaganda posters. They have since written some amazing flashbacks based on life in the trenches.

NSPCC Assemblies

All children from reception to Year 6 listened to an informative assembly about how to keep safe. They met Buddy the charity's mascot and listened carefully to Cheryl who shared with children how to keep safe.

RNLI Visit



In January we had a visit from the lifeguards and they presented assemblies explaining how to stay safe near and in water. We found this invaluable for our children as we live so close to the sea!

NSPCC workshops



All children in Year 5 and 6 took part in NSPCC workshops within their classrooms. We had two trained NSPCC leaders work with each class for 1 hour focusing on how to keep safe. The children and teachers found this a very useful session.

One million words



The children have already reached 1,000,000 words. It took us just over a week and they all enjoyed their treat chosen by each class. We are now going for the big treat!! When we have read 1,000,000 pages we will ask school council to feedback from classes and choose a full day of extra-curricular activities which the children can travel around to!

Our Amazing Choir

Congratulations to all the children in the choir for becoming the winners of the KS2 North East Choir of the Year held at Durham Cathedral on Wednesday 6th January. They sang beautifully and the judges were blown away and said they were worthy of “full marks”. The past two years they have been placed runners up both times and are delighted to have won this honour. They were also invited to sing in the North East festival of



Youth Music as one of the best primary school choirs and were magnificent ambassadors for our school. They wowed the audience with their version of a “Les Mis” medley and the tear jerker, “As long as I have Music”. Their performance at Sage Gateshead was also outstanding with nothing but praise from the Music Mentors. The children are a credit to their families and our school.

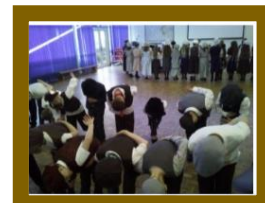
After half term they will be travelling to London to sing in a National Final which is a huge achievement and will also be singing at the Empire in the City Sings competition. Good Luck to everyone!!

Visit from RSPB - Y4

A volunteer from the RSPB came into school to work with Y1 and Y4. They worked with both year groups in the outdoor learning area. Y4 looked at all the places in school we already have that give 'nature a home.' Turns out, our school is pretty good at this, there were lots of potential habitats for wildlife.



Year 4 Victorian Day



Year 4 dressed up as Victorians for the day and experienced what it might have been like to live as a child during Victorian times. Mrs Oxley's class shared this with their parents during their class assembly and it is clear to see that the children gained a lot from this experience.

The day was a huge success and I am sure the children will remember this for a long time!

E- safety Assembly

On the 5th February – a drama group came into school and delivered an e safety assembly. This has become an annual event and each year the group shares the latest and most up to date ways to keep safe whilst using the internet. This problem is becoming increasingly difficult and I urge parents to become more involved in what their children are doing online. Please ensure that all devices have the correct parenting settings and that if your child has a phone it is checked regularly. E – safety is taken very seriously in school and so please support us by monitoring your child's device and what apps and games they use.

RSPB - Year 1

The children in year one took part in a 'wild words' activity with the RSPB. They enjoyed searching for natural materials and creatures in the outdoor area followed by a 'worm dance!' They had lots of fun and worked together very well in teams. This will inspire our writing in Literacy. Well done!



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 15th February	School finishes for half term.
Monday 25th February	School returns
Tuesday 26th February	Tag Rugby at Farringdon—Y5
Tuesday 26th February	Girls Football 3:30-5:00 at Barnwell
Thursday 28th February	Mr Cawley's class assembly
Sunday 3rd March	City Sings for choir
Monday 4th March	Choir - National Choir Competition - Royal Festival Hall
Tuesday 5th March	Dance at Farringdon—Y1
Wednesday 6th March	Miss Offer's class assembly
Friday 8th March	World Book Day (The official day is Thursday but we have decided to do this on the Friday instead)
Tuesday 12th March	Science workshops in school KS2
Wednesday 13th March	Science workshops in school KS1
Thursday 14th March	Miss Weir's class assembly 9:00am
Friday 15th March	RSPB in school working with nursery and reception
Thursday 21st March	Mrs Naile's class assembly 9:00am
Friday 22nd March	Mr Amundsen's assembly 9:00am
Thursday 28th March	Miss Millburn's class assembly 9:00am
Friday 29th March	Reception assembly. Both classes together. 9:00am start
Monday 1st April	Rainton Meadows Area Trip—Y4
Thursday 4th April	Mammal Web Working in school –Y4
Thursday 4th April	Year 3 Trip to Vindolanda
Friday 5th April	Miss Baxter's class assembly 9:00am
Friday 5th April	Finish for the Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23rd April	Start of the Summer Term (I previously got this date wrong on the last newsletter – Monday is Easter Monday!)

Year 6 SATs week is Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May