



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 9 February 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful first week of STEM fortnight. Here are some updates from the amazing events in all classes.

Reception: Calling all Superheroes!

Every kind of superhero imaginable arrived in Reception on Monday – we've had Spider-Man and Super Girl to doctors, nurses, scientists and vets! They entered the classroom to discover a disastrous supermarket scene; Supertato's Evil Pea had escaped from the freezer and was on the loose!



Their first mission was to design and make a pair of super binoculars to see if they could spot him. Children thought carefully about the materials they would use and how to join those materials. After completion we then talked about the processes they had used, and how to improve their models. Their second mission was to help try and defrost some superheroes that Evil Pea had put in the freezer. We experimented with cold, warm and salty water to see which would melt the water faster. Their third mission was to help the superheroes practise their flying skills. We experimented with paper clips, magnets and balloons! Our fourth and final mission of the week was to design and make a superhero den to help recharge our superhero batteries for the weekend!

What a fantastic start to STEM, Reception!

Year 1: Octonauts, to the launch bay!

In Year 1 we dived under the sea this week with the most exciting missions and we were certainly dressed for the occasion! At one point, a deep sea diver managed to swim and rescue the mermaids from the tentacles of the octopus and the snappy teeth of the sharks! From grouping and sorting materials, to making and painting clay characters, as well as learning how to measure in cm, we have had the best time together. We also want to say a huge thank you to Mark Child, one of our parent STEM ambassadors, who visited us in the Octopod this week! We learnt so much about the earth above our sea, especially about the trees. It was so inspiring to work with you! It has been busy but exciting and we cannot wait to welcome the children back for lots more fun next week!

Year 2: Start Your Engines!

If you had come into Year 2 on Monday, you might have mistaken the classroom for the paddock at Silverstone. With the sound of Fleetwood's Mac's 'The Chain' in the background, the children couldn't wait to find out which racing teams they were joining. Dressed in racing suits and caps, we have been exploring the problem of how to move a car without touching it. We have tried moving it with wind, gravity and even kinetic energy! We have been carefully collecting and plotting our data from our experiments on tally charts, block charts and pictograms. Next week gets even busier for year 2, so we better have a big rest this weekend. The children can't wait to show all of the grown-ups next week what they have discovered. Which buggy will win the trophy?



Year 3: Greetings from our Jedi Training Facility!

Our Jedi Younglings entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately enrolled into the Jedi Training programme and given their official Star Wars names. They set about exploring magnets and magnetism to complete their challenge set by Master Yoda. They started off by deciding whether to create a Star Wars diorama or labyrinth (a maze within the solar system that they have to negotiate their way through).

In directed science lessons this week, Year 3 have been investigating magnetism: Do magnets always attract one another? Are all magnets the same strength? From this they have selected the strongest magnet to use in their diorama/labyrinth. I can't wait to see their final piece coming together next week - may the force be with you!

We have had some exciting visits this week: thank you Leigh Ward for coming in to share your expert knowledge and we would like to say a massive thank you to Jim, Helen, Simon and Bradley for attending Corbridge First School on Thursday from North East Legion - the children were AMAZED! And a further huge thank you to Eden's mum, Ruth Bage, for organising such a wonderful surprise for the children.

Year 4: Wingardium Leviosa!

Witches and wizards entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately sorted into their houses by the Sorting Hat and given their official wizard names. Hedwig had delivered letters from Dumbledore asking the children to create Mandrake Silencers for the Herbology Department at Hogwarts.

The children got straight to work with their STEM partners, creating designs for structures and using 3D shape nets to make prototypes. They began measuring, and sawing wood for the outer shell of their Mandrake Silencer structure. Panels for the outside are next on their jobs list. They also did scientific fair tests and experiments to identify good soundproofing materials to inform their choices next week. As well as this they are writing a newspaper article to tell everyone about our exciting mission

Thank you to Sarah Walton, one of our parent STEM ambassadors, who visited us at Hogwarts this week! You really inspired us all!

Great start to STEM Year 4!

We were also visited by Julia, president of the Tynedale Lions Club on Monday, to present a free set of Wild Tribe books to our Eco Council! The books inspire young people to tackle pollution, climate change and habitat loss. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

S Hart & E Florek

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 96.7%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 with 100%	Reception with 98.6%	Year 2 with 98.1%



School Dinners

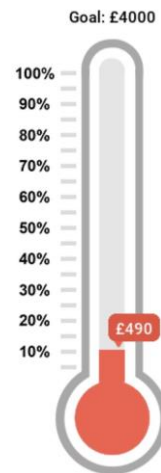
Week beginning Monday 12 February 2024 for Spring Term, will be Week 3 of our [menu](#)

Note that Thursday 15 February will be the Valentine's Day themed lunch, and the menu will be a choice of hot dog in a bun, chicken goujons, curly fries, pasta, beans, sweetcorn and chocolate doughnuts.

PTA

Thank you to all who have supported the PTA with uniform sales this week.
We have made £121 towards our £4000.00 target for laptops. Thank you so much.

Gayle Baty



🎵 A message from Music Partnership North (MPN) - HOOLIES YOUTH CHOIR 🎵

Hoolies Youth Choir - for children aged 7 to 18 years old

We're delighted to give you details of a local singing group called the Hoolies Youth Choir, which we hope will be of interest to your child/ren. It is run by Music Partnership North (MPN) and is a fun and friendly group, who meet eight Thursday evenings throughout the school year, at Morpeth 1st school. It is open to all students between the ages of 7 and 18 years old

Singing is known to raise children's confidence and mental health, as well as being a fun way to learn musical skills - so why not give it a go!

The next rehearsal is on: **Thursday 29th February 6:15 - 7:45pm at Morpeth 1st School, next to County Hall, NE61 2AP**

If you would like your child to join, please complete the combined application and consent form as soon as possible and by Sunday 25th February at the latest, using the link below:

[Click here to fill in the Ensemble Application and Parental Consent Form](#)

Also:

- The fee for joining this group, up until July 2024 is **£60 per child** and the payment can be made following the link below. If you prefer to use the session on Thursday 29th February as a trial, before committing to all the rehearsals - then that is fine, but please still complete the application and consent form above
- **Payment is not required immediately, but if you wish to pay now - please use the online NCC payment system.** [Click here](#) and then scroll down to 'Online payments', where you can then select 'Ensemble Fees'
- We have a sister charity that can offer support with ensemble fees: <https://mpncharity.com/>

Please note that your child will not be able to attend if we do not receive your application and parental consent form

Thank you
Rosie Midgley
MPN Singing Tutor

Music Partnership North

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The School Diary: Please remember to check for any new dates in each week. *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
<u>February 2024</u>		
Monday 5th - Thursday 15th	STEM Fortnight (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)	Parentmail issued.
Monday 12th	Professor Brainstorm workshop for STEM	
Tuesday 13th	Safer Internet Day	In school awareness event
Thursday 15th	Valentine's Day Themed School Lunch	Parentmail issued to packed lunch children
Thursday 15th	STEM Open Day (Reception to Year 4) (Parents invited 1:45pm - 2:45pm)	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 15th	STEM Fancy Dress Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress related to their class theme for the STEM Open Afternoon and mark the end of STEM Fortnight	Parentmail issued
Thursday 15th	Last Day of Term	
Friday 16th	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 26th	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 28th	Rainbow Day & Rainbow Bake Off Children are invited to come to school dressed in different colours of the rainbow as follows: Nursery/Reception: Blue or Purple Year 1: Green Year 2: Yellow Year 3: Orange Year 4: Red Children are invited to bake and bring in up to 6 cupcakes or biscuits, based around the rainbow theme. The cake/biscuits will be available at donation stations outside of classrooms at 3pm. *The cakes/biscuits from the Nursery children will be available in their classroom at the end of their session.	Parentmail issued.
<u>March 2024</u>		

Friday 1st	Reception visit to St Andrew's Church - Baptism theme (pm)	
Monday 4th	Animal Aid - vegan cookery workshop with Year 4	
Thursday 7th	World Book Day	
Tuesday 12th	Spring Music Concert (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day	
Friday 15th	Dogs Trust Workshops & Assemblies	More information to follow
Tuesday 19th	KS2 Football Event (pm) at CFS with BFS attending.	
Tuesday 19th	Choir Visit to Newcastle Civic Centre	More information to follow
Monday 25th	Parent Consultation Week	
Tuesday 26th	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church, 1.30pm	More information to follow
Thursday 28th	Last Day of Term	
Friday 29th	School Closed - Good Friday / Bank Holiday	
<u>April 2024</u>		
Monday 15th	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	
Monday 15th April - Friday 10 May	Mini Marathon	More information to follow
<u>May 2024</u>		
Monday 6th	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 7th - Wednesday 8th	Year 4 Residential (Kingswood)	
Monday 13th	Year 4: Bikeability	More information to follow
Wednesday 15th	Reception - Vision Screening	More information to follow
Thursday 16th	KS1 Rounders Event (pm) at Broomhaugh CE First School	More information to follow
Monday 20th- Friday 24th	Walk To School Week	More information to follow
Friday 24th	Year 4 Quad Kids at Corbridge Middle School (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term	
<u>June 2024</u>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	

Tuesday 18th	KS1 Cricket Event (am) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground KS2 Cricket Event (pm) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground	More information to follow
Thursday 20th	Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Thursday 20th & Friday 21st	Art & Textile Exhibition at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge	
<u>July 2024</u>		
Tuesday 2nd	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 19th	Last Day of Term School Closes at 1:30pm for Summer holidays	
<u>September 2024</u>		
Tuesday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	