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## Blaydon West Primary School End-of-Year Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another fantastic year at Blaydon West Primary School, we want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful events and achievements that have made this year, since September, so special. It has been filled with learning, growth, and community spirit, and we are grateful for your continued support and engagement. September.

Here is just a scattering of things that have happened this term alone...

- Welcome to the New Academic Year: We welcomed all pupils, both returning and new, with a special mention for the new Reception and Nursery children. Pupils settled in well, demonstrating eagerness to learn and adapt to their new environment.
- Educational Visits: We announced the scheduling of educational visits to provide hands-on learning experiences that complement our curriculum.
- New School Website: We launched a new website to enhance communication and accessibility of information for parents and carers.
- Jeans for Genes Day: Pupils wore jeans to support this worthy cause, engaging in DNA-specific activities to enhance their understanding of genetics.
- Macmillan Cake Day: Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Care with cakes made by the children, bringing the community together for a good cause.
- Harvest Festival Collection: We began our Harvest collection for Feeding Families, with donations continuing until mid-October.

### October

- Harvest Celebrations: Our Harvest collection for Feeding Families was a tremendous success, with overwhelming support from our community. Year Six students delivered the donations, filling minibuses to the brim. We celebrated with a Harvest assembly, joined by Reverend Jonny from St Cuthbert's Church, emphasising gratitude and community spirit.
- Halloween Disco: A fun-filled event with creative costumes, dancing, and treats, making it a memorable experience for the children.
- Firework Safety: Reminders were given to ensure children stay safe around fireworks during Bonfire Night.

## November

- Spanish Curriculum Launch: We introduced a new Spanish curriculum for Years 3 to 6, celebrated with a special day dedicated to Spanish culture. An engaging event with traditional music, dance, art, and food tasting, encouraging children to immerse themselves in Spanish culture.
- Scholastic Book Fair: Held from 14th to 19th November, providing a fantastic selection of books for pupils from Nursery to Year 6 at discounted rates.
- Parents' Evening: Successful meetings were held to discuss children's progress and plan for their continued development.
- Healthy Snacks: Continued encouragement for healthy eating habits, with a focus on providing nutritious snacks during playtime.
- Nasal Flu Immunisation: Facilitated nasal flu immunisations to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students.

## December

- Christmas Shows: Our Christmas performances were a highlight, with enthusiastic participation from students and support from parents. The shows were a testament to the hard work and creativity of our pupils.
- Christmas Video: Our festive video was a hit, garnering nearly 10,000 views in the first 2 weeks alone and spreading holiday cheer.
- Christmas Jumper Day: Celebrated with a variety of creative and festive jumpers, adding to the holiday excitement.
- Polar Express Day: A magical day where children enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate in their pyjamas, embracing the festive spirit.
- Christmas Dinner: Thursday, 19th December, with children enjoying a festive meal together.
- A surprise magician appeared to entertain the children.
- Church Service: Our Church Service on the final day of term brought the community together to celebrate the season.
- Farewell to Mrs. Hall: We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Hall, our wonderful HLTA, who retired after 24 years of dedicated service.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Blaydon West Primary School a nurturing and vibrant community. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and shared successes.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season!

Best regards,

Mr. S Brown  
Head Teacher

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