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School Newsletter

A Busy Week in School!

It's been a very busy and exciting week for everyone.

Visit from Liz Twist MP

We were delighted to welcome Liz Twist, MP for Blaydon, to our school. She visited all classes and spent time talking to the children. Liz was particularly interested in the plans for our new school building and how these are progressing. Parents should start to hear – and hopefully see – progress in the coming months. Liz has promised to return soon to talk to the children about how the government works, so watch this space!

Jeans for Genes Day

Today we supported *Jeans for Genes Day*. Children and staff wore jeans to raise awareness for children and families affected by genetic disorders. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part, and we are proud to contribute to this important cause.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

This afternoon we held our *Macmillan Coffee Afternoon*. Every class has been busily baking all week, and after school today parents and carers came in to enjoy the cakes. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, or bought cakes. All proceeds will go directly to *Macmillan Cancer Support*, helping families across the UK access vital care and support when they need it most.

Harvest Festival

We are now looking ahead to our Harvest Festival. This year we will be collecting donations for a local food charity.

Suggested items include:

- Tinned goods (soup, beans, vegetables, fruit, fish, meat)
- Pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk
- Tea, coffee, sugar, fruit juice (cartons)
- Biscuits, snacks, jars of sauce
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, sanitary products)

We would be very grateful for any donations you can provide – everything will go to families in need within our community.

Meet the Teacher ✍️

This week we also held our *Meet the Teacher* sessions. Parents and carers were invited in to meet their child's new teacher. Please don't see this as a one-off event – if you have questions or would like to know more at any time, just get in touch.

Monthly PE Challenge

Each month, we'll have a fun PE theme for you to take part in at home. This month's theme is **Skip September!**

Get involved by skipping with a rope, at the park, down the street—wherever you like! Take a photo of yourself skipping and send it to pe@blaydonwest.gateshead.sch.uk.

Your photo could be featured on our website, and your name will be added to the **PE SportStar box** for a chance to win a prize! 🎁

Save the date

After the success of our Summer Fayre, where we raised £1600, we will be hosting a Christmas Fayre in school on **Monday, 8th December**.

We appreciated all of the donations we received for our summer event and would be grateful for donations towards our tombola prizes and bottle tombola. If you have any new/unopened prizes (toiletries, bottles, toys, games) you can send them into school with your child. We will be having a non-uniform event on Friday, 14th November where every child will be asked to bring in item for either tombola or bottle tombola. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

🙌 Thank you for your continued support with all of these events and activities. It makes such a difference to the children and to our wider school community.

Mr S Brown
Head Teacher

Stop Press: Have you noticed our new banner outside of school? Keep an eye out – it may just change!