



NEWSLETTER



MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS

The routines of school life have now been established and the children have been completing some amazing learning this half term. As I walk around school each day, it is a pleasure speaking to the children about their learning as well seeing their pride as they share the books. The number of stars which have been given out has been amazing and I am so proud at how the children share in the success and celebration of others. Seeing the children's confidence and self-esteem grow as they celebrate their achievements is a privilege to see.

At the end of September, we had external visitors to the academy who reviewed the teaching and learning in every class as well as ensuring that we are aiming for excellence for all our children. The outcome of the visit has now been shared with us and I am pleased to share some of information with you. Overall they recognised that the experiences of all the children is positive in classes and the actions which the academy are taking to improve are the correct ones. Our priorities continue to be around reading as well as making sure that other curriculum areas are progressive and impact on the children's knowledge and skills. Oracy and discussion featured highly during the day as the children were able to show how they are embracing the Core Learning Characteristic of 'Confident Communicator'. Since our last review, the teaching of RWInc phonics has improved and there is greater consistency; children have made good progress in phonics. The behaviour of the children was good and they spoke very positively about the academy and how safe they feel. Relationships between the adults and children are good.

As expected, there are some areas where we still need to focus where we

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 17th October

Y1 Local Walk

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October

Y3 Stone Age Day

Y6 Dia des Los Muertos Day

Y5 Cross Fit Training

Thursday 20th October

Y5 Anglo-Saxon Day

Y6 Visit Cenotaph

Y1 Stay and....

Break up for Half Term

Friday 21st October

INSET Day

Monday 31st October

Back to School

Tuesday 1st November

School Disco

Wednesday 2nd November

Y3 Iron Age Workshop

Y4 Plastic Pollution Workshop

Ashford Parents' Evening

Friday 4th November

KS2 MLT Cross Country Event

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can become even better and these include increasing the engagement and accountability of children in lessons, continue to enhance the developments in reading and ensure that key knowledge is identified and learnt in all subject areas. We are currently awaiting our next Ofsted inspection and I will continue to update parents as to how we are performing as an academy.

Bamburgh

Yet again the annual residential to Bamburgh for the Year 5 pupils has been a huge success. The Year 5 children have been exceptional this year and they have been ambassadors for the academy within the Northumbrian locality. The members of the public who have seen us out and about have made comments as to how polite and well-behaved the children are and even the staff in Bamburgh Castle fed back to us as to how they look forward to seeing the children from Maltby every year as they are such a pleasure to tour the castle with.

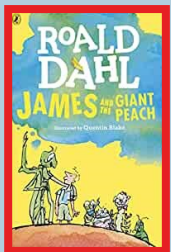
The children began the week with a visit to Durham Cathedral and the children explored the life in the monasteries and how the monks lived; dressing up in character. They saw the imperfect pillar before spending time in the shrine of St Cuthbert where they reflected on their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children have continued their learning about the history of the area when they visited Holy Island and Lindesfarne and being immersed in the environment has been an Exceptional Learning Experience for all and consolidated all the learning back in the classroom.

The use of Class Dojo has been welcomed by the parents during the visit as photos were shared and stories updated regularly so that they could see their child enjoying themselves with their friends. Next year we have the residential to York, Rand Farm and Peat Rigg for the children in Key Stage 2 to look forward to. It is a huge thank you to all the staff who freely give up their time to spend time with the children and plan for them to experience life away from Maltby.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Mr Farmer recommends...

Mr Farmer loves the book 'James and the Giant Peach'. It is a story about a boy from a difficult background can achieve his dreams with the help of his friends. It has very vivid descriptions of the characters which create pictures in the mind and make you feel part of the story.



Don't forget to download the MyEd app from your app store to keep



updated with your child's achievements, attendance, letters, messages



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: When do ghosts like to go trick or treating?

A: In the moaning.

Cyberbullying—The facts

As younger children have access to technology, they are not always aware of the rules when communicating with their friends and may cause upset in others. As adults, we need to educate and support young people when using platforms such as WhatsApp and Snapchat so that the messages they share are not causing upset.

The definition of Cyberbullying is when "a young person torments, threatens, harasses or embarrasses another young person via technology". The emotional impact of Cyberbullying is found to be greater than that of face to face bullying as there can be no escape. National statistics show that nearly 43% of children younger than 11 years old have been the victim of cyberbullying—25% have had it happen more than once. Please speak to your child about the messages they are sharing and frequently check your child's phone content to ensure that they are not a perpetrator or victim.

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