

NEWSLETTER



Message From the Headteacher

We've had a very busy half-term with events such as the Coronation bringing our community - and country as a whole - together. Our staff and pupils have experienced a lot of fun and engaging activities. A real highlight for me was our annual Richardson Dees Has Got Talent competition. I most enjoyed seeing how hard the children had worked on each performance, and it was a great way to see pupils demonstrating **courage** and super **communication** skills in front of a hall full of children and staff. I know that everyone will be looking forward to spending time in the sunshine, (that promises to stay next week). I hope you all have a safe and happy break, before we return to school, for what promises to be another fun-filled and busy final half term for the academic year.

Winning Castle

The winning castle this half term is ...

Dunstanburgh

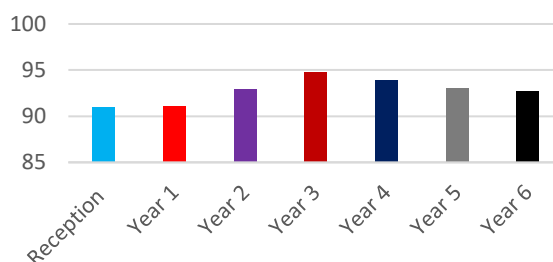
All of our children are allocated to a castle (siblings are in the same one). The four castles are Alnwick, Bamburgh, Chillingham and Dunstanburgh – last half term it was **CHILLINGHAM** who collected the most castle points! They were given an afternoon of free choice and were able to choose from a range of activities including PE in the hall, a movie in the staffroom, baking, board games and lots of arts and crafts!!

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this half term is ...

Year 3

Winners of Summer Term 1



School News

Both Year 2 and Year 6 have now completed their SATs. Next half term, we turn our attention to the Early Years assessments as well as the Year 1 phonics screener and the Year 4 multiplication checker.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Farrier, who has most recently worked in Year 5 as one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Mrs Farrier leaves us for a new challenge and will be missed by all. We wish her well.

We will update you with all staffing plans for next year ahead of Transition Days in July.

NLT Star Awards 2023 Finalists

The Star Awards is North Tyneside Learning Trust's annual celebration of the outstanding non-academic achievements of the children and young people from around the Trust and this year it is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The first Star Awards ceremony was held back in 2014 at the Village Hotel.

All of the children who were nominated in school will receive a certificate. ONE finalist has been chosen – Tabby in Year 2 - and she will find out today about this outstanding achievement. Tabby, her family and staff from school will be invited to the glittering award ceremony at St James Park on 13th July 2023.

Well done Tabby and to all the nominated pupils.

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Diary Update and Events

- **Monday 5th June – School reopens for the second half of the Summer Term**
- **Friday 9th June** – Year 6 residential at High Borrans (return Monday 12th June)
- **Tuesday 20th June** – Male Carers Day
- **Friday 23rd June** – Fiver Challenge Fayre 2:30pm
- **Monday 26th June** – Sports Day for Reception to Year 6
Rec, 1, 2 and 3: 9:15am – 10:45am
Years 4, 5 and 6: 1:15pm – 2:45pm
- **Wednesday 28th June** – Morning nurseys Sports day 10:30am – 11:30am
Afternoon Nursery Sports day 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Wednesday 5th July** – Whole School Transition Day 1
- **Thursday 6th July** – Whole School Transition Day 2
- **Thursday 13th July** – School Report Day
- **Monday 17th July** – Year 1 End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Year 2 End of Year Assembly 10:30am
- **Tuesday 18th July** – Year 3 End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Year 4 End of Year Assembly 10:30am
- **Wednesday 19th July** – Reception End of Year Assembly 9:30am
Year 5 End of Year Assembly 10:30am
Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event:
3:25pm start for children; 5:00pm – 7:00pm for parents and carers
- **Thursday 20th July** – Picnic Day



Curriculum Spotlight

In every newsletter, we will focus on a particular subject. Last half term, the children experienced a fortnight of Design and Technology. Every afternoon, they were given the opportunity to design, make, and evaluate a product linked to the whole school unit of 'Toys'. From moving vehicles to carousels, the pupils were immersed in a range of science, technology, engineering and maths experiences. Take a look below at some of the final toys. There are definitely some engineers of the future in our Richardson Dees family.



How to keep up to date or get in touch

All the information you need can be found on our website:
www.richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk

You can find out what's been happening in your child's class by following us on **Twitter** or by using the **Seesaw** app.

If you have any queries, or if there is anything we can help with, you can contact the main office on **0191 263 8139** or at **office@rdees.org.uk**