

The Latest School News – May 2022

School Castles

The winning castle for last half term was ...

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 Dunstanburgh 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!!

We give out castle points for lots of reasons. It can be for demonstrating our **Core Values** - kindness, good listening and being safe in school. It could be for evidencing success in any of our '**7 Superpowers**' (listed below). Hopefully, you will have seen that we give out stickers for all of these too. All four of our Castles have won once this year – who will the next winners be?

The 7 Superpowers for Successful Learning



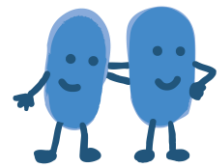
Communication



Responsibility



Resilience



Collaboration



Curiosity



Independence



Courage



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School Trips

With the restrictions of Covid having eased, we have been able to reinstate school trips and visits into our curriculum. So far, Year 5 have enjoyed a walk along the River Tyne, Year 4 have been to Holy Island, Year 3 enjoyed a Woodland Walk and Year 6 have visited the Hancock Museum. Year 6 will also be having their High Borrans residential trip in a few weeks time – the first time this has happened for three years. Year 1 and Year 2 are continuing their school woods projects this half term. Reception have a trip to Hall Hill Farm coming up!

“Year 1 are looking forward to visiting the woods again and are curious to see what seasonal changes we will discover.” – Mrs Atkinson, Y1 Teacher

“Year 3 really enjoyed our Geography Woodland Walk and are looking forward to this half term’s trip to a Hindu Temple.” – Miss Elvin, Y3 Teacher

We have lots of trips, visits and fun events to look forward to in the summer term for every class, including our Nursery, and we will share these all with you during the course of the school term.

Playground Development

We are making some exciting changes to our playground. We have bought some new equipment such as new basketball and netball hoops. We are going to make some changes to the way we use our Solar Dome too. In the summer, we have commissioned someone to do new markings on the yard and we are exploring ways in which we can liven up the perimeter walls and fences. We are introducing new ‘zones’ such as a very popular ‘Quiet Zone’! This week we’ve already had some lovely feedback from our pupils:

“Yay this is the best!”

“What we can actually go to the other side if we want to!”

“It’s like 2019 when things were good!”

“Excuse me, where is the quiet zone?”

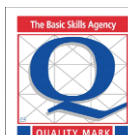
“I like the zones, will you explain them to me? This is so good.”

Key Dates (Full updated list to be released on 10th June)

Monday 2nd May
Tuesday 3rd May
Monday 9th – 12th May
Monday 23rd May
Tuesday 24th May
Friday 27th May

Monday 6th June
Tuesday 7th June

Bank Holiday: School Closed
Start of Year 2 SATs
Year 6 SATs Week (High Borrans trip from Friday 13th May)
Teacher Training Day: School Closed
Start of Assessments for Reception Children
Last day of Summer half term
June Newsletter
School Bank Holiday: Queens Jubilee
School reopens for the second half of the Summer Term



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