



## Bowburn Primary News

### Meet the School Council !

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Children have elected their representatives to the School Council body last week , and we were pleased to welcome Mr Collinson our Chair of Governors to assembly on Friday to announce the successful candidates. Those who wanted to be elected put their name forward in writing and had to prepare a short speech to deliver to their class in a 'hustings' , while everyone else listened closely . Quite a scary task, but teachers were impressed with the speeches that the children gave. After this , children came to the hall a class at a time to vote in a secret ballot at the polling booths. The votes were counted and checked by Mrs Foster , and the new school council members received their badges in assembly from Mr Collinson. Meetings will begin after half term . Well done to everyone who took part and to the new Council members:

Year 1: Joel S, Manvir B      Year2: Danny W, Clark M

Year 3: Darcie D, Freddie J

Year 4: Oliver D, Eva B      Year 5: Benjamin D, India J

Year 6: Faye W, Olivia M.

#### Parents Meetings

We hope to hold in person parents meetings next half term , if the Covid situation allows.

For health and safety reasons we will request that only ONE adult attends and that ALL children remain at home . This will reduce the number of people in the building and in contact . Meetings will also be kept short and all parents must wear a mask. We appreciate that parents haven't had in person meetings with teachers for a long time so we want to do this if the Covid regulations allow. If this is not possible we will look to organise online Teams Meetings.

**The dates we have set aside are November 23rd and 24th from 3.30-6pm .**

Appointments will be arranged by class teachers via Class Dojo after the holidays.

### Cross Country event, New College, Durham.

On Tuesday, 30 children from KS 2 took part in the School Sports Partnership Cross Country event at New College, Durham. Whilst the weather wasn't great, it was certainly a massive improvement on the storm conditions which had forced postponement of the event earlier in the term. The drizzly conditions didn't diminish the children's enjoyment of the day at all, as they took part in a range of competitive races and fun runs. Everyone dug deep and gave each race their all - especially the fun run. Many of them were already pretty exhausted from their first event, but still chose to take part in the final race, with many of them finishing in the top 20! It was a great event and the children represented the school admirably with their excellent behavior and maximum effort.

#### **Half term holiday:**

**School closes**

**Friday 22nd**

**October , and re-opens**

**Tuesday 2nd**

**November.**

**(NB: Monday 1st**

**November is a teacher training day, so school is closed.)**



**School Photos:**

**Wednesday  
17th**

**November**

Family groups from 8am in the hall.

Photos delivered in time for Xmas !

**NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS** for pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be taking place in school on Monday 8th November . Please register your consent for your child online to guarantee their vaccine . It's really important that we have a high uptake for this important vaccine which can prevent winter illness.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October, Year 5 enjoyed working with the sculptor Andrew McKeown. You may have seen some of his work along the Seaham coast! The children spent the day designing mining tokens and creating mining art work. Children carved some of the token designs into sand blocks, and we all watched them being cast from pewter. Some of the children then worked on cleaning up the tokens and were really impressed with the results. It was great to have a visitor in school to give the children a new experience!



Year 6 pupils had their very own 'evacuation' experience at Beamish this half term as part of our World War Two history topic, finding out what jobs around the farm they would have to do as part of 'the war effort' if they had to move away from home. Feeding the animals, collecting eggs and mucking out the animals were just some of the duties they would have had to help out with. We wrote postcards back to our families whilst sat around the hearth at Home Farm and then enjoyed a tour around the different areas Beamish had to offer: journeys on old-fashioned transport, watching boiled sweets being made, interacting with the 'characters' and much more.

The children had a fantastic time finding out what life would have been like during the various eras and thoroughly enjoyed the impromptu lesson by Victorian teacher, 'Master Bell', on the importance of behaving in class. A grand day out was had by all !

## Segedunum

Year 4 had an exciting start to the week with a trip to 'Segedunum' to see the remains of the Roman Fort. We had a perfect view of the site from the looking tower and then spent plenty of time exploring the different buildings that were used by the Romans. The children were fascinated by the cavalry and infantry soldier's barracks, the commanding officer's house and the hospital wing. In the afternoon, we were transported into the past and became honorary auxiliary soldiers stationed in Segedunum Fort. We were able to handle armour and weapons, and feel the full extent of the weight the soldiers had to carry...an extra 5 stone...and they even had to train to swim with all their kit on ! A fabulous day.



## Staffing Updates :

We have had to bid a sad farewell to two of our teaching assistants recently . Mrs Green , who has worked at the Infants and Nursery and the Primary school for 21 years , and Mr Taylor who started at the Juniors 6 years ago . Everyone wishes them well in future.

Mrs Scrafton and Mrs Webster, two of our lunchtime supervisors, have left us for new positions and we will shortly have two new supervisory assistants starting: Mrs Wilson and Miss Dalby.

We are still hoping to recruit a cleaner to join our premises team. If you might be interested please speak to Mrs Simpson for more details.

**Finally.....Watch out for Christmas dates on a separate letter !**