

Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Bridge opening

The school council went with Corrina and Mrs Ward to celebrate the official opening of the bridge over the A1 this week, see the photograph below:



School Football Team

After their games being cancelled due to the rain last week, the school football team have had a busy week this week. On Monday, they played against two schools in the Eden Colliery Cup and although they played some great football, with a loss and a draw they didn't go through to the final. On Thursday this week, they resumed their league games and drew 1-1 against Woodlea Primary and claimed a 1-0 victory over Kibblesworth Academy. Well done, once again you have all represented Birtley East amazingly. Thank you to the supporters who came to watch the team, we appreciate the support very much.



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Cross Country

A group of children from KS2 were selected to represent Birtley East Primary School at the Gateshead Schools Cross Country event at Watergate Park on Wednesday afternoon. We would like to say a huge well done to every one of them and we are so proud of the determination and sporting resilience they showed on a tough course. They all ran incredibly well. We would also like to thank the grandparent helpers and Ms Riley who took the children and supported them at the event.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was held on Thursday 3rd October this year and at Birtley East we were part of a very exciting opportunity. The children were invited to take part in a live lesson led by poet Laura Mucha, who was attempting to break a Guinness World Record for the largest multi-venue live lesson. The children were counted into the hall and had the chance to be part of creating a poem based on this year's theme of 'Counting'. The children shared some of their own ideas and voted through a poll to help edit and create the final poem. The Guinness World Record adjudicators will now gather all of the data from the participating schools and reveal whether we have been part of a Guinness World Record, but we will have to wait until next week for confirmation. Hopefully, upon our return to school next week we will officially be World Record holders!

To follow on from the live lesson yesterday Mrs Small has set the children a challenge to create a poem of their own based on the theme of counting. Counting can mean things that you like to count, things or people you count on or things that count in life. The poems can be serious, humorous, long or short, they may or may not rhyme. Every child that creates a poem of their own will receive house points and there will be some prizes for the best poems. The poem from the live lesson can be heard and read on the following link to inspire ideas <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/what-counts/>
Poems should be handed into Mrs Small by Friday 18th October.

There is information attached to this newsletter for **parents with children with additional needs** in Gateshead and some information about a **fun day at the Waste and Recycling Centre**.

The NSPCC have launched a pack of materials to support parents with keeping their children safe online, accessible here: [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)