**Birtley East School Times**

6th October 2023

**National Poetry Day**

We have shared poetry in school today to celebrate National Poetry Day. You will see some lovely examples of this on our website. The theme was ‘refuge’ and the children were really thoughtful in their responses.

**Reading at Home**

We are working really hard in school to support your children’s reading development. One important thing you can do at home is to read with your child. Share a book at bed time, make it part of your routine. Children who are reluctant to read often respond well to taking turns reading pages or paragraphs with an adult/older child. Make time for this – they are not children forever and reading is such an important skill to learn whilst they are young.

**Art resources - request**

A lot of classes need to do mood boards for art over the course of the year and we need magazines/comics/leaflets to do this. If you have any at home you are finished with please can you send them in for us to re-use.

**Football**

On Thursday night, the school football team put in two stellar performances (inspired by the Newcastle and Sunderland games the night before) to end the first half of the league games for this season. First, we played Kibblesworth Academy and came away with a well-deserved 3-1 victory before following it up with a 2-1 victory against Portobello Primary School. Every player gave their all and represented Birtley East and themselves proudly. Next week, they will be playing in the Cestria Cup Tournament and we wish them the best of luck.

**Cross Country**

On Wednesday afternoon 25 children from Y3-6 went to Watergate Park to take part in a very difficult cross-country run against other Gateshead schools. They had a brilliant afternoon. Every one of them gave it everything they had, and we are so proud of the determination and resilience they showed while also enjoying the challenge. Well done runners- you are all amazing!

**Parents Evening Appointments – 17th and 19th October, 3.30-6pm**

Booking will open for parents evening appointments at 5pm tonight. Mrs Purcell (SENCo) will be available during the evenings so if you would also like to see her please telephone school to make an appointment. Please be careful to use your parental log in, not your child's, to book appointments. Parents can reset their own passwords. If you cannot make an appointment online then please contact the school office **after 10am** to speak with Miss Smith or Mrs Leighton in order to be booked in. Booking closes on Sunday 15th October.

**ASD Hub**

Please find attached some information about this local resource.

**REMINDER: Flu Immunisation Consent**

The following date has been planned for our school **15/12/2023**

**Please complete consent via the following link:**

[**https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk%2FForms%2FFlu&data=05%7C01%7CAnnaDiggle%40Gateshead.Gov.UK%7C0957b8ae4cdf4ba34d8f08dbc00d4ac1%7C09fbb97943174d219cb6e58811169cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638314935537112502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Xq7eq1VHk28UyLxUqfGBagU9OO93pLWtyo7ROE6zm%2BM%3D&reserved=0)

**using school code** **NB108337**

**Dates for your diary**

*In addition to the dates below, we are arranging a meeting for year 4 parents about the multiplication tables check, the date for this is being finalised.*

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| Date | Details |
| 17-10-23 & 19-10-23 | Parents Evening and Halloween Swap Shop – send in your unwanted costumes to swap! |
| 26-10-23; 3.30pm | Phonics meeting for parents |
| 27-10-23 | Halloween dress up day (whole school), Early years Stay and Play (Nursery am, Reception pm) |
| **WB 30-10-23** | **Half term** |
| 10-11-23 | Be Bright Be Seen |
| 13-11-23 | Y1 Reading Workshop |
| 15-11-23 | Y5 Reading Workshop |
| 16-11-23 | Y6 Reading Workshop |
| 17-11-23 | Y4 Reading Workshop |
| 21-11-23 | Reception Reading Workshop |
| 24-11-23 | Y3 Reading Workshop |
| 27-11-23 | School photos |
| 28-11-23 | Y2 Reading Workshop |
| 29-11-23 | M&M Beauty and the Beast Panto in school (1pm) |
| 30-11-23 | Nursery Oracy/Reading Workshop |
| 7-12-23 | Santa Run\* and Christmas School Lunch \* Change of focus! (The children will also be able to wear a Christmas jumper if they want.) |
| WB 11-12-23 | Christmas performances |
| 15-12-23 | Nasal Flu Vaccines |
| WB 18-12-23 | Christmas parties |
| 22-12-23 | Carols in the hall (pm), end of term |
| **Tuesday** 9-1-24 | Start of spring term (8-1-24 is a staff INSET day) |

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