

TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

Monday 4th November – Flu Vaccinations



Tuesday 5th November – P2/3 African Drumming starts

Friday 8th November – P7 Assembly and PC Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th November – Silly Science Workshops

Friday 15th November – Children in Need Pyjama Day and Curriculum Open Morning (9.20-10am)

WHOLE SCHOOL STAFFING UPDATE

Ms Donaldson continues to be absent from school for the month of November. Miss Cruikshank also remains absent for the next three weeks at the moment. We wish them both all the best and a speedy return to good health.

Mrs Gray has the very exciting news to share that she is expecting a baby! She plans to begin her maternity leave after the Easter Holidays. A big congratulations to her and her family. Further information for P5 parents will follow regarding the Term 4 teacher for this class.



DUNEDIN MUSIC CONSORT WORKSHOPS

P5 and P7 are taking part in a series of music workshops with Dunedin Music Consort. These workshops culminate in two whole school performances on Thursday 5th December. P5 parents are invited to attend at 10.45-11.30am and P7 parents at 11.30-12.15pm.

Both classes are also invited to take part in an after school trip to the Queens Hall (transport will be provided to and from school) on Wednesday 18th December (4-4.45pm). Permission forms will be issued for this by the end of November.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Parent Council ran a very successful Halloween Party this week and all the children who attended had lots of fun. Thank you to all the Parent Council members and parent helpers who made this happen. Parent Council are now busy planning for the Christmas Fair on the 7th of December.

The funds raised by our Parent Council have so far this year been used to:

- Subsidise to a high level the school trips for every class
- Pay for our Reading Cloud subscription which enables our library to run smoothly and children to take books home
- Buy playground games and equipment, managed by our Pupil Council
- Provide a hardship fund to ensure all families have equitable access to experiences and equipment
- Fund Silly Science workshops through sponsorships
- Fund our School Pantomime for all children

The Parent Council are currently looking for new members. Contact tynewaterparentcouncil@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

PRIMARY 6 EUROQUIZ

Our School Ambassadors have been working hard to fulfil their promise to reinstate the fruit trolley and we now are able to share the super news that this will be starting again next week with free fruit across the school every Monday. A big thank you to Fordel Service Station who are providing us with the fruit. Well done Charlotte and Freddy!



AFRICAN DRUMMING CONCERT

We kick-started our African Drumming sessions today with a whole school concert from Daniel Duggan of Resilient Rhythms. We had a great time clapping, tapping, chanting and drumming with lots of volunteers called upon to demonstrate their skills. Primary 2 and Primary 3 will be starting their workshops next week and can't wait!



PRIMARY 1 WOODLAND WALKS

Primary 1 continue to enjoy their woodland walks each Friday, exploring nature, strengthening friendships and learning outdoors.

Well done Primary 1!



PRIMARY 6 SKIING

Primary 6 starting Skiing this week and had a wonderful time learning a new skill. Some of our Primary 6 pupils are already adept skiers, so enjoy their time honing their skills and testing themselves on the trickier slopes.



WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY?

Story Telling Evening – 15th November at 7.30pm

Christmas Lights Switch on – 29th November at 6pm

Christmas Panto – 1/3/4/5/6th December at 2.30pm/7.30pm

AUTUMN DRESS

With the colder and wetter weather now creeping in, can we please ask parents and carers to ensure that children are coming to school with appropriate jackets and footwear? We aim to support children's right to play and encourage them to play outdoors in the less extreme rain, so it is important that children have the clothing to do this. We also encourage all children to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into as well.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

A big thank you to all the families who purchased books from our Book Fair at Parents Evening. This has raised a fantastic £520.65 for books for our school. Our Library Pupil Group and Literacy Champion Pupil Group are now planning on what books to buy for our school.

