



26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coals to Goals: As part of their history curriculum, our year 5 pupils visited the Beacon of Light to take part in a Heritage Day to find out all about mining in the local area. During the day, they got to learn about the history of coal mining, learn some coal mining songs, take part in a PE lesson and have a tour around parts of the Stadium of Light. The feedback from the staff who were leading the day complimented the behaviour and politeness of all the children, which was lovely to hear. I see it every day, but when adults not linked to the school also notice, it makes me feel very proud.

Parent Meetings: Thank you to all the parents who attended the year 5 York residential meeting or the year 6 SAT meeting. I hope you found them useful, and that staff were able to alleviate any concerns or answer any questions you may have. If you were unable to attend either meeting, the information will be sent out via email before the weekend.

JFK Superstars: Noah D in RSC/BG has been working hard on his football skills. He recently received the player of the week award for his super effort and teamwork. Well done Noah. Keep working hard!

Millie H in RSC/BG has also received an award recently for her free style dancing! Millie loves dancing and is very proud of getting her certificate and trophy to show off her hard work! Well done Millie!

Healthier Together: The school have been made aware of a website resource called Healthier Together. It is an online website and mobile application that can enable parents and carers to make informed decisions about accessing appropriate local healthcare services for their baby or child. If parents are unsure whether their child needs to be seen by a doctor, the easy-to-follow guidance on Healthier Together will ease worry and ensure people are signposted to the best service to provide help, such as a pharmacy or GP, or to self-care at home. It also ensures those who most need to be seen urgently are advised to seek the correct help. Healthier Together also has information for older children and teenagers to find out about issues relevant to them and how to access support. The link if you are interested is:

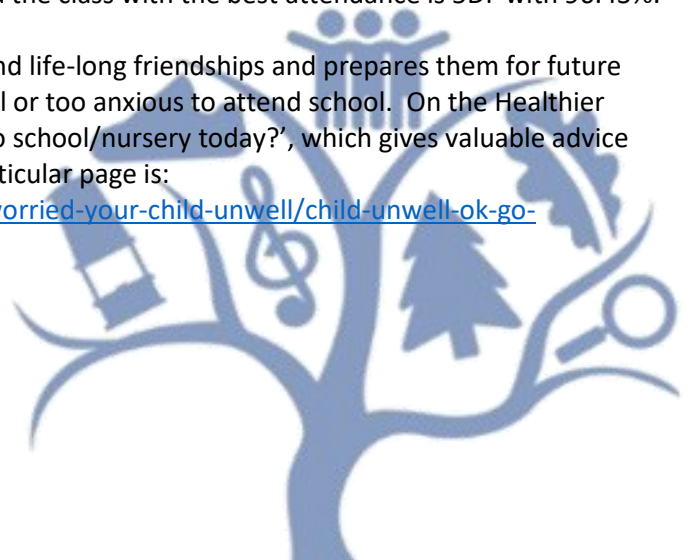
<https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/>

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 90.59% and the class with the best attendance is 5DF with 96.43%.

Regular attendance at school helps your child to build skills and life-long friendships and prepares them for future success. It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill or too anxious to attend school. On the Healthier Together website, there is also a link to 'Should my child go to school/nursery today?', which gives valuable advice for parents if your child is feeling unwell. The link for this particular page is:

<https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents/carers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

House Points: Our winning house this week is Franklin.



Girls' Football: On Thursday evening, the girls' football team took part in their first week of the Futsal league. It was great to see the team pick up the rules very quickly, with it being the first experience of Futsal for some of the team. The first game of the night was against Biddick. This was an end-to-end contest with both teams having chances to score. Biddick broke through to take the lead, however, the girls showed brilliant determination. In the dying moments of the game, Amelia T found herself with a chance on goal that she buried into the bottom corner of the near post, the game finishing 1-1.

The second game of the night was against Usworth Colliery. This was another action-packed game with lots of goals. JFK girls took the lead through Holly R being at the back post at the right time to put the team 1-0 up. The lead doubled moments later when a ball into the box was deflected in off one of the defenders. Usworth piled the pressure on after this and quickly clawed a goal back with a cool finish into the bottom corner. In the final minutes of the game, Usworth were able to equalise with a powerful effort into the far corner. The game finished 2-2.

Well done to everyone that took part in the games.

PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. At this time of year, PE is generally in the hall however depending on the weather we may still have opportunities to go on the yard or field so please ensure your child has a jumper or jacket with them.

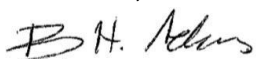
Week Commencing 29 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming	
Tuesday		Year 4
Wednesday	RAM	RSC
Thursday	Year 3	Nursery Year 5
Friday	Treehouse Swimming	Year 5 Swimming 5RN

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

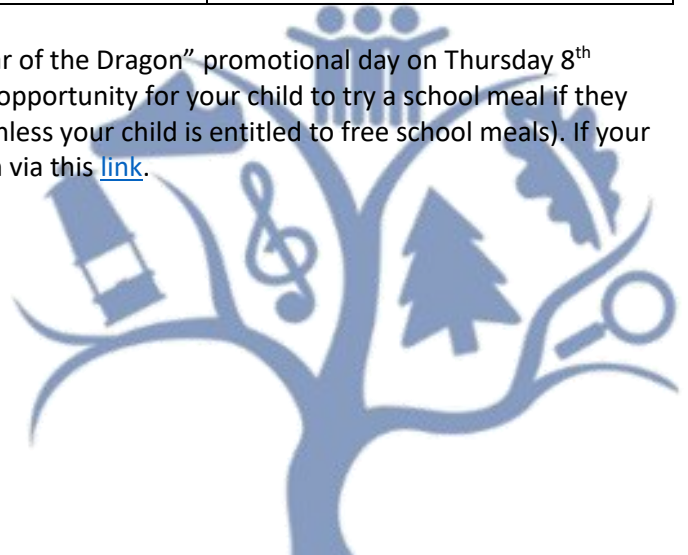
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Chinese New Year: Our school kitchen team is holding a "Year of the Dragon" promotional day on Thursday 8th February to celebrate Chinese New Year. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to try a school meal if they don't already have one. The cost of the meal will be £2.30 (unless your child is entitled to free school meals). If your child would like a meal on this day, please complete the form via this [link](#).

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School





John F. Kennedy
Primary School



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Louis H Jack B
	RSC/BG	Lucas B Freda C
Reception	RAM	Kane C Elliot A
	1AP	Derrick A Elliott H
One	1ES	Maxi C Teddy M
	2FM	Honey D Can Y
Two	2IT	Thomas A Eleanor C
	3MS	Isla Y Jack H
Three	3JW	Jacob B-M Maddison M
	4AF	Rosie B Ted C
Four	4BK	Emelia B Henry L
	5RN	Amelia A William H
Five	5DF	Joseph B Adam W
	6PP	Cole F Anabelle R
Six	6LM	Griffin T Lily W
	TSK TNP	Elijah J James L
The Treehouse		

