

10<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It may be cold outside, with snow and ice, but inside it has been full steam ahead with another busy week in school!

**Yr1 Agility:** On Monday, 30 pupils from year 1 and year 2 attended a Key Stage 1 Infant Agility Challenge at Silksworth Community Pool, Tennis and Wellness Centre. They took part in a range of exciting athletic activities, alongside other local schools, which tested their sporting skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, balance and coordination. They were sensible and polite, and I am so proud of them.

**Year 5 Art:** Over the last two weeks, our year 5 pupils have been attending Biddick Academy to complete art lessons taught by Miss Robotham. They have really enjoyed designing and producing new monsters on the computer; acquiring new skills on the way. Over the coming weeks, they will be making their creature creations come to life! I can't wait to see their final pieces of work.

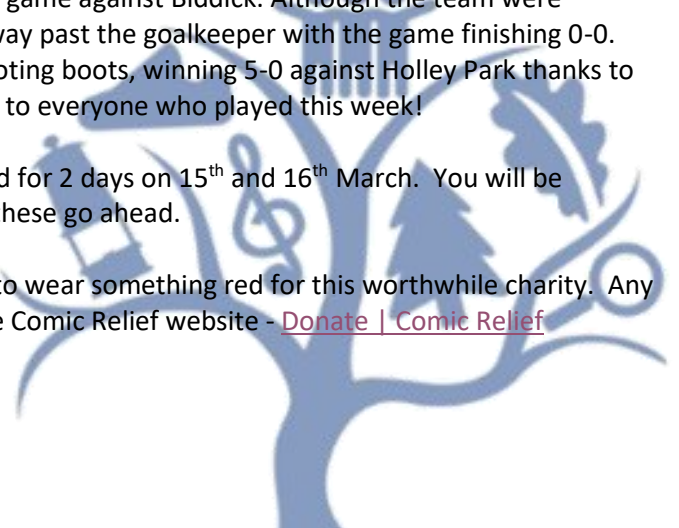
**Bike Training:** On Monday, our reception pupils continued to receive lessons on riding a balance bike. I watched one of the sessions, and I was very impressed with the skills the children were showing. Miss Newsome's class have also completed level 1 and level 2 Bikeability this week. This means that they are now aware of how to ride carefully on the road so that they are safe. Mrs Fort's class will finish their training at the start of next week.

**International Women's Day:** As part of International Women's Day, eight girls from our girl's football team were given the great opportunity to visit the Beacon of Light to take part in a work shop, to raise aspirations of women in sport and STEM. They took part in lots of interesting activities such as dodgeball, football and coding robots to move around a room following instructions. The girls had a great morning and were excellent representatives of our school.

**Football:** It has been a very busy week for the girls' football team, who resumed their football season with three matches. On Monday night, the team played at home against George Washington. It was a close game all the way through with both teams having good moments in front of goal. Midway through the second half, Isabella O found herself at the back post to score the only goal of the game as the girls won 1-0. Lilly M made some amazing blocks in defence to keep us in the lead and secure the win. On Tuesday night, the girls played two more games against Biddick and Holley Park. The first game of the night was a tight game against Biddick. Although the team were brilliant at creating opportunities, they were unable to find a way past the goalkeeper with the game finishing 0-0. For the second game of the night the girls had found their shooting boots, winning 5-0 against Holley Park thanks to four goals from Gracie D and another for Isabella O. Well done to everyone who played this week!

**Strikes:** Just another reminder that the next strike is scheduled for 2 days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. You will be receiving a letter explaining how the school will be affected if these go ahead.

**Red Nose Day:** On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we would like all pupils to wear something red for this worthwhile charity. Any donations towards the fundraising can be made directly on the Comic Relief website - [Donate](#) | [Comic Relief](#)



**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. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally taking place in the school hall, however, some lessons are now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF)

**Forest School:** Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed, they must be covered up during these lessons. 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.

Week Commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3MA
Tuesday		4AF
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		1ES

**Mother's Day Raffle:** We have 2 fabulous prize hampers for our next raffle. Tickets cost £1.00 and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the Payment Items section in ParentPay to enter the draw.



**Attendance:** Our school attendance is really good this week, at 94.77%. However, can I just give a quick reminder that the school doors open at 8.40am and shut at 8.50am, when the register is taken. Children arriving after this time, should enter through the main entrance of the school, where they will be marked as late.

**Breakfast and After School Club:** Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

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	NLM	Elsie C Grayson B
	RSC	Leon T-M Mia McL
Reception	RAM	Ayesha B Mason R
	1ES	Poppy L Sophia C
One	1MS	Cole L Sorch G
	2MA	Joe E Joel M
Two	2FM	Poppy H Sofia S
	3BM	Tommy C Riley A
Three	3MA	Kate M Alfie K
	4AF	Jenson T Chloe W
Four	4IT	Ayden T Mia R
	5RN	Ben E Louie M
Five	5DF	Leo C Romeo F
	6PP	Charlotte B Jack B
Six	6LM	Sydney B Grace L
	TSK TNP	Steven O Jayden S
The Treehouse		

## Head of School Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Head of School Awards go to:  
Phoebe A for being amazing in everything that she does. She is a joy to have in class!  
Joshua W for his perseverance when telling the time using an analogue clock.

