

**Newsletter**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**

**Bagshaw Museum Visit**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September our Year 3 classes went to learn all about Ancient Egypt at Bagshaw Museum. They studied the mummification process and particularly enjoyed the gory bits!

There was time for trying out some hieroglyphs and for a quick visit to the shop. It was a great way to kick off their topic work for this half term.



The weighing of the heart to see if the mummy can pass into the afterlife

Our budding archaeologist uncovering hidden artefacts

**Shakespeare Library Workshop**



**A whole universe in our school hall**

Year 5 children were treated to a great experience on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September when the whole of our hall was filled with an inflatable planetarium. The children were fascinated by what they saw and the amazing facts they were told. Amelia and Jack C thought that seeing all the planets was cool and Lily-Mae's favourite bit was a video about going through the rings of Saturn. Isabelle said there was a part that actually felt like I was walking on the moon! The children went back to class thoroughly inspired to find out more about space.

**Shakespearian Library Visit**

We went to Honley Library to do a drama workshop about William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. When we got there we did exercises with Joe to warm up our bodies and voices, then we played 'Sly Wolf' with Vicky. We had to try to get the magic potion bottle from her without her hearing us. After that we made imaginary potions and had to act out how it affected us. Finally, we created our own Enchanted Forest out of fabric and imagination and invented characters to live there. We all had a fantastic time and would love to do it again.  
(Lewis Coombs and Evie Goldthorpe 4J)

## Year 6 news

Thank you to the fantastic turn out on Monday for the SATs information evening. It was great that so many Parents were there enabling us to share important information about the new style SATs and how to support your child in this particularly important year. We really appreciate your support. Year 6 have been sitting their baseline tests this week and we are really proud of their work ethic and resilience. Well done to them all.

Year 6 are now looking forward to their residential visit to Kingswood where all three classes will go together from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## Whole School Cross-Country Championship

Thanks go to Mrs Farquhar who organised a great whole school inter year group cross country event on Tuesday this week. Everyone enjoyed taking part and she is now able to pick our cross-country team for the next inter schools event.



## Football

Last week our Year 6 team played an away fixture at our Lady of Lourdes school where they won both their matches emphatically. Our amazing team was; Oliver F, Luke G, Thomas H, Joseph I, Bailey M, Tanish P, Sonny P, Henry R and Gregory W. Well done! Thanks to Mr Sunderland for organising this event.

Yesterday our Year 5 team played at home against a number of Kirklees schools; Christ Church, Moorlands and Huddersfield Grammar. The team was; Adam B, Ethan C, Jaxon D, Isaac J, Oscar O, Luke S, Josh S, Jonah T, Jonah W and Derrel W. Thanks to Miss Tombleson for organising this fixture and to Mr Thackeray for coaching the team.

Our super teams won all their matches with good grace. The children were, as always, wonderful ambassadors for school – playing with great team spirit and sportsmanship.

We were well supported by parents who enjoyed the fantastic football as well as catching some of the last summer evening sun too - thank you. It was also great to see two of our ex-pupils; Noah Thackeray and Harrison Booth who refereed the matches brilliantly.

## Flu Vaccinations in Year 3

There is an online video by the NHS for parents and carers to access regarding the flu vaccination for our year 3 pupils. It is available on this link <http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx> and it is suitable for parent and children to watch together.

## Safeguarding

Our updated safeguarding policy is now available to read on our website in the Information for Parents section.

We all share the responsibility to make sure children and young people feel safe and cared for in our community. It is important that you know who to speak to if you are concerned about ANY child in or out of school. Passing on information could help to safeguard young people and should not be seen as interfering.

Our safeguarding officer is Linda Goodall and you can speak to her in confidence about any issues regarding the safety and well-being of children.

If you think a child is being harmed or at risk of being harmed you can call the Kirklees Safeguarding Duty and Assessment Team now called Referral and Response for advice 01484 456 848.

## School number change notification

You may be aware that the Infants and other local schools have changed their telephone numbers due to a change in the system with the Local Authority. A new phone line is being installed here on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> next week so we are anticipating that our number will change on that day. We will text out the new number and make sure it is on the website too.

## School Dinners

Mrs Gordge has now been in post for three weeks as our new Kitchen Supervisor and has been working hard with her team to try out some new dishes and ideas with the children. She is trying to tweak the menu given to her by Kirklees Catering Service and has popped up a suggestions box to take feedback from the children, you are welcome to add your ideas too. Please encourage your child to give feedback as she is open to suggestions and wants the children to enjoy their dinners. If you want to discuss anything with Mrs Gordge you can call her on this number: 01484 662681. Also please encourage your child to say if they have any needs or preferences when they are in the dinner queue.

Date	Event / Activity
Monday 26th September	Year 4 Dewa Roman visit
Thursday 29th September	Parent/Carer Forum 9.00am
Friday 7th October	INSET day school closed
Tuesday 11th October	Parents'/carers' evening
Wednesday 12th October	Parents'/carers' evening Book Fair begins closes Tuesday 18th
Thursday 13th October	FOHJS Fashion Show 7.00pm
Tuesday 18th October	Harvest Festival St Mary's church 10.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Greek Feast 10.30-11.30am
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School opens