

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2023 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.2%
Whole school attendance this week	94.9%
91.6%	93.0%
96.4%	94.0%
97.9%	94.3%

Class of the week for this week is **Purple** class with 97.9% attendance. **Well done Purple class.** You now have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box this morning.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Rosie** in Reception.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons	Olivia;
Miss Winter & Mrs Watson	Ava;
Mrs Bell	Angel;
Miss Neal	Caiden;
Miss Porter	Thomas;
Mrs Askew	Finnlagh;
Miss Chappell	Ollie;
Staff star	Mrs Mullen.



Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week to see who our birthday boys and girls are.



Spring term coffee mornings

Thank you to those of you who came to our class coffee mornings this week. There was good attendance in both Years 3 and 4 and Nursery and Reception, but disappointing to see only 4 adults from 3 families for Years 1 and 2.

Class teachers will circulate any information that was shared at coffee mornings to parents and carers who did not attend.

World Book Day 02 March 2023

Staff are planning activities to take place on World Book Day on **Thursday 02 March** and throughout the week. Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a **free copy of one of the £1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Please note that **we will not be dressing up this year for World Book Day.** We agreed some time ago that we would dress up every other year, and as we dressed up last year, we will not be dressing up this year.

We will be sending out more details soon about the **book sale and coffee morning** that will be taking place on Thursday 02 March.

Potential strike action

Many of you will have seen reports in the national press this week about **potential strike action** during February and March 2023. At present this proposed strike action is being taken only by members of the NEU union. I am currently consulting with colleagues, union representatives and reviewing revised guidance which was published by the Department of Education earlier this week. I am also attending a briefing for headteachers on Tuesday. With further talks being planned between union officials and the government over the coming days and weeks, I will keep you updated regularly. I will provide you with as much notice as possible of any potential change to our provision.

Spring term events and activities

A summary of the events and activities is below-

Friday 17 February	Non-uniform for school funds
Friday 17 February 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Monday 20 – Friday 24 February	School closed for half term holidays
Monday 27 February	School opens for all pupils
Thursday 02 March	World Book Day book sale and coffee morning
Friday 10 March 2:30pm	Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 16 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
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Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Easter times tables challenge starts
Wednesday 22 March	Movie night for children in Years 1 to 4
Friday 24 March 2:30pm	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 27 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Thursday 30 March 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Friday 31 March	School closed- staff training day

Year 4 gymnastics festival

We had fabulous news from Mrs Lyons and six gymnasts from Year 4 who took part in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools gymnastics festival on Wednesday.

The children have been learning two routines with Mrs Lyons at lunchtimes. At the festival, they performed their routines and had the chance to work with coaches from the gymnastics club to practise floor skills and work on the vault, beam and fast track trampoline.

Very well done to **Henry, Isabelle, Christina, Klay, Ava-Betty and Joey** who worked really hard on their routines both before and at the festival. They were also amazing ambassadors for our school at the event. Huge thanks to **Mrs Lyons** for all of the support that she provided for the children at the festival and for teaching them the routines at lunchtimes.



Pirate themed lunch

Yesterday we served a special **pirate-themed meal**. The meal was shipwreck sausage in a bun served with Jack Sparrow fries, peas and sweetcorn followed by chocolate cannon ball crispy cake and shiver-me-timbers milk.

Children who had a pirate themed lunch had a chance of finding a **golden ticket** and winning a prize.

Golden ticket winners were Henry, Roman, Denae, Jimmy, Leila and Finnlagh.

There was also a **star prize** for one child in our school to be entered into a prize draw across the authority to win a family ticket to the Pirate Quest and other attractions at Tynemouth Park. This was won by Theo.

Whole school shared text

Last week we told you about the excellent work that had been taking place in school when **all year groups worked on one shared text- The Invisible by Tom Percival.**

This is a beautiful story about a girl called Isabel and her family who had to move to the far side of the city, where Isabel started to feel... invisible. The story focuses on seeing those around us and how we all have a right to belong.

Children in all year groups were really engaged with the story and the work they did using the story as a stimulus. Some children made gratitude jars. Some wrote diary entries putting themselves in Isabel's place and explaining how she felt. Some painted a picture of Isabel moving from feeling invisible to feeling visible and vibrant again. Here is just a tiny glimpse of their work.



