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Spring Term 1 Issue 2

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Dear Parents & Carers

The staff and children have clocked up 300 miles on our 'Daily Polar Mile' challenge to walk to the North Pole and they have already reached Inverness!

I was so proud of our Year 5 and 6 children who were absolutely awesome in the Tag Rugby Festival on Tuesday. One of our teams reached the semi-finals and were only beaten by Brompton on Swale, who went on to win the Festival. A special mention goes to Captains Caitlyn and Morgan, who did an amazing job organising and encouraging the teams and to Adam, our man of the match and top try scorer! Thanks also to Miss Crisp, who coached the teams on to success! Here is a match report, written by Caitlin and Evie

*At the tag rugby tournament class 3 had an amazing time. Even though it was cold, everyone played brilliantly and they scored many tries. Even if they lost, they still had a positive mind set. Group 2 got into the semi finals and played outstandingly and group 1 and Barton applauded for them every second but unfortunately group 2 lost. Everyone discussed techniques and worked as a team.*

### **Group 1**

*Everyone played excellent and supported each other even if they lost. The whole team worked together and they kept trying to be a respectable sport. Everyone had a great team spirit. They had a fabulous time and when they had to go back to school, they all wanted to play on and face another team.*

### **Group 2**

*This group worked together and included everyone and also, they didn't disagree if they had to stay off as a sub. Fortunately, Morgan scored the first spectacular tri and every single person on the team cheered (Mrs Petch cheered louder than us)! They even beat Richmond Methodist school which we have never done before.*

*Altogether they had a wonderful time and would love to go again.*



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After our successes on the rugby pitch, I would like to let you know that Barnard Castle Rugby Club Juniors are looking for new recruits. You can just turn up to the rugby club at The Domains at 10.30 on a Sunday morning to join in. Do feel free to pop along – you will be made very welcome.

The Friends of Ravensworth School had a really great meeting on Monday night and planned a programme of exciting events for the year ahead. We welcomed in a new committee, with Rachel Hegarty as Chair, Sarah Yarrow as Secretary, Janice Tallantire as Treasurer and Liz Causer, Gemma Fenney and Kath Morris as Officers. I would like to thank Amanda Antoncich who has stepped down as Chair. We have a great bunch of parents who have also volunteered to help at events. So a huge thank you for your support and commitment to the school. Future events include: a sponsored climbing wall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to celebrate the end of our 'Frozen Lands' topic, to see if we can climb the last few miles all the way to the North Pole! The Friends will be selling raffle tickets for 3 hampers at our Easter Lunch on 10<sup>th</sup> April alongside a paste-egg competition. There will be two Air Ambulance Bag Collections on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Friends are planning a Band Night with luxury raffle in Newsham Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May, Muddy Monkeys on 11<sup>th</sup> June and a Summer Fair and BBQ on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. As you know, our Pirate Ship has been condemned and Friends are supporting school as we need to raise approximately £15,000 for a new trim trail / large play equipment to improve the outdoor environment and enable the children to have even more fun on a break time! Please come and join us – we need your help!

It's words of the week time again...

Words of the Weeks:



The words for the next two weeks are great for describing the blustery gusts of wind that we have been having lately! Please listen out for children using: *gust*, *flurry*, *blustery* and *howl*.

Our staff and children have been busy re-visioning – learning about our new Christian value of love and exploring what it means to love yourself and to love your neighbour – at home, at school, in the community and the wider world. I would like to share our new vision for the school with you – which further builds on our core Christian Values – building firm foundations for the future.

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**Our Vision is to:**

**“Learn with love, flourish in faith.”**

**To embrace excellence for all through God, building a better world together.**

**To work together to embrace excellence for all;**

**To nurture the heart; the spirit and the mind; so that children and adults flourish as individuals and are empowered to make a positive difference for each other; their families; our community and the world.**

**‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength’ and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’** Our vision to learn with love and flourish in faith comes from the greatest commandments given by Jesus: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength’ and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ So each day we live out these commandments through our values of love, respect, forgiveness and integrity. We learn to love ourselves, each other, our community and our world and learn to grow as active, healthy and engaged citizens.



Thank you for your support in what has been a very challenging week for our buses and taxis due to local road closures. As a school, we aim to provide flexibility for our families, however, to ensure our bus registers and after school club registers are accurate, please could I ask you email or ring Mrs Richmond in the school office before one o'clock. Please do not change the end of day arrangements for your child/ren after 1pm. If an emergency does arise, please leave a message on the answer phone, which is always checked before 3pm.

Also, please remember, that at the end of the day we will only hand children over to parents or to an agreed person. If you have asked somebody different to collect your child from school, please notify the office in advance. Keeping children safe in school is our priority and we value your continued support with this.

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I hope you are enjoying Class Dojo as much as the staff and children? Please feel free to comment and even share photos of what the children get up to at home and at the weekends. We get so excited when Class Dojo pings and we can share your likes and lovely comments with the Class.

And finally... a message from Mrs Harris, our Maths Subject Lead...

***"In my role as Maths Subject Leader I visited Ravensworth school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January and was very impressed with all the fantastic learning opportunities and super learning environments. Class 1 were adding and subtracting in many different ways, Class 2 amazed me with their fantastic attitude to learning and how well they worked; all were on task and embracing the challenges set. I was really put to the test by Class 3 who were working super hard on tackling lots of tricky fraction addition and subtraction. Well done to you all. Keep up the good work!" Mrs Harris (Barton Class 2 Teacher and Maths Subject Lead)***

Have a lovely weekend!  
Kindest regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs Sharon Stevenson  
Executive Headteacher

### **Children celebrating achievements last week:**

#### **Our stars of the week were:**

**Class 1:** Millen, Thomas & Oliver

**Class 2:** Lucy & Kimberley

**Class 3:** Emily

**The Badger has been awarded to:** Zach

**Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to:** George

#### **News from Class 1**

We have had another lovely (& busy) two weeks here in Class One with lots of learning taking place. We are well into our 'Frozen Lands' topic and the children have all been so engaged and super excited with their learning.

In English we have been exploring the book 'Lost and Found' and have completed lots of work around this. We used our prediction skills to predict what we thought was going to happen in the book, we used lots of adjectives and created 'Found' posters, we have created lists of items that we would take with us if we were to go to the Antarctic and are now well into writing our own adventure stories about the little boy and the penguin. In Maths, the Year one's have impressed me with their ability to double numbers as well as to add lots of different numbers together using things like tens frames and number lines! The Reception children have been exploring numbers, doubles and addition with lots of their learning taking place in the outdoor area.

In our topic lessons, we have been exploring Google Earth to find the Arctic and Antarctic regions as well as to look for Ravensworth. We have been looking at Materials in Science and the children are amazing at identifying the material of different objects as well as describing their properties.

Thank you for your support with Class Dojo - the children are loving it and are even more excited when we earn enough dojos to receive extra playtime!

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### News from Class 2

Class 2 have written some incredible stories based on the book, 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. I really enjoyed them presenting their final versions and reading in class. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at report writing and will be writing about Arctic animals. The children used IT to research Arctic animals and impressed Mrs Stevenson with some fantastic facts – Did you know a Polar Bear's skin is actually black? And that an Ermine's fur changes colour with the seasons – white in winter and brown in summer? In Maths we will be moving onto multiplication, so please keep practising times tables with the children. We have also had great fun learning how to play Tag Rugby in PE. Please keep looking on Class Dojo for all the wonderful pictures of our children's learning and do like and comment – we all get very excited when Class Dojo pings and we can share some of your lovely comments with the class.



### News from Class 3

Story writing must be the thing this week because Class 3 have planned and written amazing stories based on our class book. We are currently in the process of typing them so when we have finished, we will post them onto class dojo. You will be blown away I am sure. Our fractions work in Maths is going from strength to strength despite some of the children being 'scared' of them. I think they are beginning to realise they are actually pretty good at it. All of the children have loved the Tag Rugby and I was so proud of their sportsmanship: congratulating other teams; shaking hands at the end of a match and never complaining when on the bench. Thanks again for supporting the children with truly spectacular homework. I am just loving the creativity and effort many of the children are putting in – they are so proud to share it.



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<b>Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>EH = Executive Head in school</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>EH</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans 1pm
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>EH</b> Lunchtime Tag Rugby club classes 2&3. After school fitness club 3.15-4.15pm all pupils who have signed up.
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>EH</b> School Friends Movie Night in school – details to follow from School Friends
<b>Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>EH = Executive Head in School</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Deadline for return of Parents evening slips</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>EH</b> Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans 1pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Lunchtime Tag Rugby club classes 2&3. After school fitness club 3.15-4.15pm.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>EH</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	

<b>Future Dates</b> More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents information evening for Reception, Year 1,2 & 6 parents 5.00-5.30pm in school.
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Messy Church 3.15-5.00pm - everyone welcome.
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents evening 4.30-6.50pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>No guitar lessons</b> – none teaching week for County Music Service
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Parents evening 3.30-5.20pm
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Climbing Wall – sponsored climb organised by School Friends.
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Ashes Service at Kirby Hill Church 11.00am - details to follow.
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Class 3 trip to Theatre Royal Newcastle Matinee performance to see Joseph & His Technicolor Dreamcoat – details to follow
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Easter lunch 12.00noon. Easter Service 2.00pm - details to follow

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