



NEWSLETTER

10th May 2019

Learning about Islam

This week, 4CR welcomed Miss Ali into our class. Miss Ali talked to us about the importance of Eid ul-Adha to her family, the local community and Muslims worldwide. She showed us her tasbeeh prayer beads and a special prayer mat called musalla. By the end of the lesson, we were all able to understand and appreciate how Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Adha (Article 30).



Tag!

Tag rugby is a children's version of the game of rugby. After school, we are training with Mrs Crawford, who is teaching us the rules, and developing our skills (Article 29, UNCRC). We are currently looking for more Year 6 pupils to join the team. Wish us luck for our forthcoming competition which will take place after SATs; hopefully we will win! - Ellie and Thakiya

Athletics

This term, Year 3 have been developing their athletic skills in PE. So far we have been practising our running techniques, over arm and under arm throwing and have started working with the javelins. Sophia had a great throw when using the

javelins. All of our lessons are to help us prepare for our summer sports day later this term.

"I enjoyed out throwing lessons because it showed us easier techniques to use." – Jaxson

"I liked the running lessons because it can come in handy both inside and outside of school." – Ella M

Shipbuilding in Sunderland

This half term, 4DG have started learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings by designing and creating Anglo-Saxon ships during their art lessons!

The children have worked in groups to try and create free-standing structures which would hold all of their team members (Article 29, UNCRC).

"It was a real challenge to make the boat stand up. You had to be a good team to make it work!" - Olivia



What is happening and when?

13 th - 16 th May	SATs week (Year 6)
20 th May	Year 6 Hit the surf trip
21 st May	Year 6 Hit the surf trip
24 th May	School closes for half term (3:15pm)
3 rd June	School re-opens (8:50am)
12 th June	4LR trip to Beamish

Our plastic pledge

This half term, all classes in Diamond Hall will be taking part in the Plastic Pledge. This will involve all pupils recycling at home and school, as well as encouraging others. The challenge will provide the opportunity for pupils and their families to consider their use of plastic in everyday life and the possible changes that could be made in order to reduce the amount of single-use plastic we consume. Stamps will be collected by pupils on a weekly basis and at the end of the half term, those with enough stamps will be provided with a free reusable water bottle that has been made from recycled materials.



Wish us luck!

By the end of next week, year 6 will have finished their end of year SATs tests that they have been working so hard for. It all starts on Monday with a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper and later in the week they will take reading and maths tests. We've had our final revision sessions this week and we're all ready to go! The year 6 teachers are so proud of the children's positive attitudes and commitment to do their best. Good luck year 6!

Walk Wise

This term, Class 3CM will be participating in a five week programme called Walk Wise. The children will develop their knowledge and understanding of road traffic. The programme consists of two indoor sessions and three outdoor sessions delivering the road safety message. In our first session we learnt the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' sequence. This week we completed our first outdoor session and we recapped the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' sequence

and we discussed how it can be applied in a range of settings.

Key information

Absences

Please inform the school office of any absences before 9a.m. on the day of absence.

Drop Box

For your convenience, there is now a 'Drop Box' in reception. You can use this for leaving letters, dinner money, visitor passes etc. We hope you find this particularly useful during busy periods.

Reminder

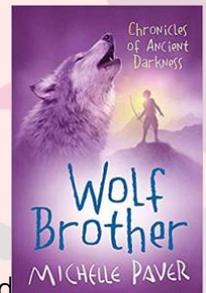
We have noticed an increased amount of items being dropped off at the school office during the day, which causes disruption to children's learning. Can you please ensure your child has everything they need (including packed lunches, water bottles and PE kits) when they come into school in the morning.

School Car Park

For Health and Safety reasons, can we please remind parents not to pull into the car park at any time as this is for staff use only.

My recommended read: Miss O'Connor

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver



When I was growing up, I enjoyed escaping into an unknown world of adventure and danger. The book series 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver enabled me to join a quest in a world of wolves, tree spirits, hidden people and a powerful magic. It is based on different clans of hunter-gatherers who know every tree and herb and they know how to survive in a time of enchantment.

Because it is so distant to how we live our lives, I was fascinated by the way they lived and how an ambitious and malevolent force conjures a demon; a demon so evil that it can be contained only in