

Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. I hope you've all had a nice week and are ready for the weekend. Children in school continue to impress with their amazing work in and out of school. I was thrilled to hear that one of our Year 6 pupils, Arjun, has recently been invited to play for the **Cramlington Vikings** Under 14s team despite only being 11! I also enjoyed showing off a **new karate belt** earned by one of our Year 5 girls this week.

Children across school often come and visit me in my office to show me some of the work their teachers have been particularly impressed with. It is brilliant to **celebrate the achievements of children** in our community and I love sharing the good news with you. **Year 2** has impressed me with their impressive work in **Music**. Miss Gallon and all of Year 2 played their glockenspiels for the first time and blew me away with their rhythm and ability to play in tune. Next week will be another busy one with some of our **Year 6** children heading off to **Robinwood** from Monday until Wednesday. This is something we hope to do every year so keep your eyes out for some of the pictures which we upload on the Facebook page. I am very grateful for all of the staff (**Miss Dobson, Mr Gray, Mrs Black and Mrs Stoddart**) who have volunteered to head across for a couple of days without their families. Residential are genuinely great fun for children and staff but they're very tiring! See you all next week :)



Mr Routledge

Smart Watches

A number of children have come into school since the Christmas break wearing **smart watches**. Could we please ask that you do not send children into school wearing these devices as they have been known to pose a safeguarding risk. They can also be expensive and we'd hate for any of them to get lost or damaged.

Art Work

Last term, each class produced a piece of **beach themed artwork**. The work was to represent things that children have seen on their visits to the beach. The work was professionally printed onto weather-proof sheets of metal to be displayed at **Cramlington Railway Station**. As I type, I am told that work is being done to get the artwork put up on display for commuters to enjoy. If you get a chance, it would be great to go and check them out!



Industrial Action

As you may be aware, the **NEU** (one of the major teaching unions) recently announced that their ballot of members met the threshold for strike action. However, at this point **we do not** anticipate that it will impact us here. Should this change, we will let you know.

Medical Records

A polite request that if your child has any **medical needs** that have changed since you completed the **SV5 visit form**, please could you contact the **school office** so we can update their records.

Times Table Rockstars

Children in Year 4 continue to amaze me with their progress with their multiplication work. Every member of the class has made progress when compared to their 'soundchecks' they completed in September. This week we had Boys v Girls TTRS 'Battles' in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The winners were:

- Year 3 **Boys**
- Year 4 **Girls**
- Year 5 **Boys**
- Year 6 **Girls**



Next week, **Year 3 children will take on Year 5** while **Year 4 battle it out with Year 6**. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Beach

This week children in **Year 3** have combined work at the beach with work in the classroom. I loved reading through the **haikus** which **Mrs Cragg's class** produced. A special **thank you to Mrs Wharton** for getting the children safely up and down from **Howick** three days on the trot! The children all had a fantastic time and the photographs were great.

Year 6 Multi Skills

Today our **Year 6 children** took part in a live **multi skills competition** with around 20 schools across the North East. Although we didn't finish in the top three, the children competed well and had a fantastic time. The event was hosted by Justin Lockwood, the Newcastle United match day compère. I hope he has plenty of energy in reserve for a certain match coming up on Tuesday evening . . . 🙄