Newsletter

Friday, 6th June 2025

Term 3 Week 6

The Village Runs: KS1 and KS2 Take on the Challenge!

The excitement was palpable as pupils from KS1 and KS2 laced up their running shoes and gathered for the much-anticipated Village Runs this week. Although it was drizzling, this did not dampen spirits and with cheers from teachers, parents, and fellow students, the young runners set off on their journey through our village. For many in KS1, this was their first taste of a competitive run, and they embraced it with enthusiasm, dashing through their shorter route with smiles and boundless energy. It was incredible to see their eagerness and resilience as they crossed the finish line, some hand-in-hand with friends, embodying the spirit of teamwork.

Meanwhile, KS2 pupils tackled a longer course, testing their stamina and racing towards personal goals. Whether sprinting ahead or pacing themselves, each runner demonstrated fantastic perseverance, making the event one to remember. The cheers of encouragement from spectators spurred them on, proving that the Village Runs are not just about winning—they're about effort, camaraderie, and the joy of movement.

A huge congratulations to all participants for their hard work! Special recognition goes to the fastest runners in each category, who received medals for their achievements. But beyond the awards, what truly stood out was the sportsmanship displayed by every pupil, as they supported one another and celebrated each other's successes.

Dearham Carnival and Dearham Primary Summer Fete

A combined family fun day! Join in with the carnival and then head to the school field for the crowning ceremony and school Summer Fete.

We are collecting the following items for our pre-loved and tombola stalls at the Summer Fete.

If you have any of the following, that you no longer want or use, please send them to school, **from Monday, 9th June**.

- Pre-loved books
- Pre-loved toys and games
- Pre-loved uniform
- Pre-loved dressing up costumes
- Bric-a-Brac items for the tombola stall (any household objects that someone else might like to win such as candles, photo frames or anything at all!)

Having a secure knowledge of number facts, which you can recall instantly, without thinking, is key to being 'good' at Maths. Knowing Times Tables facts is an important foundation for longer multiplication and division.

Next week, our Y4 pupils, will be undertaking the compulsory DFE Multiplication Tables Check. We know that they are going to smash them!

On **Friday, 13th June**, we shall be holding a Times Tables Rock Stars Day. All children are invited to come to school **dressed as a rock star!** There will be lots of maths challenges throughout the day and a special assembly that will pitch pupils against teachers.

My Clothing

Discount code for My Clothing uniform shop:

Use code **INTAKE10** at checkout to enjoy 10% off all orders until 31 July.*

IFG, the school catering company, would love to hear your views on the food served .

Please scan the QR code here to open the link. This survey is designed to be completed by pupils, parents & staff and will help us better shape the service.

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 9th June

Monday - Potato picking*

Tuesday - Donut decorating

Wednesday - Playdoh making

Thursday - Rock painting

Friday - Free Play

**Weather dependant.*

My Hero crafts throughout the week

Snacks & refreshments included

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, using new vocabulary 'cocoon', 'egg' 'pupa' and 'Metamorphosis' and have spent time discussing and counting lots of different foods the Hungry caterpillar ate.

In Maths, we have also been practising sharing, using the different foods and have been focusing on the number 5. We have enjoyed making our own little caterpillars using brightly coloured crate paper and have proudly displayed them on our wall in Nursery. We also enjoyed making Butterfly prints, using symmetrical patterns and choosing many different colours.

During exploring time we have been searching for Caterpillars in our forest areas, although with the wet weather we haven't spotted any so far!

Well done Nursery. Another lovely week!

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Leo Dickinson and **Keeley Rae Weaver**

Reception

This week in Reception, we've been busy exploring numbers, stories, and the world around us! We've been singing the song *Five Little Kittens* to help us understand number bonds to 5. The children have really enjoyed using this catchy tune to explore different ways to make 5.

In English, we've been reading *Sam Planted a Sunflower*. The children wrote lovely descriptions about Sam and used their imaginations to describe the setting of the story.

Although the weather hasn't been very kind to us this week, we're hopeful that we'll be able to get outside soon to plant our own sunflowers in the garden. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

This week's challenges have been full of hands-on learning:

- Solving addition problems using counters and cubes, then recording their answers on whiteboards.
- Going on a "bee hunt" around the classroom and sounding out the words they discovered.
- Sorting items to learn what plants need to survive.

Using their cutting skills to build their own plants—great for fine motor development!

Well done, Reception! You have had a fantastic week of learning and discovery.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to

Archie Blacklock and **Imogen Horner**

Year 1

This week we have been very busy in Phonics, we've been working super hard getting ready for our upcoming screening check next week. We've been revising all of our GPCs (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondences) through fun games and activities – the children have been absolute phonics stars!

In Maths, we've continued counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, and we've started exploring the foundations of multiplication and division. The children have been brilliant at sharing into equal groups and spotting rows and columns in arrays.

Science has been all about investigating! We asked the big question: *Do taller trees have wider trunks?* After doing some research, we headed out to the field with our measuring tapes and string to find out for ourselves. The children loved being real-life scientists!

In Geography, we've been learning to spot human and physical features in our local area. Next, we'll be comparing these with the features of Shanghai – we're excited to see how different (or similar!) things are. In RE, we've been learning about the Sikh concepts of *sewa*, *tan*, *man*, and *dhan*, and thinking about how different religions teach us to care for others.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

Violet Morgan and **Joey Denwood**

Year 2

In English this week, we finished our work on 'The Tear Thief'. The children wrote a set of instructions on how the Tear Thief brightens the moon. The children filled these with fantastic adjectives and verbs. We also began our new book 'Not Quite Narwhal' where the children predicted the events of the story, they had some great ideas!

In Maths, we have been focusing on fractions. The children explored the meaning of a whole and also learned how to recognise and find a half and how this can be presented as a fraction. The children used their knowledge of shape to help them do this.

In Science, we began our new topic investigating how we can reuse materials and make more sustainable choices. The children designed an item by reusing products we had some wonderful ideas such as, water bottle plant pots and skateboard swings!

In ICT, the children continued to create pictures using Purple Mash in the style of artist William Morris. The children used beautiful bright colours and repeated patterns including lots of birds and flowers.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

Hayden Gee and **Roni Peat**

This week has been full of fantastic learning across the curriculum! In Maths, the children have impressed us with their brilliant work on money. There's been lots of practical problem-solving and real-life scenarios to help bring their learning to life.

In English, we've continued working on our writing inspired by *The Happy Prince* by Oscar Wilde. The children are developing their own versions of the story, focusing on creating vivid settings and thoughtful characters while exploring themes of kindness and sacrifice.

In Geography, we've been learning about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton. The children were fascinated by the story of the *Endurance* expedition, where his ship became trapped in the ice and he showed incredible leadership and bravery to bring his crew to safety.

We were also so happy to receive letters from the day visitors at Florence House. We had sent them letters on VE Day, and they wrote thoughtful replies to each of us, sharing some lovely personal stories. It was a wonderful way to connect across generations and reflect on the past.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

Paizlie Lawson and **Isabella Fulton**

Year 4

This week, we have been diving back into our times tables as we prepare for the upcoming Multiplication Check next week. The children have been working hard to recall their facts quickly and accurately, and we're really proud of the progress they've made!

In History, we've continued our exploration of the Maya civilisation. The children were especially intrigued by the Maya calendar, their unique writing system, and the exciting ball games they played. Using a variety of historical sources, the children made some thoughtful inferences and recorded their thoughts about what life might have been like for the Maya people.

We also had a fantastic time participating in the village run! It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and showing such great team spirit throughout the event.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

Marlo Henderson and **Jesse Sharp**

Year 5

Our focus this week in English has been on grammar, particularly different types of nouns and subordinate clauses. The children have done brilliantly in identifying and using them in their writing, strengthening their understanding of sentence structure.

Decimals have been the star of the show in Maths this week. From adding to subtracting them, the children have been building their confidence in working with decimal numbers. Their progress has been fantastic!

In P.E. the children have enjoyed learning the rules of rounders while playing the game. They've shown great teamwork and enthusiasm, refining their skills and understanding of this fun and competitive sport.

In our Art lesson, we've been inspired by the vibrant and unique works of Hundertwasser. The children have created pages showcasing his ideas, blending colours and patterns to represent his artistic style creatively.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

Rowan Jackson and **Chloe Tubman**

YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have had an exciting and enriching time participating in 'Bikeability' training. Despite the occasional drizzle, spirits remained high as we learned essential cycling skills to help us stay safe on the roads. We practised how to: safely turn at junctions, understand the flow and rules of traffic, identify and navigate main and minor roads, signal clearly to other road users, safely overtake parked cars and we explored the primary and secondary riding positions. Our instructors were fantastic, and we've come away with a much better understanding of how to cycle confidently and responsibly.

In dance, we've been busy preparing for our upcoming play. The Wild Warrior and Pirate dances are now complete and just need a bit of polishing. The Lost Boys dance is still a work in progress, with more choreography to be added. We've also started setting Scenes One to Three, which are coming along brilliantly. We're all looking forward to full rehearsals in the coming weeks!

In PE, our focus has been on rounders. We've been working hard to perfect our batting and fielding skills, with a particular emphasis on making tactical decisions during gameplay.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

Jayden Campbell and **Amelia Simpson**

Key Dates

June

9th—13th—Y1 Phonics Screening

9th—13th—Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks

13th—TT Rockstars Day

17th—3:30pm—Meeting re Hawes End Trip Y4

23rd —3:30pm—Meeting re York Trip Y5/6

25th—Green Food Bank Day

27th—Y5 to Netherhall

28th—Summer Fete and Dearham Carnival

30th—Reception trip to Stocks Wood

July

1st — Y1 and Y2 trip to Stocks Wood

1st and 2nd—Y6 Transition Days

3rd—Y5/6 Show—Peter Pan—6pm

7th- 8th—Y4 Trip to Hawes End

7th—Reports issued

9th—11th— Y5/6 Trip to York

16th—Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Brunch—**9:15am**

17th—Transition morning

18th—Break up 1:30pm

Courtesy Cups

Congratulations to this week's **Courtesy Cup** winners:

Early Years— **Reginald Thompson**

Key Stage 1— **Owen Wilson**

Lower Key Stage 2—**Joey Dickinson**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Eli-James Douglas**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **06/06/25**

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Whole School Attendance = 93.95%

Reception	**91.67%**
Year 1	**88.15%**
Year 2	**97.5%**
Year 3	**96.67%**
Year 4	**98.26%**
Year 5	**87.04%**
Year 6	**93.03%**

Safeguarding

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

If you suspect that a child or young person is being, or is at risk of being significantly harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must report this immediately by calling the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on:

0333 240 1727

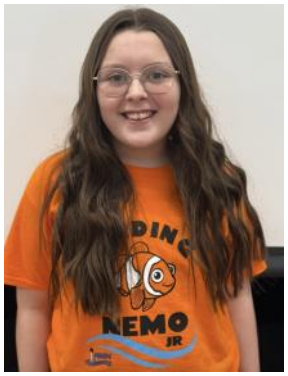
Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our designated Safeguarding team are:

Headteacher — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DSL — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

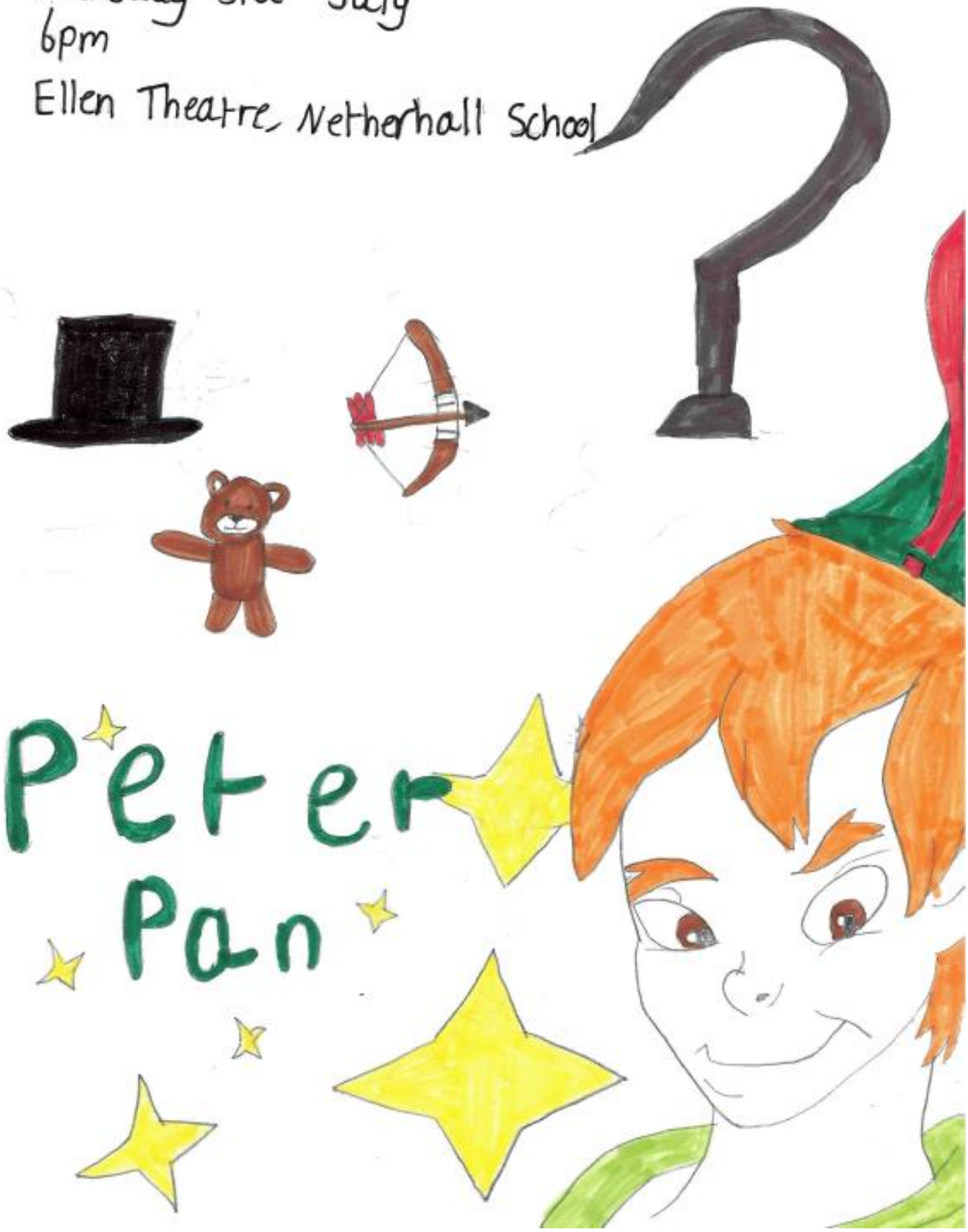
DDSL—Miss Grima and Mrs. Clayton

Safeguarding Governor— Mr. Rob Barton



We would like to wish all Dearham Primary School pupils, past and present, the very best of luck for their forthcoming production of Finding Nemo Jr. at the Carnegie Theatre in Workington, next week.

Tickets are still available via this link nemomusical.co.uk and there is a discount available, using this code: SWIMSCHOOL15

Break a leg!

year 5 and 6 presents Peter Pan
Thursday 3rd July
6pm
Ellen Theatre, Netherhall School