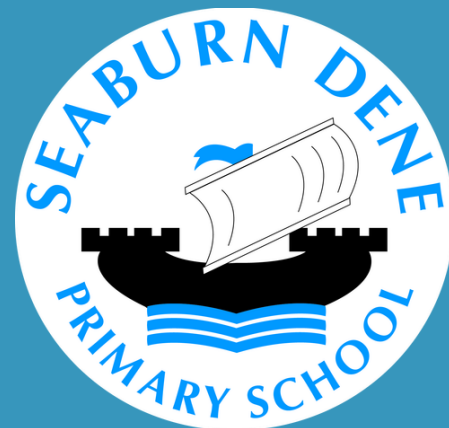


Seaburn Dene Primary
School

Head Teacher's NewsLetter



Monday, 21st September



Welcome Message

Start of Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are already 3 weeks in to a new academic year! The children have continued to impress me this week with the way in which they are showing great learning and great attitudes to learning. We have spent our assemblies looking at determination, through the story of Jack Crawford and Sunderland AFC's mantra: 'Til The End, kindness by the acts which we can do, every day and aspiration, through our school vision: "We always try to be that little bit better..." It's so important that children understand that failure is merely a stepping stone to improvement and in learning - like life - we fail often, in order to eventually succeed and improve.,

Warm regards, Mr Howe.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, 25th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. Join us after drop off in the main hall for a cuppa. Children can buy a cake - 50p each, suggested donation.

Monday, 28th September - School photos for EYFS/KS1 (and siblings) all morning.

Tuesday, 29th September - School photos for KS2 (juniors) and class photos.



Class Reading focus

Nursery - This is Me

Reception - The Colour Monster

Year 1 - What Makes Me a Me?

Year 2 - Little Red Riding Hood

Year 3: The Witches

Year 4: How To Train Your Dragon

Year 5 - Kensuke's Kingdom

Y6: Goodnight Mr Tom.



Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign: "KIND"

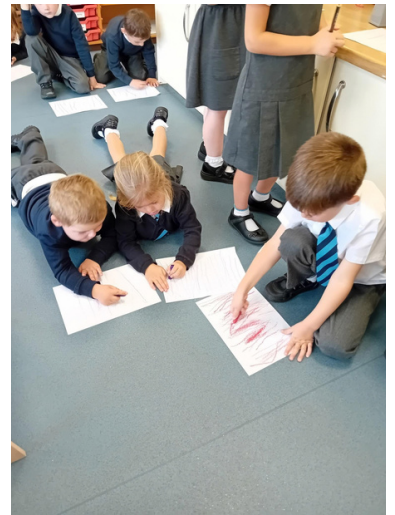
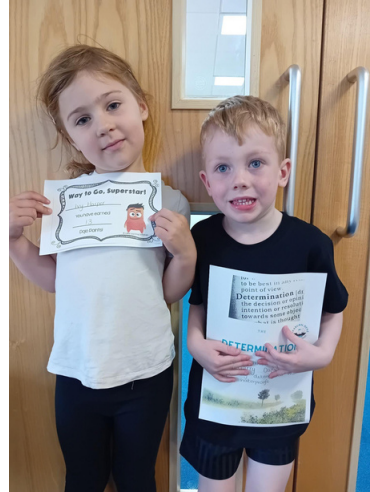


Kind



Scroll of Honour

Ollie, Oscar, Zachary.



Reception Open Morning - Reminder for Families

We're delighted to invite parents and carers to our Reception Open Mornings at Seaburn Dene Primary School - a chance to see our school in action.

Dates: Tuesday 22nd September, Thursday 8th October, Tuesday 10th November Time: 9.15am-10.45am (around 90 minutes) For: Parents of children starting Reception in September 2027. The local authority deadline for applications is 15th January. Book your place: <https://forms.gle/mUyHJuBBs4AtAMQz9> Or call the school office on 0191 563 4100.

Parking Considerately Around School

A quick reminder to please park safely and respectfully around school. Avoid blocking or obstructing neighbours' driveways and do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines, which must stay clear to keep children safe.

Arbor Communication Reminder

A short reminder that all school communication - including letters, trip details, parents' evening bookings and newsletters - will come through Arbor. Any messages for teachers or staff should also be sent via Arbor. Class Dojo will continue to be used for daily photos, quick reminders, and calendar events, while the school website also has an up-to-date calendar for key dates.

Sports Latest

Our Y5/6 mixed football squad made a solid start to their season in Durham's small schools Eden Colliery Cup, which we have previously won twice in the last five years. The team lost 3-0 to a strong St Cuthbert's in their first game, before beating St Joseph's 1-0 (Elijah), then drawing 0-0 twice with South Hylton and Hylton Castle Primaries.

OPAL Appeal: Help needed!

We need good quality: decking, plastic pipes, guttering, barrels or large containers, cable reels for our yard. Also push chairs, wheel chairs, toy cars, dolls, dressing up clothes, suitcases. Just drop off at school.

Become a School Reader

We're inviting parents, carers and community members to join us as School Readers - volunteers who give children valuable one-to-one reading time each week. It's a small commitment that makes a big difference to pupils' confidence and fluency.

If you enjoy sharing stories and can spare a little time, you can apply directly through the charity, which actively works within our school: <https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer>

Shout Outs

Huge Well Done to Our Office Team

A huge well done to Mrs Hazard and Mrs Chapman, who have been outstanding since joining us at the beginning of September. They have shown real patience, adaptability, enthusiasm, and a great deal of positivity as they've settled into their new roles and supported families, staff and pupils so brilliantly.

Head Teacher Mentions!

A special mention to the following children for an outstanding week demonstrating our school values: Anelio, Heidi, Jack, Ophir, William. Also a shout out to new children who have settled very quickly into school in KS2 over the past few weeks: Jonah, Oscar, Charlie, Olivia. And - of course - our fabulous new starters in Nursery, Miss Cooper has been full of praise for our Nursery children and how settled they have been in school, since starting, as has Mrs Golding for our new Reception children too.

