Seaburn Dene Primary School

Head Teacher's NewsLetter

Monday, 28th September



Welcome Message

Start of Autumn Term

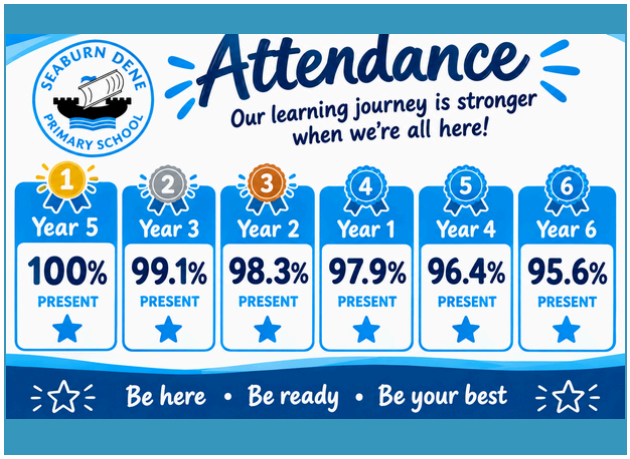
Dear Families,

We talk about our school being a family, this was the theme of my very first assembly this academic year and we always try and bring our discussions back around to this principle. In a small school, like ours, every child has the ability to make a difference for themselves and others. Staff encourage pupils to get actively involved in school life, whether this is showing visitors around, taking on important jobs around school or representing the school on a wider front. I believe it is important that our values are lived through the examples we set to children and children set to and for themselves. We regularly talk about what kindness looks like on a day-to-day basis, how respect can be shown in small actions, when aspiration just comes down to trying to be a little bit better in one thing and determination is the ability to keep going and persevere when things don't exactly go to plan. That's how values in our school are embedded.

Warm regards, **Mr Howe.**

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, 29th September - School photos for KS2 (juniors) and class photos.
Thursday, 1st October - Roman Britain workshop (in school) Y3.
Monday, 5th October - NHS Handwashing session. Y1.

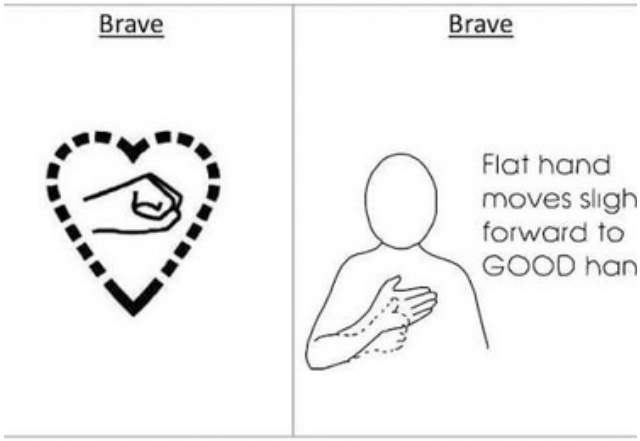


Poetry Recital

Nursery - Incy Wincy Spider
Reception - Out and About
Year 1 - Cats
Year 2 - The Sound Collector
Year 3: To The Countryside
Year 4: Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All
Year 5 - Refugees
Y6: The Good Hope

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign: "BRAVE"



Scroll of Honour

Jonah, Finn, Lyla, Polly, Imogen T, Imogen G, Mia H.









Reception Open Morning - Reminder for Families

Our next Reception Open Mornings at Seaburn Dene Primary School is on **Thursday 8th October: 9.15am–10.45am (around 90 minutes)**
For: Parents of children starting Reception in September 2027.
Book your place:https://forms.gle/mUyHJuBBs4AtAMQz9 Or call the school office on 0191 563 4100.

Monkey Bars

Thanks to your generous support of school events, the Friends of the School have helped us invest in monkey bars on the main yard. The children are keen to use them, but only after an OPAL assembly on safety and our risk assessments, this Wednesday - so watch this space.

🥗 Keep Fit Day – Thursday 1st October

Our school meals service is running a Keep Fit themed lunch day, with fun, healthy-inspired dishes such as Chicken Dumbbells, Runner's Wrap, Medicine Meatballs, followed by Fitness Flapjack or Fresh Fruit Salad, among other dishes. We encourage all children to take part. If your child doesn't usually have school meals, please let the office know in advance so the kitchen can plan accordingly. Each year group will also have a golden ticket winner, who will be entered into a prize draw for one of ten £20 Amazon gift cards.

🔤 MacMillan Big Coffee Morning

Well done everyone! We managed to raise over £300 for MacMillan nurses during our Coffee Morning 2026. Your donations and generosity in supporting this important event made all the difference.

OPAL Appeal: Resources Appeal!

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

Volunteer Opportunities

We're inviting parents, carers and community members to join us as School Readers, giving children valuable one-to-one reading time each week. If you enjoy sharing stories, you can apply directly through the charity: https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer

Gardening Volunteers

We're also looking for green-fingered helpers to support the regular upkeep of our raised beds. An hour of planting, weeding or tidying makes a big difference to our outdoor spaces. You can contact us via the school office.

Shout Outs

Mrs Bannister

A special shout out to Mrs Bannister for her amazing baking skills which have been showcased this week to raise money for MacMillan. Not only did she provided lots of cakes on Friday, but also pies for staff (for a donation) all of which went to such a great cause.

Head Teacher Mentions!

A special mention to the following children for an outstanding week demonstrating our school values: Charlotte, Tilly, Martha and Alea, while showing visitors around our school.
Lex - always polite, always ready with a smile on a morning and a high five.
All our would-be librarians and reading buddies who have embraced their new role with enthusiasm.
Also a shout out to Evie who has settled very quickly into Y5 this week and Daphne who has been a lovely addition to our Nursery class.

