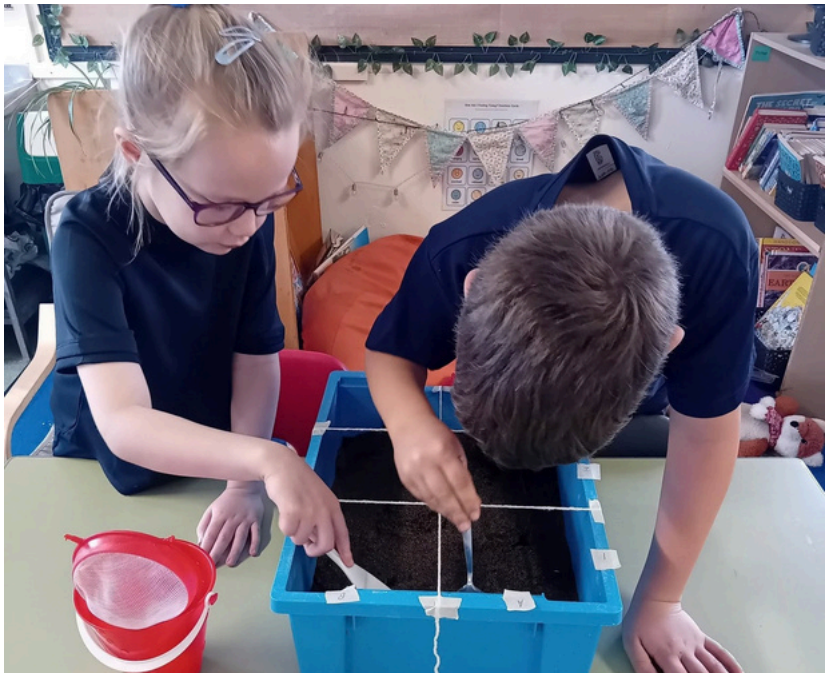
Seaburn Dene Primary School

Head Teacher's NewsLetter

Friday, October 9th 2026



Poetry in motion

This week has been another busy and successful one at Seaburn Dene Primary School. In Monday's assembly, we marked Dyslexia Awareness Month and explored the Protected Characteristic of disability, helping children understand the importance of inclusion, respect and celebrating the different strengths we all bring to our community.

On Tuesday, Mr Smith led an assembly focusing on the British Value of mutual respect, encouraging pupils to consider how their words and actions impact others.

I have enjoyed teaching some RE and history lessons in Year 3 this week. In RE, children have been exploring what makes humans special, considering different beliefs about identity, the soul and what gives people value.

A particular highlight was our wonderful Poetry Recital. The confidence, creativity and enthusiasm shown by the children were fantastic, and it was a joy to see them perform with such expression and pride. Thank you to families for your support in helping the children prepare.

Mr Howe

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, 15th October - Y3 at Broom House Farm.
Wednesday, 21st October - Y2 at Beamish.
Thursday, 22nd October - Y4 at Ushaw College, Durham. FOSBD - Halloween Disco - non-uniform



Meet our Governors

Chair: Julie Chalk

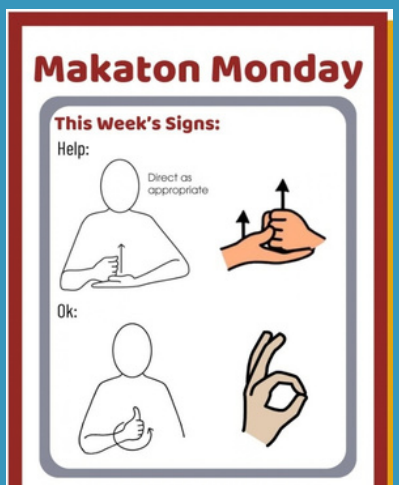
Vice Chair: Mike Wooler

Governors: Julie Cattanach, James Doyle, Rev Paul Child, Lorraine Judson, Lisa Davidson, Faye Docherty, Ashley Nokes, Ruth Tutty.

New governor: Councillor Steve Pickering.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign: "Help and OK"



Scroll of Honour

Benjamin, Layla, Martha.









Reception Open Morning - Reminder for Families

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Reception Open Day. It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families into school and showcase the warm, nurturing environment, dedicated staff and fantastic opportunities available to our children.

If you know of any families looking for a Reception place for September 2027, our next open morning will take place on Tuesday 10th November, 9:15am to 10:45am. We would be delighted to welcome them to see Seaburn Dene in action.

Monkey Bars

Children were excited to have their first opportunity to try out the new monkey bars today following the installation of the safety surfacing underneath. This fantastic addition to our playground has been made possible thanks to the generous support of families through Friends of Seaburn Dene fundraising events.

Following an OPAL assembly and a review of safety expectations and risk assessments, the monkey bars will be available for children in Years 3 to 6 to enjoy at playtimes. We know they will be a popular addition to our outdoor provision and look forward to seeing the children develop their confidence, strength and resilience while using them.

Shout Outs

Head Teacher Mentions!

A huge well done to this week's Head Teacher Mention recipients:

👏 Lucia, Niamh, Luna and Bobbi for making such a fantastic start to life at Seaburn Dene. You have settled into school brilliantly and should be very proud of yourselves.

👏 Jax (Year 3) for his thoughtful contributions and excellent answers in class.

👏 Ella (Year 4), our Golden Welly Award winner, for demonstrating outstanding care and responsibility outdoors.

👏 Finlay, who has already set a new Seaburn Dene monkey bar record by hanging on for an incredible 1 minute! We wonder who will be the first to challenge him!

👏 And finally, a special mention to all of our House Captains and Vice Captains. Thank you for the maturity, responsibility and leadership you show around school. You are excellent role models for our younger pupils and make a valuable contribution to the life of our school every day.

Sport Latest

Our Y5/6 Football team had a steady start to league action this week: winning 1 (2-0 v Town End), Drawing 0-0 (St Joseph's RC) and losing 0-1 (South Hylton) and 0-3 (St John Bosco RC.) **POM: Anelio.**

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.

Library team/Volunteers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful team of library volunteers. Their support in helping to organise, maintain and promote our school library is invaluable. They give their time generously to help create an inviting reading environment for the rest of the children and play an important role in fostering a love of reading across the school. We are extremely grateful for all they do.



