



Headteacher's Blog

14TH OCTOBER 2024

Last week's round-up

What an action packed week we had!

Thank you to everyone who came to share in our harvest festivals and donated gifts that have now been shared with Alnwick Food bank.

Thanks also to those who came and supported our Halloween discos on Thursday. The FOSP did a brilliant job of organising fun for all - we are very grateful and will bring you the total raised as soon as we have it.

We finished the week off with a visit from The Elderberries. Our senior students looked after our guests by serving refreshments and choir entertained with some jolly tunes. All our Elderberry guests left with some homemade soup thanks to Tina and Nichola in the kitchen. See you in the week,
Mrs G

Secret Head teacher spots...

A couple of 'spots' this week: Firstly, I was delighted to hear about Oliver H in Willow's hiking achievements. Ollie is working his way through the Peaks of the Lake District and recently conquered Scafell Pike! Well done, Ollie! I received a wonderful piece of writing for The Award Winning Writing Wall this week. Mrs Sapor was so delighted with Jack E, also from Willow's letter to John Lambton, that she sent it along to me. Keep up the great work!

What's on this week

Here we go with the last week of the half term: UKS2 head to Alnmouth on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please refer to letters sent for the day that your child attends.

It's Larch class family lunch on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming you at 11.45. Please ensure that you book in by 3pm on Monday.

If your child would like to take part in our pumpkin carving competition, please bring your completed masterpieces in on Thursday for judging. There will be prizes for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2.

We break up for half term this Friday and please remember that we have a teacher training day on Monday 4th November (Tic Toc will be open) and school re-opens to all on Tuesday 5th November.

We have consultation meetings in the 1st two weeks back after the hols. This begins with Apple, Plum, Oak, Beech, Willow and Sycamore. Please book your appointments. Have a great half term break!





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

Evie Hoy, Adam Casini, Maisy Maddison, Olivia Brown, Tommi Egdell, Alice-Rose Turnbull, Elanor Towers, Emily Lamb, Libby Murdy, Harry Beresford and Sebastien Brown.

We are very proud of you all!

A focus on attendance

We keep a close eye on our attendance figures and so far this term, we've been delighted to be above 95% each week. However, in this last week, we dipped down to 94%. On taking a closer look at this, we notice that much of this is due to late marks in the morning. Please can we encourage everyone to get into school on time - by 08.35 for KS2 and by 08.45 for EYFS and KS1. Children who are routinely late miss out of vital morning challenge work. Five minutes of lateness each day makes 25 minutes across each week!

Elderberry Friends

The Elderberries meet weekly at Alnwick Gardens and we regularly sing for them at their Christmas and Easter parties. At harvest, we love to invite them in to school so that we can entertain them with a short celebration.



HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

Here's something a bit spooky for this week.
Dance Macabre by Saint-Saens.

Enjoy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71fZhMXlGT4>