



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are still enjoying being post Ofsted and are so proud of what the school has achieved the report reflected the brilliant practice that is evident across school at all times of the day with all our pupils. I am so proud of everyone and you our parents are part of the team as much as we are, so thank you.

We are enjoying the improving weather and getting out and about in the local community. The classes are enjoying visits to the beach and parks, as well as the odd treat at a café!

We have been involved in setting up a Wild Life Garden in Allanton Village as part of Oak class working towards their John Muir award. The pupils worked so hard to get the garden looking lovely and attracting insects, birds and mammals to the area. We will continue to maintain this on a regular basis so that we did not just start it but are part of developing it further over time.

This is part of our work to be a Green Flag school again, an accreditation that we held some years ago and would like to do so again. We are trying to ensure that the food we use in school is locally sourced, we now have locally sourced, vegetables and fruit where possible, eggs and meat. We also get our milk delivered by a milk person and in glass bottles. We are trying hard to reduce waste including plastics, if your child has a packed lunch can you think about using paper bags or reusable plastic containers. We are also collecting crisp packets to be recycled.

We will be interviewing for a new teaching assistant, when we have made the appointment I will update you on who it is. We will also be contacting you before at some point if your child will be moving classes, we do not anticipate many changes this year, either with pupils or staff.

We have heard some lovely success stories about past pupils recently, one young man is now employed at Marks and Spencer's, one is completing their second year of a Child Care course at Northumberland College, another is completing her first year on the same course. One of our past pupils is taking up an apprenticeship at Mercedes's in Coldstream and is employed at Tesco's in Berwick as well as attending college. We are so proud of all our young people and it is lovely to hear about how well they are doing.

Yours Sincerely

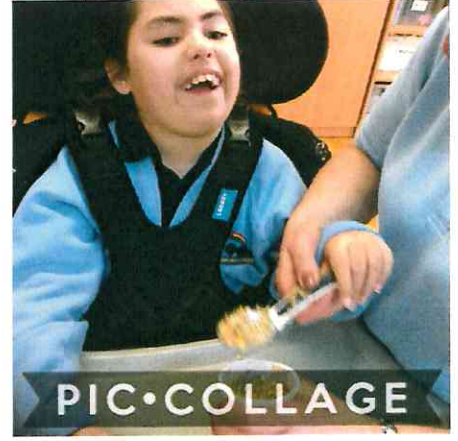
Mrs Penny Derries





The children in Maple/Willow have been out and about enjoying outdoor learning. We have been helping to make bird feeders to put in the Allanton village hall garden and also in the Woodland walk along Rotary Way. We have also added pictures of Makaton Signs in the woods to help people sign with us when we are there.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year and Burns Night this term and are supporting the Northeast Hospice by raising money by making traybake and selling it to staff and parents. Thank you all for your generosity we will let you know how much we were able to raise in the next news letter.

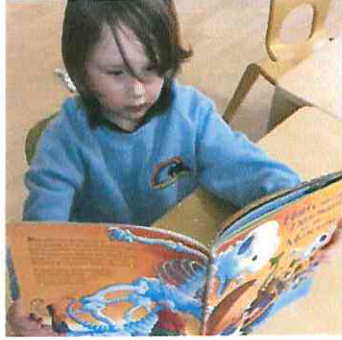


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Learning About Robert Burns





Elm Class
 We have enjoyed outdoor learning and exploring stories through play. We cooked Gingerbread men after reading the story and looked at the materials that the Three Little Pigs used to build their houses. We have been learning about Chinese New Year and took part in a ribbon dance session.



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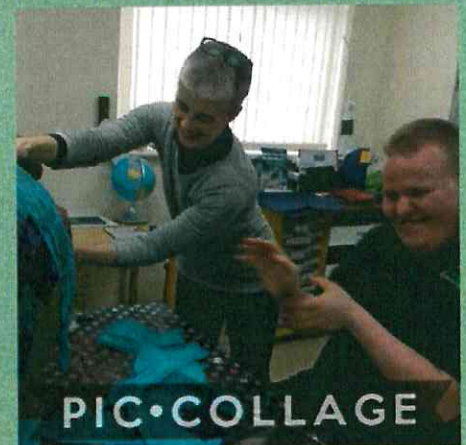
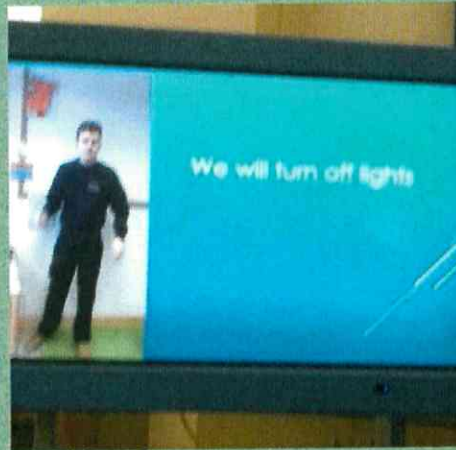
Beech Class

Beech Class are learning about Animals and their Habitats as part of their Science learning this term. We are visiting many local habitats, including the lovely beaches in our community. The children are particularly enjoying exploring rock pools and the animals they find there.





Sycamore Class Newsletter



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We have been learning about our school's 'Eco-code'. We think it is important to look after the planet, including the animals and the people who live on it. We made our own planet Earth and made drawings of animals to stick on each of the countries. By finding our country on the globe, we learnt that our country is very small compared to others! We thought about things we could do to be kind to the planet. You can see in our photos that we have been switching off lights, hanging up washing to dry and turning off the tap to save water. Some of us watched Newsround to find out about the fires in Australia. We told everyone at school assembly about the things we have learnt.

Oak Class- February 2020



We have had the opportunity to learn some street dance this term. The students really enjoyed this from the very start and have engaged brilliantly with Jordan and Michael



the dance teachers. We learned a range of street dance moves and our students put these together to make two fantastic routines. As well as high energy street dance they created a routine about their dreams which they performed to

the rest of the school. They expressed themselves through their dance in a really profound and moving way.



After all our hard work creating a wildlife friendly garden at Allanton Village Hall, Oak students have now successfully completed the John Muir Award. The finished garden is already attracting wildlife and the plants are starting to grow. This outdoor learning activity has helped our students learn lots of new skills as well as giving them a great sense of achievement.