



RED HALL



PRIMARY

It has been a very busy half term, where has that time gone?

So much has happened.... Key Stage 2 saw 'Wicked' on the stage at Sunderland, Key Stage 1 watched 'Stickman' in Newcastle and Early Years took a trip to Hamsterly Forest. Read the back page to find out more about what your children have been learning this term.

Lots of new staff have joined our Red Hall teaching team since the start of the year; Mr Dods in Class 4, Mr Giddings in Nursery and Mrs Capper in Lullaby Lane. You will have also noticed a new face within our office team, Miss Farry and Miss Jenkinson joined our Lunchtime Team. Thank you to everyone who has made our new staff feel welcome.

Our school was awarded the 'Well Being Award' for the work it does in supporting children and staff's emotional health and well-being. We also received a certificate for the work we do as part of Tees Valley Active to keep our children 'Actively Engaged'.

You may have noticed two new sheds have arrived on Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Yards. These will be our 'Reading Sheds' and our school council are working with all of your children to design the interior of these with all the children's ideas in mind, so that children can enjoy reading outside during playtimes and lunchtimes or with an adult during the school day.

Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop prices have stayed the same for many years now but from next half term we need to increase the prices in Tuck Shop. Please note Tuck Shop will now charge 30p per item.

Attendance

If you read our OFSTED report you will know that improving attendance in school has to be a high priority for our school if we are going to be able to achieve the 'Outstanding' grade we deserve.

This term we have introduced a special award which is given to the class with the highest attendance. These classes not only get a certificate but are rewarded with ice lollies as a treat. It has certainly sparked some competition between the classes.

Here is our attendance data for the end of this Half Term.

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| Reception | 93.60% |
| Class 1 | 93.95% |
| Class 2 | 95.70% |
| Class 3 | 96.37% |
| Class 4 | 95.11% |
| Class 5 | 94.36% |
| Class 6 | 98.58% |

99%+ Attendance

77 children this term have attendance of 99% + with all 77 of them achieving 100% attendance so far. This is amazing attendance.

Don't forget to check out the Red Hall Primary School Website which we try to keep regularly updated with what is happening in school for you and your children or follow us on Twitter [@RedHallSchool](#) or [Facebook](#)

What has been happening at Red Hall?

Nursery

We have enjoyed learning about autumn, monsters, superheroes and mini beasts this half term.

Reception

This term we have been learning all about mini beasts including: how to write mini beast labels, going on a mini beast hunt, making mini beasts from different materials, discovering similarities and differences between the mini beasts and making mini beast masks. The children know lots about mini beasts now and had thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. I wonder what we will learn about next half term?



Class 2

Class 2 have been visited by fairies and dragons, have explored the habitats of living things and have been learning all about the four countries which make up the U.K.



Class 4

Class 4 have worked hard to develop their understanding of Maths and have produced some wonderful pieces of writing. In Topic they completed some work on homelessness and now the children are moving onto Anglo Saxons. The children have settled in well and the staff are thoroughly enjoying each day! We also have a Superstar Table in the classroom, where 4 children sit each day, if they have been good the day before. Some children have been on this table 10 times! WOW! Have a lovely half term Year 4, we will miss you. Remember, be good, be careful, be clever!

Class 3

Wow! What an amazing start class 3 have had to the year! They have created tense adventure stories, mastered place value and started to investigate the Anglo-Saxons. Miss Johnston is so proud of the effort year 3 have put towards their learning, both in and out of school.

Year 6

This half term Y6 have had lots of fun learning lots of new, exciting things! The highlight of our half term has been our trip to Kingswood, where we have developed our skills in team work, resilience and self-confidence. Many of us have faced challenges and felt on top of the world when we have achieved and succeeded at an activity we thought would be too much of a challenge. A fantastic week developing these skills, as well as having lots of fun and making great memories!



Don't forget that children return to school on Monday 5th November. Please stay safe over the holidays as this can be a very dangerous time of year for children.

Ms Julie Davidson

