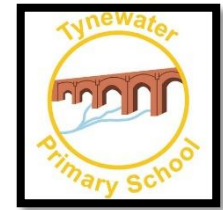




# TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Winter Term at Tynewater Primary School. We hope you had a good and relaxing October break.

This month has certainly been a busy one with lots happening for our learners.

We would like to thank you for your recent attendance at Parents Evenings and for the feedback you provided at this event which included positive feedback about the artwork and ethos within the school and playground, the positive interactions with class teachers and the intervention groups and support we have in place for learners. Some suggestions for improvement included increasing our use of our school library and expanding our opportunities for outdoor play both of which we will continue to work on developing in partnership with our Parent Council.



### WINTER DRESS

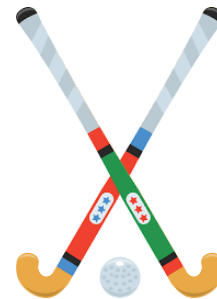
With the seasons changing, we respectfully remind you that all children should bring to school a change of shoes. Children are encouraged to change their shoes when they enter the school building, both for their comfort and also to maintain our school building.



We also ask that all children now come to school with a jacket. It is rare that we stay in at playtime and lunchtime since young people learn better when they have had access play and fresh air. As a result it is important that they are dressed for the various elements we experience in Tynewater!

### P6 HOCKEY

Our Primary 6 Hockey team excelled themselves and achieved Second Place in their recent Hockey Tournament. They braved some challenging and cold weather conditions, demonstrating resilience and courage. Well done to our Primary 6 Hockey Team and thank you to Mr Christie and our parent helper for accompanying them.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This term we have been busy with lots of lunchtime clubs and offers. This has included a Coding Club, Art Club and Active School Fitness.

The lunchtime club offers this term will include a:

P4 run Acting Club supported by Mrs Clarke

P3 run Gymnastics club supported by Mrs Gray for P1-3 pupils

Parent run Art Club for P2-4 pupils

Active schools Basketball club for P5-7

Active schools Yoga club for P4-5 and P6-7

Active school Fitness club for P1-2



**PARENT COUNCIL NEWS**

**Halloween Disco**

We are delighted to share that the Halloween Disco raised £230 for Parent Council funds. Thank you for your generous donations.



**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance and engagement in school and education bring lifelong benefits to children and poor engagement and attendance can have a cumulative impact on children and young people’s learning and wellbeing. There is a connection between low attendance and lower levels of attainment. There has been a noticeable drop in attendance levels this month and we would encourage families to make every effort to take holidays during school holiday periods.

The table below shows across the year how many days of absence equate to percentages of attendance. As an authority, we aim for children to have attendance of **at least** 90%. To support every child to reach their full potential, if your child’s attendance drops below 90% we will inform you.

100% attendance	0 days missed
95% attendance	9 days of absence, 1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90% attendance	19 days of absence, 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85% attendance	27 days of absence, 5 weeks and 3 days of learning,
80% attendance	36 days of absence, 7 weeks and 3 days of learning, half a term, missed
75% Attendance	45 days of absence, 9 weeks and 1 day of learning, almost 1 whole term, missed

**DIARY DATES**

- 10<sup>th</sup> November – P 7 Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Curriculum Open Morning
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – P4 swimming sessions begin
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Pantomime performance
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Parent Council Coffee Morning
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas House Event
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – P1-3 Nativity (daytime)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – P1-3 Nativity (evening) and Christmas lunch
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Party Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last Day of Term (please note error on Parent Calendar – this day is NOT a holiday)

**PTA & PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS**

Following our recent AGM meeting we would like to confirm that our PC Office Bearers continue to be:

- Parent Council Chair: Emma
- Secretary: Julia Critchley
- Treasurer: Aurora Mancini



The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 14/11/23 (18:30 online).

**CITIZENSHIP GATHERINGS AND ASSEMBLIES**

This term, our Assembly focus is ‘Be Resilient’. Through this theme, pupils will learn that:

- Everyone goes through ups and downs in their life
- We can learn to be more resilient
- Resilient people cope better with difficulties

A Parent Information leaflet has been included in the weekly mailout (03.11.23) and children will complete 3 assemblies about this Building Resilience Tool. They will also complete classroom activities which they will have the chance to share in our Sharing Assembly and a Home Learning activity will come home for completion too.



A big well done to our Primary 4’s who produced a fantastic assembly today. We were so delighted to welcome our Primary 4 parents along to watch their children perform and can’t wait to see what our Primary 7 have in store for us at their class assembly next week.

