



Rockcliffe Newsletter 10 – Autumn Term

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

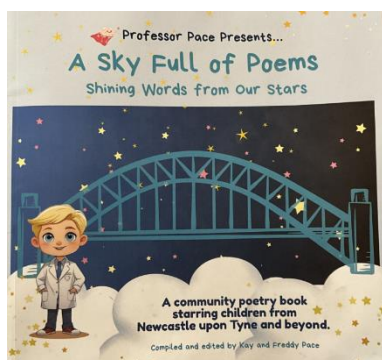
Today, all of our children showcased their best dance moves for 25 minutes as part of our Children In Need Danceathon as part of our 25 challenge. Yesterday we had already raised over £500 – showcasing the brilliant generosity of the Rockcliffe Family. Unfortunately, I wasn't in school to show off my skills to the children – that will need to wait until the Christmas parties! In next week's newsletter I will give you our final total and some photos of the event. Today, I have been at the first day of a staff wellbeing programme that has been offered to all North Tyneside Schools to help support all staff in schools. I'm looking forward to feeding this back to the wider staff team in the coming weeks.



This week our Rockcliffe Learning Superpower focus has been "Involved in our Learning". I have done quite a few school tours for prospective parents this week and it's been wonderful to go into classes to see how involved in learning our children have been.

We Rock our 3 Rs in Poetry

Last week, I was delighted to receive a visit to my office to show me a fantastic book of poems written by children in the North East. The book is available to buy, with donations from the sales going to Family Mental Fitness North East. Asta, in Year 3, wrote all about our amazing school and I was brimming with pride with how she has showcased us to such a wide audience. Her brother Hunter, in Year 4, also has a poem entitled "Waves" in the book.



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Ready responsible and respectful, the three Rs
Organised school
Caring teachers
Kindness is our duty
Learning is important
I love my school
Fun at play time
Fantastic teachers like Mrs Boyd
Everybody loves Rockcliffe First School

Asta Hall
Aged 7

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Remembrance Day



On Tuesday, we came together for a minute's silence at 11.00am, a day to commemorate those who have served and died in conflict. This concluded in a brilliant assembly led by our Humanities' Heroes (from our Y4 Pupil Leadership Team) and Mr Royle. The Humanities' Heroes also did a fantastic job in keeping up with demand for selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion over the past week.

Kids' Club

Thank you to all the families who have booked and paid for Kids' Club via the School Gateway app. This is working really well for us in school and we hope you are finding the process simpler too.



Start Time Reminder

Just a reminder that the start time for Lapwings, Puffins and Sandpipers is 8.45am and for Beacon, Priory and Lighthouse is 8.50am. Please be ready on the yard to come in for your start time. We are seeing an increasing number of families arriving to school later than this and this is impacting on learning being able to start promptly. We appreciate that occasionally people are unavoidably late, but it would help us if you could plan journey times to be ready for this start time.



Christmas Performances

This week, via SchoolComms, we sent out information about how to sign up for your child's Christmas performance. Please fill in the form and this will act as your virtual ticket. Rehearsals are underway and I have already heard lots of Christmas songs this week!

I hope all of our families have a great weekend.

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

November	
Fri 21 st	Lighthouse Beach School
December	
Wed 3 rd	Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas Jumpers
Fri 5 th	Y3 AM: Christmas Unwrapped event at Whitley Bay Baptist Church
Tue 9 th	10am: Beacon, Lighthouse & Priory Performance 1
Wed 10 th	10am: Beacon, Lighthouse & Priory Performance 2
Thu 11 th	10am: Lapwings, Puffins & Sandpipers Performance 1
Fri 12 th	10am: Lapwings, Puffins & Sandpipers Performance 2
Mon 15 th	10am: Seahorses & Starfish Performance
Mon 15 th	PM: Lapwings & Sandpipers Christmas Parties
Tue 16 th	10am: Sandcastles Nursery Performance
Tue 16 th	PM: Puffins & Priory Christmas Parties
Wed 17 th	PM: Beacon and Lighthouse Christmas Parties
Thu 18 th	AM: Sandcastles Nursery Christmas Party
Thu 18 th	PM: Seahorses and Starfish Christmas Parties
Fri 19 th	End of Autumn Term
January	
Mon 5 th	Teacher Training Day
Tue 6 th	Start of Spring Term