# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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#### Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

#### LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 98%

Class percentages for last week:

Nursery (am) - 92.7%

Nursery (pm) - 95.0%

Reception (Turtles) - 100.0%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 95.7%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 96.2%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.4%

Well done Turtles!

Year 4 (Penguins)

## STARS OF THE

### **WEEK**

Jacob Whenray
Myanna Jukes
Kate Smith
Poppy Hall
Tyler Jury
Ava Steel
Alex Hale

#### Decorated Egg Competition Winners

- 97.8%

Yet again we have been hugely impressed by the quality and quantity of the entries to this year's decorated egg competition from children across our age range. After much thought our judges chose the following winners from each class: Jay Roper, Harry Wintrip, Kate Smith, Craig Taylor, Libby Mitchell, Harry Dawson and Hanna Rutherford. All of the children who entered the competition will receive a small prize for their effort. We'd also like to thank all family members who helped the children to create their eggs.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We have just completed our analysis of school attendance for the Autumn and Spring Terms and are pleased that our overall attendance levels continue to be better than National Averages. We look closely at attendance and absence patterns for different classes, groups of children and individuals and take actions to support improved attendance where necessary. During this term we have seen improvement in overall attendance levels in Nursery, Reception and Y1 but some slight dips in attendance in Y2, Y3 and Y4 where attendance has been affected by illness and unauthorised holiday absences. The summer term is our most important term as the children complete a range of school and national assessments - please ensure that unless children are poorly they are in school every day as it is often not possible to complete these assessments outside given dates. We would also like to congratulate the children in our nursery whose attendance levels have improved greatly during the Spring Term!

#### TURTLES CLASS ASSEMBLY

Our Reception class impressed us yesterday with their class assembly based around the book 'Handa's Surprise'. The children confidently spoke and sang in front of a large audience of friends and families and even starred in their own video retelling the story. It is wonderful to see the increasing confidence of some of our youngest children and real testament to the hard work of our Early Years staff in getting the children to this stage. Take a look at our Facebook page for photographs from the assembly.

#### SWIMMING LESSONS

School swimming lessons restart in the first week back after the Easter break. Please ensure that children come to school with their kits and contributions on the correct day!



FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER EASTER
Thursday: Year 2 Friday: Year 4

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#### 2017 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 24th April	School Reopens for Summer Term
Monday 1st May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 10th May	Y3 Visit to the Centre for Life
Thursday 18th May	9am - Y1 Jellyfish Class Assembly
Friday 19th May	Pyjama Day for NF1 (Ollie)
Thursday 25th May	9.00am -Penguins Class Assembly
Friday 26th May	3.15pm—School Closes for Half Term

#### KS1 PROJECTS

Yet again, we've been really impressed with the homework projects completed by most of the children in Key Stage 1.

We've seen a wide range of great ideas that children and their families have worked on together. These projects really support the children's learning. We'll have projects on display in the meeting room for the first week of the summer term for any parents who would like to view them.

#### EASTER RAFFLE

A very big thank-you to everyone who donated items for our Easter Raffle this morning. Over £500 was raised by our PTA. Over 150 items were up for grabs. Our PTA also gave every child in the school an Easter Egg as well as their own ticket for the raffle. We'd also like to thank our small band of PTA

members who have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks sourcing eggs and writing out endless numbers of tickets.



#### TIDDLYWINKS RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

This week our Reception children have also enjoyed a visit from Tiddlywinks. The children used their imagination to create dances, songs and stories with a jungle theme. See our school Facebook page for some great photographs of their session.

Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!

