



STARS OF THE WEEK

Anton Barclay
Jessica Gair
Esme Swinhoe
Benji Bell
Connie Robinson
Lola Robertson
Rhys Biggs

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 94.2%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-97.8%
Reception (Turtles)	- 96.1%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 93.3%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 97.6%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 89.1%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 93.7%

**Well Done
Seahorses!**

2023 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 28th February	TEACHERS STRIKE DATE LITTLE PEBBLES OPEN
Wednesday 1st March	School fully reopens for Spring Half Term 2
Friday 3rd March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March	TEACHERS STRIKE DATES (TBC)
Monday 20th March	Year 4 Skipping Festival - Ashington
Tues 21st & Weds 22nd March	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Thursday 30th March	Y2 Gymnastics Festival— Ashington
NEW Friday 31st March	PTA Chocolate Raffle
Friday 31st March	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER BREAK

WORLD BOOK DAY- FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

We'll be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March which is the first week back after the half term break.

We're trying to keep this as simple as possible so will be asking the children to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters—something we know they love doing! We'll also be running a BOOK SWAP SHOP; this will involve each child bringing a book from home that they would like to swap for a book that another child has brought. Each child would only need to bring ONE book in and will then come home with another one that they have swapped with a friend. We look forward to seeing some great costumes as usual.



IMPORTANT—TEACHERS STRIKE DATES

Parents should note that it is highly likely that **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CLASSES EXCEPT LITTLE PEBBLES ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY** due to the second of a series of strikes by teachers.

Closing classes is never an easy decision for teachers or governors to make but it is felt that this is the most appropriate action for us to take in the circumstances.

As with such action, there is always the possibility of last minute changes but this is the most up to date information we have. We will contact parents by email should there be any changes.

TANZANIA DAY

It was great to see the school awash with the colours of the Tanzanian flag today as we held our assembly and coffee morning to raise funds to pay for a teacher for the pre-primary aged pupils at Mgao Primary School. Thanks to everyone who supported the event by donating money and cakes. We're pleased to announce that we raised enough money to pay for a teacher for nearly a whole year meaning that the youngest children won't turn up to school each day wondering if a teacher will be there for them!

SWIMMING AND CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK

Keys Stage 2 swimming will take place as usual on the first day back after half term. Other after school clubs such as Conservation, Gardening and Netball will all run as usual. We currently only have spare places in our Book Club which runs on a Tuesday until 4pm. This is for children in Y2-Y4. Places can be booked at the school office.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL

As well as taking part in weekly singing lessons, children in KS1& KS2 also learn to play the Ocarina as part of their music curriculum. This week we posted a video of our Year 4 children playing 'When the Saints....' in a round on their ocarinas. It's well worth a watch on our Facebook Page! We'll hopefully get some assembly performances arranged soon too.



VALENTINES DISCOS

Thanks to everyone who supported our Valentines Discos on Tuesday; the first discos we've held for a long time, We had a great turn out and raised a record £720 at the events. These discos couldn't have taken place without the help of parent volunteers and staff who stayed to help—thanks to all of them. Special thanks has to go to Mrs Dellbridge for organising the discos and to DJ Smiffy for so skilfully controlling the decks on the night.



SCHOOL360 RESOURCES

Pupils in Reception to Y4 have access to School360 which is a learning platform containing a huge number of online resources. We use resources through School360 in most computing lessons and at other times throughout the school day. The children have their own username and password to access School360—this should be in their homework book or reading records.

Encouraging the children to use some of the resources available are a good alternative to Youtube and other games that the children may spend many hours using and will also help with their learning. The more practice the younger children get at logging into School360 by accurately using their login details, the quicker they can then access some of the exciting learning that they are doing as part of their computing curriculum. Why not get your child to show you

how they access School360 and some of the resources they've been using?

