Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE

WEEK

Laylah Griffiths Artemis Golshetti Daisy Dickinson Kabe Ramsay Lilly Dickinson Willow Nyberg Paul Patterson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% **LAST WEEK: 92.9%**

Little Pebbles -85 4% Nursery (Seahorses) -93.4% Reception (Turtles) - 94.4% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 85.0% Year 2 (Puffins) - 97.4% Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.9% Year 4 (Penguins) - 88.9%

Well Done Sharks!

SATS AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS

This week, our Year 2 children have taken their SATS tests in Reading and Maths. Despite their young age, these tests are something that the children are required to do by the government in order for us to use the results to support our teacher assessments which give a far more accurate view of how the children are doing. Although there were some pretty tricky questions, we were very impressed with the effort that all of the children put into their tests.

During this term we still have Year 1 Phonics Checks to complete as well as the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, both of which are reportable nationally. We make a point of not telling the children exactly when these will take place in order to keep them as relaxed as possible

MASTERING NUMBER **@HOME WORKSHOPS**

We were particularly pleased with the large proportion of parents who attended the Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mastering Number @Home Workshops that we have run this week. Over 75% of pupils had an adult in school working with them. We've had some very good feedback from parents about the sessions and hope that these will encourage parents to play the maths games provided with the children for a short time on a regular basis at home.

OUR 3 Rs



Don't forget our 3Rs! We aim for all of our children to demonstrate these at all times to help them learn and

function as good citizens. We ask that parents support the children to demonstrate these both in school and out of school. Our children can often do more themselves than family members give them credit for.

EARLY HELP & FAMILY HUBS

There is a range of support and advice available to support families with children aged 0-19 through Early Help and Family Hubs. All calls are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Advice can be offered around: Education, Benefits, Behaviour, Keeping Children Safe, Substance Misuse, Domestic Abuse, Dealing with difficult teenagers and provide links to other services. Contact Early Help



on: 01670 620461

GOODBYE MISS **HENDERSON**

Today we say goodbye to Miss Kathryn Henderson who has worked with our youngest children at Amble Links for 4 years. We wish her well in her new role in Children's Homes and thank her for her great work in helping give so many of our children a positive start to their school lives. After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Louise Farmer to join our Little Pebbles

2023 SCHOOL DIARY	
Tuesday 23rd May	Turtles Class visit to Whitehouse Farm
Friday 26th May	3.10pm School Closes for Half Term
Monday 5th June	School reopens for Summer 2
Thursday 8th June	Year 3 visit to Children's Countryside Day
Thursday 8th June	Year 4 visit to Farne Islands (Art Project)
NEW Thursday 15th June	Year 4 Quadkids Athletics Competition at Amble Links
NEW Wednesday 21st June	Y1 Visit to Northumberland Zoo (TBC)
NEW Thursday 22nd June	PTA Summer Fair
NEW Friday 30th June	Y3 Visit to Segedunum
NEW Monday 3rd July	Y4 Art Exhibition for Parents
NEW Friday 14th July	Parents to classrooms after assembly
NEW Tuesday 18th July	Y4 Leavers' Awards 3.30pm
NEW Wednesday 19th July	12 noon—Picnic and Pea Hunt
NEW Friday 21st July	2PM—SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

PUFFIN PAINTING COMPETITION

Children in Reception to Y3 recently spent some time using their art skills to create puffin paintings to display in shops around Amble as part of the upcoming Puffin Festival. The paintings that the children have created look magnificent in the shop windows around town. Our school's paintings can be found at the following locations: Reception: Rook Matthews Sayer, Year 1: 1911 Coffee Shop, Year 2: Grayscale Tattoo Parlour, Year 3: SHAK Dog Rescue. We hope lots of parents are able to get along to see these with the children.

YEAR 4 ART PROJECT

Continuing on the art theme; our Year 4 children have this week visited the beach to create land art sculptures as well as learning about how to identify some of the seabirds that we have in the area. Katherine, our resident artist for the term was yet again very impressed with the standard of the children's creations, many of which can be seen on out Facebook Page. We're looking forward to an exhibition of the children's work on Monday 3rd July that parents will be invited to.

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