# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

FIRST SCHOOL

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## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.4%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -93.2%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 93.8%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 95.0%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 97.0%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 96.9%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 100.0%

 Well Done Penquins!

### STARS OF THE

#### WEEK

Alice Dunn
Sam Whitfield
Cora Cooper
Cassie Robertson
Harrison Goddfellow
Lola Paterson
Adam Nyberg

#### Mental Health and Wellbeing Challenge.

We hope that families have been getting involved in lots of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Challenges that we sent out last week. We've been pleased to hear about some of the things that our children and families have been doing as part of the challenge including lots of family activities and acts of kindness. On Monday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, we have invited families from other providers taking part to come along and make use of our Sculpture Trail after school for a family walk or run. We'd love to see some of our families taking this opportunity too. Please feel free to send any examples of the challenges that families are taking part in to us at: admin@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk.

#### Art Days

This week, children in Years 1-4 have had 2 days in which they have had a focus on art. This has given us the opportunity to spend a good amount of time building up skill and techniques complete artwork based on the work of other artists. Children in Y1 have enjoyed looking at Andy Goldsworthy's ice sculptures before creating their own. In Y2 the children compared the works of Claude Monet and Vincent Van Gogh and painted their own interpretations using an impressionist style. In Y3 the children explored sculptures with natural materials with a focus on the work of Andy Goldsworthy. In Y4 the children explored secondary and tertiary colours to create work inspired by Henri Rousseau.

#### PTA VALENTINES DISCOS

It's our PTA School discos next Tuesday. Disco for Nursery, Reception and Y1 children will be from 4pm-5pm (children must have an adult with them) and 5.15pm-6.15pm for children in Y2-Y4. Entry is £3 per child which includes a hotdog and juice. There will also be glitter tattoos, glowsticks and sweets on sale. Please try to support these PTA events as the money raised is always spent back on school events and resources such as the lovely set of atlases that have been purchased for us this week. THERE WILL BE NO LEGO, FOOTBALL OR BOOK CLUB ON TUESDAY

#### Coronavirus -Government Advice for Parents

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. For more detailed information visit: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

#### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

This week's words of the week are: erase (Emma M), begging (Eden H), palindrome (Annie F), lashed (Daisy B). We love hearing the children telling us the meanings of the words they have found and seeing them trying to include some of these in their writing!

#### 2019/20 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 11th February	PTA Discos Nursery -Y1: 4-5pm Y2-Y4: 5.15-6.15pm No Football, Lego or Book Club
Friday 14th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 14th February	3.15pm - School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24th February	School reopens
Friday 28th February	5-7pm PTA Movie Night For Y1-Y4 Clubs closes at 4.45pm
Tues 17th & Weds 18th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS

#### Parents to Classrooms to See Books

Parents are welcome to come back to classrooms with children after assembly next Friday to look through their books with them and find out more about what they've been learning at school.

#### Litter in our Local Area

As one of our 3 Rs, we continuously talk with the children about being responsible by doing simple things like carrying their own bags to and from school, taking on school jobs and making sure that they have everything they need with them for school. We have recently been made aware of concerns about an increasing amount of litter that is being dropped in the vicinity of the school and ask that parents help us by reminding the children about good habits of disposing of litter as well as modelling this themselves. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful area but this can be very easily spoiled by litter. We will hopefully be able to restart our Conservation Club again in the Spring when the weather gets a little warmer. This group will complete regular litter picks in the area and received much praise for their work last year!

#### PUNCTUALITY TARGETS

Unfortunately we have failed to achieve our punctuality target again this half term. Being on time for school is a part of being responsible (one of our important 3 Rs) and something we consider very important in getting the children off to a good start in the day. We hope that we can improve things next half term and that parents of ALL children will support us with this.

#### SWIMMING-NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Y2 on Thursday and Y4 on Friday. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kits and contributions to school on the morning of their lessons.

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