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## NEWSLETTER ~ 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### PERSONAL BEST CERTIFICATES



This week's 'Personal Best' certificates go to:

Archie, Ben, Blake, Caleb, Cody, Darcy, Elissa, Freddy, Harris, Harry, James, Jamie, Joe, Kenzie, Lewis, Lydia, Mia, Olivia, Olivia, Reece, Sofia

These children should all be very proud of their achievements.

### Y5 RESIDENTIAL TO POWBURN SCOUTS' ADVENTURE CENTRE

A huge THANK YOU to the staff who have given their time to take the Y5 children to Powburn this week. If you've been following their tweets, you'll know that everyone has had a brilliant time. Mrs Robertson said they all loved Cragside yesterday and a real highlight was singing songs around the campfire last night. The children will be spending today at Druridge Bay and will be back before the end of the school day.

**Tweets**   **Tweets & replies**   **Media**



























 **GCPSYear5** @GCPSYear5 · Sep 27  
On the bus on the way to Cragside. We really enjoyed our huge breakfast of cereal and toast following by sausages and beans! Filled us up ready for the day ahead  
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 **GCPSYear5** @GCPSYear5 · Sep 26  
All settled in bed. Excited for our trip to Cragside tomorrow  
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 **GCPSYear5** @GCPSYear5 · Sep 26  
It's tea time! Enjoyed grass sledging and a lovely walk in Ingram Valley this afternoon!  
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 **GCPSYear5** @GCPSYear5 · Sep 26  
Year 5 have arrived safely in Powburn and the beds have been made! Just getting our equipment ready for activities  
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## AUTUMN I 2018 'GOING FOR GOLD' ATTENDANCE MEDAL TABLE

Class	 99% to 100% 5 points	 97.5% to 98.9% 3 points	 96% to 97.4% 1 point	Points Total
5JI	 14/9 21/9	 7/9		13
1JC	 7/9 14/9		 21/9	11
3KC	 14/9	 7/9	 21/9 28/9	10
3CP	 21/9	 28/9	 7/9 14/9	10
4DL	 28/9	 21/9	 14/9	9
4ST	 21/9		 7/9 14/9	7
6AH	 14/9		 7/9	6
2AC		 7/9 14/9		6
5JS	 28/9			5
Rec.		 7/9	 21/9	4
2RA		 21/9		3
1DC			 14/9 28/9	2



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children had 100% attendance this week. Well done to them all!

### PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having our Autumn term meetings with parents and carers, to discuss how well children are doing now, their next steps for learning and how we can work together to support children to achieve even more.

Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter that will be sent home next week, to indicate your preferred day and time slot.

### READING AT HOME

If you are looking for ways to encourage your child to read more at home, Oxford University Press has a fantastic website for parents: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/) with a wide range of e-books that you can access for free, as well as games and activities.

**Oxford Owl**  
Help your child's learning



If you have any questions about reading at home or at school, Ms Evans is more than happy to help.

## FLU VACCINE NASAL SPRAY



Following several queries, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust have asked schools to provide parents/carers with this information about the children's flu vaccine nasal spray:

- The vaccine is administered using a nasal applicator which delivers just 0.1ml (around 1/50<sup>th</sup> of a teaspoon) of fluid into each nostril. No 'mist' of vaccine virus escapes into the air and therefore **other people in the room should not be at risk of 'catching' the vaccine virus.** The room or school in which administration of nasal influenza vaccine has taken place does not require any special cleaning afterwards.
- **The vaccine has a good safety and effectiveness record.** Pilots carried out in selected areas of England in which all primary school aged children were offered the vaccine saw a 93% reduction in hospital admissions due to confirmed influenza and a 94% reduction in GP consultations for influenza-like illness in primary school children.
- **Unvaccinated contacts are not at risk of becoming seriously ill** with the weakened flu vaccine virus, either through being in the same room where flu vaccine has been given, or by being in contact with a recently vaccinated individual. Excluding children from school during the period when the vaccine is being offered or in the following weeks is therefore not necessary.
- Parents of children with immune problems may be concerned about their child being exposed to recently vaccinated children who may be shedding virus. Expert doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital, who deal with many children with very serious immune problems, **do not recommend keeping such children off school** purely because of vaccination. A tiny number of children, who are extremely severely immunocompromised, e.g. immediately after a bone marrow transplant, would not be attending school anyway because the risk from all the other infections that children pass to each other at school would be too great.

## FINALLY . . . REMINDER ABOUT DIARY DATES



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

National Poetry Day

9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October

Pupil Progress Meetings with Parents/Carers

Tuesday 16<sup>h</sup> October

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

STEM workshop for Y2 children (details to follow)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

School Photographs (children, not whole classes)

w/b. Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Learning Reflection Week (more details to follow)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of this half term

**29<sup>th</sup> Oct to 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Half term holiday**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Back to school after half term