

# Preston Grange Primary School

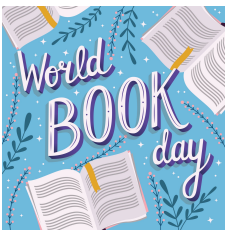
Newsletter – 13th February 2025



## Rights Respecting School Award

One of our targets in school this year is to become a silver rights respecting school; an award gained through UNICEF. As part of our work towards silver, we have appointed a group of Key Stage 2 children to become our rights respecting ambassadors. Part of their role in school is to help us weave and embed the rights of a child throughout all we do at Preston Grange, with the aim that talking about and referring to the articles (rights) becomes part of our daily conversations in school

So far, the team have worked with Miss Knowles to consider how our displays around school reflect the rights of a child. After half term, they are set with the challenge of considering how different zones and areas of school, both inside and out, allow all children to enjoy their rights. We will keep you all informed of our journey to achieving our silver award.



## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

This world book day children will receive the usual book token giving them access to a carefully selected range of books (stocked by most supermarkets and book shops).

We are again running our Twitter/X competition. This year, we're asking you to guess which staff member is the Masked Reader. Enter your guess as a reply to our online post. The more correct guesses you make, the more often your child's name goes into the hat. There are prizes to be won and the competition runs right up to World Book Day. This year we are asking pupils to come warmly dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesie on the day, Thursday 6th March.

## Year 6 SATS

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Key Stage 2 SATS presentation with Mr Russell-Thompson this week. If you were unable to attend, the information will be sent out to all parents before the end of the week. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, thank you.

## Science Week

It is British Science Week (STEM week) from the 7th March - 16th March 2025. The theme this year is 'Change and adapt'. Your child will be taking part in a STEM activity during this time where they will use their curiosity about the world to explore and investigate in a practical manner. Look out for our posts on Twitter!



## Black & white days

You may remember that the last time that Newcastle United got through to the Carabao cup final, we held a non-uniform black & white day, and a tweet of our children singing Blaydon Races went viral on Twitter. This year, we will once again be celebrating ahead of the cup final, and ask that the children come into school on **Friday 14th March** dressed in black & white. There will also be a photographer in school on 14th March.



In addition to this date, I have been approached by Andrew Musgrove from The Chronicle and The Everything is Black and White Podcast. He will be visiting school on **Friday 21st February** well ahead of the cup final, where the children will be filmed singing a few Newcastle United related songs/chants, and some of the children will be interviewed about their thoughts ahead of the match.

So we will be having TWO black & white days! Please feel free to send the children into school wearing any casual black & white clothes on both of these dates - they do not have to wear NUFC/football strips. We have face paint in school, if children want their faces painted. Please note that photo permissions will apply: if your child does not have photo permission, they will not be visible on the film or photos on these days.

## Students in class

Across the school year, we often host placements for college students who need to gain classroom based experience as part of their college course. We currently have Mr Connor based in Year 3, and as of this week we will also be hosting Miss Reed, who will be based in Year 1 for one day per week. Both of these college students are past pupils, and it is lovely to see so many of our past pupils back in school!

## Valentines discos

A HUGE thank you to the amazing Incredible 8 from Year 6, who have organised Valentines discos for the whole school. They have asked that you send your child into school in their clothes with some spending money for the disco, thank you.

As part of their plans, they have organised for the Year 5 disco to take place ahead of them going swimming. They have also made plans for any children who do not wish to go into their disco. I can't sing their praise enough, it has been so lovely to see them flourish in their roles as event planners! A special thank you to Mrs Smith, our Business Manager for working with them.

## Dates for your diary:

Thurs 13/2 - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching in Reception

Thurs 14/2 - Valentines discos

Mon 17/2 - Dance festival rehearsal @The Parks

Tues 18/2 - Hoops 4 Health Year 5 tournament @Vertu Arena (all day)

Tues 18/3 - Dance festival performance Year 4 @The Parks (evening)

Thurs 20/2 - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching in Reception

Fri 21/2 - Black & white non-uniform day

Fri 21/2 - **Break up for half term**

Mon 3/3 - Children return to school

Tues 4/3 - Year 2 multiskills @JSCHS

Thurs 6/3 - World Book Day (non-uniform - pjs, onesies)

Thurs 6/3 - Littleton league round 4 @JSCHS

Thurs 6/3 - Heights & weights Reception & Year 6

Fri 7/3 - British Science Week starts

Tues 11/3 - Parent appointments - PM & evening

Thurs 6/3 - Year 1 Multiskills @JSCHS

Fri 14/3 - Black & white non-uniform day

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