

FINCHALE FLYER

We see the magic in every child... and help make them sparkle.

Key Autumn Dates:

NOVEMBER

- 3rd School opens for Autumn 2
Pupil Flu vaccinations
- 10th Anti-bullying & Inter-faith Week
- 11th Remembrance Day (KS2 Assembly at 10:45 in Memorial Garden)
- 12th Pupil Individual Photographs
- 13th World Kindness Day
- 14th Children in Need (non-uniform optional)
- 17th Road Safety Week
- 21st Height & Weight Checks (Rec and Y6)
- 24th UK Parliament Week
- 26th Rec, Y1 & Y2 New Age Kurling Sessions
- 28th PTA Christmas Fair - time TBC

DECEMBER

- 9th Y4 Brass Concert (1.45pm)
Y5/6 Brass Musicians Concert (2.30pm)
- 11th Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch
- 15th KS1 Christmas Concert (2pm & 6pm)
- 16th Festive Fun Run
KS2 Christmas Concert (2pm & 6pm)
- 17th Rec/Y1/Y2 Christmas Party (pm)
- 18th Y3/4 Christmas Party (am)
Y5/6 Christmas Party (pm)
- 19th Christmas Family Sing-a-long (9.10am)
School closes for Christmas holiday

JANUARY

- 5th School Closed for Staff INSET Day
- 6th School Re-opens for Pupils
- 19th Energy Saving Week

All dates are subject to change.



Black History Month

Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month in assemblies and lessons. The theme for this year was 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Each year group learned about a key figure, from Rosa Parks to Floella Benjamin and Katherine Johnson, and created some amazing work about their lives for our hall display.



Finchale Family Jiggly Jog!

The Finchale Family spirit was alive and well on our running track on Friday, 10th October! Thank you to all of the family members who joined our children to complete five laps each and earn their Jiggly Jog certificates. This was my first Jiggly Jog as Headteacher and it was a pleasure to see the school community working together to achieve a goal.



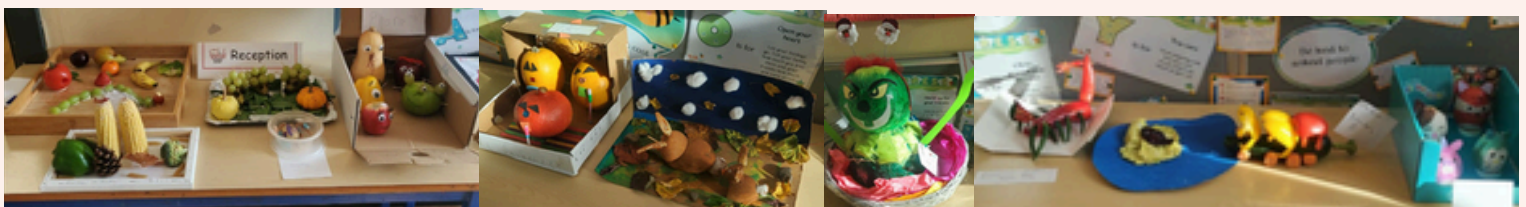
Football League Winners!

A huge well done to our football team, whose outstanding skill and effort led to Finchale winning the league once again for the second year in a row! We are incredibly proud of their teamwork and resilience. Thank you to family supporters who attended the games and especially to Mr. Pratt for his commitment to the team.



Harvest Competition & Assembly

Well done to everyone who participated in this year's Harvest Competition - your entries were truly spectacular and very creative! A huge WELL DONE also to Year 3, whose Harvest Assembly was most certainly a performance to be proud of, with a range of excerpts from autumnal texts and some super seasonal singing!



Spotlight on Safeguarding - Fire Safety

This month, firefighters from the Red Watch Fire Safety service have been in school to talk to children about fire safety. Fire fighters from Co. Durham and Darlington Fire & Rescue Service delivered an assembly about the firework code before carrying out a session with Y6. If you wish to discuss this further with your children, information can be found at

<https://www.ddfire.gov.uk/bonfire-and-firework-safety-primary-schools-2020>

FIRE SAFETY



Recommended Reads

Age 4-7



Don't Trust Fish
Author: Neil Sharpson
Illustrator: Dan Santat

Age 7+

Me and My Brian
Author: Helen Rutter



NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' Workshops

Pupils in Years 2, 5 and 6 have been carrying out work linked to the NSPCC and Childline. They have looked at the work that both organisations carry out, the different types of abuse that can occur and what to do if they were worried about a situation. Visitors then came in to carry out 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops with the pupils in each of these classes.



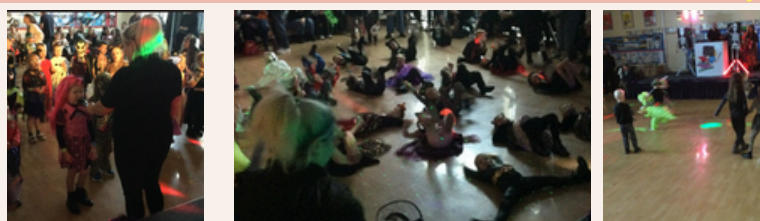
Northern Gas Eco-Workshops

On 2nd October, children from Year 2 to Year 6 enjoyed workshops from Northern Gas with a focus on climate change. These practical sessions helped us to understand global warming, fossil fuels, greenhouse gases and renewable energy.



PTA Spooky Disco!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our Friends of Finchale Parent-Teacher Association for organising a spook-tastic disco for Halloween, complete with fiendish food and terrifying tunes! The costumes were amazing and the dancing even more so.



Year 1 and 4 Gymnastics Festivals

Children in Year 1 and Year 4 had a great time this month during their gymnastics festivals! They learned to roll forward and backward, to perform different jumps on a sprung floor and on a trampoline and they enjoyed climbing different apparatus, hanging from ropes, cartwheeling across mats and even walking along a high beam!



Y6 Super Science

As part of their Science work, pupils in Y6 have been identifying how animals can be grouped and classified. In pairs, they created their own classification tree, using the features of the animals. To do this they had to consider the questions they could ask. They then presented their classification tree on their tables using whiteboard pens and Post-it notes.



October Attendance

Reception	97.56%
Year 1	99.23%
Year 2	97.61%
Year 3	96.76%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	93.52%
Whole School	97.16%



Musician of the Month

A virtual one-man band, Stevie Wonder has influenced musicians across a range of genres that include rhythm and blues, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz. Wonder's use of synthesizers and other electronic musical instruments during the 1970s reshaped the conventions of R&B.



Many thanks, as always, for your support.
Miss Ward.