DALLAM C P SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 2nd October 2026

School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**
We: **Nurture…..Inspire……Achieve**

School value: **respect**

Yesterday, we started October with an amazing assembly. It was a beautiful morning with the sun shining through the windows of the hall as children in Key Stage1 and 2 gathered together to celebrate National Poetry Day. The theme was "Wonder": each class have been learning a poem to recite by heart over the last couple of weeks.
It was brilliant to see the confidence and independence with which every child performed. Oracy has been a priority area in school and the New National Curriculum which is due to be published in 2027 places high emphasis on oracy skills to prepare children for success throughout their education and into later life.
Our children performed clearly and with pride. They used expression and phrasing well coupled with actions to capture their audience's attention. There were individual and group performances which came together to really showcase their talents. We were so proud to see how the children's skills develop as they move through the school and I was particularly impressed by the way that class teams made sure that everyone was included.
The theme was interpreted in different ways with lots of reference to wondering about the natural world – from what minibeasts think to where rainbows come from. There were also some performances which explored the imagination and wondered about fabulous and fantastical situations.
The children thoroughly enjoyed the event – there were some nerves beforehand as they had such high expectations of themselves, but their smiles and applause afterwards showed how proud they were of themselves and of each other.

If you enjoyed Josie's podcast last week, the next instalment can be found here: Week 4: Archery, Potions & LEGO - School Holiday Radio - Podcast.co

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day

Last week 7 classes topped 96% attendance - Well Done Holly, Rowan, Hazel, Maple, Sycamore, Olive and Cedar Classes. Just like last year, the 6 green boxes show improved attendance from last week and the blue shows a class that has maintained from last week.

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	92
Acorns	88
Ash	93
Cedar	99
Holly	98
Hazel	97
Rowan	96
Maple	96
Sycamore	96
Willow	87
Olive	96
Oak	90
Cherry	89

We can see an upturn from last week. Thank you for supporting our children to maintain good attendance. As I'm writing this newsletter, statutory school age attendance stands at 96% which is a great start to the year.

Mrs Ritchie has taken over the attendance lead role from Mrs Wood following her retirement in July. If you need support with attendance, talk to us and we will work together to improve outcomes for our children.

Community Matters

I've heard from a couple of families over the past week or so that some children are playing Knock a Door Run in the evenings. This can be really intimidating for some members of the community. Especially our older neighbours. Please talk to your child if they are playing out and encourage them to tell someone if they see this happening. Thank You.

ELSA

I'm really pleased to report that Mrs Ritchie is also training as an ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. This is a truly valuable role in school, helping children to understand their feelings, build confidence and develop positive friendships. Through gentle, nurturing support, ELSAs provide a safe space for children to talk about worries, learn strategies for managing emotions and develop the resilience they need to flourish. By supporting children's emotional wellbeing, ELSAs help them feel happier, more settled and ready to make the most of every opportunity in school.

Lead Learners this week: a child who has shown our school value of respect this week.

Acorns: Caleb for always showing respect and encouraging others to do the same**.**

Seedlings: Daniel treats all our toys and equipment with respect.

Ash (Reception): Daniel for always showing respect for peers and school by following the Dallam school rules.

Cedar – Year 1: Heidi M has shown our school value of respect this week. She has shown great care for the things in our classroom and has shown respect to her peers when playing out on the playground.

Rowan – Year 2: Wynter always shows the value of respect when working with other children and outside on the playground.

Maple – Year 3: The whole class have worked hard on keeping our iPad trolley tidy, keeping the wires neatly inside so that our equipment lasts longer and we are safe in the classroom.

Olive – Year 5: Lily R for showing respect to the school environment especially the sensory room.

Oak – Year 6: Isabelle S for always showing the school value of respect in lessons and when speaking to adults and children.

Holly: Christopher has shown a wonderful understanding of our school value of Respect this week. He has been kind and thoughtful when playing with the trains, happily sharing them with his friends and taking turns during play.

Willow: Mariama for being a great role model for respect. Mariama is kind, polite, and thoughtful towards others.

THIS WEEK'S PALS POINTS, READING CHAMPIONS AND MAD ABOUT MATHS AWARDS

PALS POINTS – Positive Attitude to Learning points:
100 PALS = Dallam YELLOW
200 PALS = Dallam GREEN
300 PALS = Dallam RED
400 PALS = Deputy Head's SILVER
500 PALS = Head Teacher's GOLD
600 PALS = Governor's 3 STAR

Reading Champions and Mad about Maths - For every 10 occasions your child reads or does maths at home it will be celebrated in our Monday assembly.
This week's awards go to:

	READING CHAMPIONS	MAD ABOUT MATHS	PALS Points
Ash	Lenny, Willow and Elijah		
Cedar	Lareen, Maxim, Rosie		
Rowan	Princess and Livya		
Maple	Daniel, David, Alexandra, Selin, Matilda, Evie-Mae	Josie	
Olive	David, Nour, Adam, Alex, Nicole	David, Hannah, Noah, Lewis, Thomas, Cleo	
Oak	Emily, Olivia, Sidar, Archie, Izabella Paiveen, Hina, Summer, Sophia, Joe, Isabelle, Rosa, Sofia, Darcy	Emily, Olivia, Sidar, Archie, Izabella, Paiveen, Hina, Summer, Sophia, Joe, Isabelle, Rosa, Sofia, Darcy	
Holly	Elsie and Grayson		



Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th October	Whole school & family photos	Families from 08:30 – hall doors