



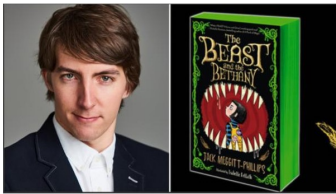
St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 24th September 2021



Today Year 4 virtually met Jack Meggitt-Phillips the author of the books *The Beast and The Bethany* and *The Revenge of the Beast* which will be out later this month. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Jack read a chapter and had the opportunity to ask him lots of very interesting and probing questions about the book and learned how he finds inspiration.

Jack is also a scriptwriter and playwright whose work has been performed at the Roundhouse and has featured on Radio 4.



Mini Police

Our Year 5 children have been working with the Durham Constabulary, with the aim of encouraging a positive experience of policing and encouraging involvement within their local community.

The children will become involved with community activities to enhance community confidence and pride including but not limited to litter picking, road, fire, water, safety and intergenerational opportunities.



European Day of Modern Languages

A huge thank you to all parents who sent in videos to support with this special day. The children have thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed in the colours of various flags and taking part in the activities, which have ranged from making chocolate mousse in French to enjoying stories and skipping games in a wide variety of languages.



Choir

It has been wonderful to hear children singing once more. We are following health and safety guidelines and singing with reduced numbers in highly ventilated spaces.

Sports News

Our Year 6 football team were in action once again this week. They played four matches, winning one and drawing one and losing two. Mr Rose was impressed with the battling spirit shown by the team when they went behind.

We look forward to all other after school sports clubs beginning next week.



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School Updates...

The construction of our Eco Pod is now complete, however we are still waiting for the County Council to install the smoke detectors before we can use it. Fingers crossed this can happen very soon!



Birthday Invitations

Please note that school cannot be responsible for handing out birthday invitations. This is to adhere to recommendations from the county relating to GDPR, but also to ensure that children who may not be invited do not feel left out, as this often causes unnecessary distress. If your child has invites to give out, we suggest they hand them out at the school gate, either before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Harvest Festival

Father Barnaby is going to lead our Harvest Festival celebrations in school on Thursday 7th October. As we are still living with Covid, we will be requesting money donations once again via Parent Pay, rather than bringing in food stuffs. The money raised will be split between the People's Kitchen in Newcastle and the Durham Foodbank.

Friends News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Friends AGM last night. We will be in touch soon with our exciting plans for the year ahead. Minutes from the meeting will be available soon.

Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Enguun A	Sophia M	Imogen W
Sara A	Leo H	Libby P
Sol A	Clara D	Leia G
Olivia K	Charlotte S	



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Year Group

Messages & Reminders



Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	The individual photographs will be on Wednesday 29th September. If you would prefer your child to have their photograph taken in their uniform, please send your child into school with their PE kit in a bag so that they can get changed after their photograph.
Year 4	The individual photographs will be on Wednesday 29th September. If you would prefer your child to have their photograph taken in their uniform, please send your child into school with their PE kit in a bag so that they can get changed after their photograph.
Year 5	
Year 6	
Whole School	The individual photographs will be on Wednesday 29th September.