



We went funny for Money!



We are pleased to announce that we raised £68.00 on Red Nose Day, and the Government have pledged to double whatever schools raise so we have contributed £136.00. Thanks to everyone who came in with funny hair, faces & socks and who enjoyed our red nosed cakes and biscuits. We won the cake competition organised by Sainsbury's one of the main supporters of Red Nose Day, and have told them about our money raising efforts. We had a fun day in school, and it was great to see the staff and students enjoying the day.

Base Trip to The Great North museum – Hancock.

Students from The Base were given the opportunity to visit the Hancock Museum to enhance their science topic, Extinction. We learnt and saw a lot of very interesting things, we had great fun.

The behaviour of the students was amazing!

The Base are also working on the Roots and Shoots project with Alnwick Garden over the coming months.



6th Form Literacy

The sixth form have been reading a book about Frankenstein, we have also learnt a lot about London at that time. We have also been working towards OCR qualifications. Lots of work but worth it!

Literacy Intervention

Students who have additional literacy lessons are making great progress. Their enthusiasm for learning is infectious so many students are learning the sounds as a way to read and this is proving to bring great success.



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The Attendance Race



Class	Attendance
The Base	91.7%
7/8	95.7%
9	92.9%
10	86.4%
11	92.4%

We have introduced an Attendance Race in school as part of an initiative to improve our attendance. The aim is to raise pupil awareness of the importance of attending school regularly and the benefits resulting from this.

In school every week, the form teacher keeps a record of the number and percentage of pupils attending in each class. On Friday in assembly every week, the winning class receives a certificate and a merit each. At the end of every half term, the overall winning class chooses a reward that they can enjoy together. The winning class this half term, Year 7/8, have enjoyed a trip to the cinema,

as their reward for gaining the highest overall attendance.

Project Based Learning

Thanks to all who were able to attend Exhibition Day. The students enjoyed doing the projects and visits over the week included The Fish Quay, Tynemouth, Newcastle, Woodhorn colliery and the Animal Sanctuary. We look forward to the next one in July.

On behalf of the Governors I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and continued support. Also to Parents who without their support and interest the school would not be able to function effectively.

The Governors recently appointed Mrs Biggs as the school's new Permanent Deputy Head Teacher and wish her well in this new and challenging role.

The Governors are currently working with the School's Senior Management Team to respond to the recent Inspection Report and the previous School Assisted Review.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned Easter Break

Best wishes

John Joynson

Chair of Governors



Have a great Easter! School re opens on the 13 April.

