



# Seaton Sluice First School Newsletter 3



*Believe and Achieve, Care and Share, Safe and Secure, Enjoy Together*

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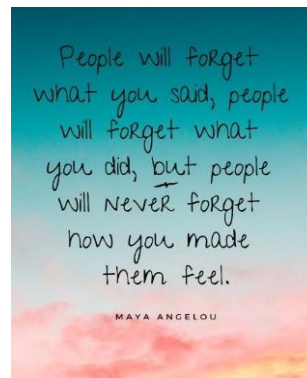
This week's whole school attendance is...

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is 94.8%.

Our whole school attendance target is 96.2% which we know we are capable of achieving.

## Proud to celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH at Seaton Sluice First School

It has been fantastic to celebrate the lives of inspirational people throughout time, as part of Black History month. In Year 4, we listened to music composed by talented artists such as James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Bob Marley and Beyonce. Some of the members of the fantastic 'Voices of Virtue' gospel singing choir came to join us to lead one of our whole school assemblies. Chichi and Rebecca taught us some songs which we all enjoyed joining in with. Some children even came out to the front to lead the singing.



Year 4 also thought about the meaning of quotes from **Maya Angelou**. We discussed the power and strength of her words and considered how we could apply her words to everyday contexts and lessons that we learn in life.



### African Drumming Workshops

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, pupils from Years 2 and 3 spent time with Fanuel, who talked to us about the importance of drumming in African daily life. We learnt rhythms and played together. We loved it!

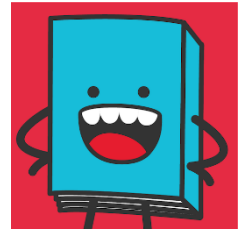
For a video of Year 3, check out the 'news' on our school website at <http://www.seatonsluicesouth.northumberland.sch.uk/web>



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## Have you tried 'Bookzilla'?

We always love to hear from our families! Following the section on 'Reading for Pleasure' in our previous newsletter, Kathryn, one of our parents contacted us to share her experience of using a brilliant App that specifically targets reading for pleasure at home. 'Bookzilla' can be found at: <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading-and-stories/bookzilla>. This fantastic App has been created by children so it really does appeal! It recommends books for targeted age groups and advises on the nearest shop where the book can be found. It persuades children to read a range of books, makes great suggestions, gives challenges and gives information about new, popular books for each age group. It is most appropriate for children in Years 3 and 4. We think it's a great idea!



## Nut Free and Healthy School



Can we politely remind parents and carers that we are a **nut-free school**? We do have some pupils with allergies and intolerances which must be managed very carefully. North Tyneside catering provide our school meals which are also nut-free. When preparing packed lunches and snacks, we therefore ask that no products are sent in that contain nuts. This also includes chocolate spreads that contain nuts. Foods sent in for lunch should also be healthy which do not include fizzy drinks or chocolate bars. Thank you for your support.

## Happy Half-Term!

*After a very busy, successful start to the school year, we would like to thank our children and families for being fantastic. The children have settled in quickly, approached school life with positivity and a spring in their step and really worked their socks off. We have been extremely impressed! Thank you to our brilliant parents and carers for all of your support, smiles and enthusiasm. We hope that you all have a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing you very soon!*

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<b>UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS</b> (added events highlighted in yellow)	
17.10.22	Black History Week
21.10.22	Flu vaccinations for whole school
21.10.22- 31.10.22	October Half Term
01.11.22	Parental Consultations Rec to Year 4 3:30-6:30pm
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09.11.22	Tempest School Photos- individual and siblings
10.11.22	AUTUMN Achievers' Assembly (Nursery, Reception and Y1) 9:00am
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week
16.11.22	Year 3 Trip to Great North Museum
16.11.22	Parent and Carer School Partnership meeting 7pm-8pm
17.11.22	AUTUMN Achievers' Assembly (Years 2, 3 and 4) 9:00am
26.11.22	Turning on Christmas Lights Seaton Sluice Village 4:00pm
04.12.22	St Paul's Church Christingle Service 10am
05.12.22	<b>Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school for the week</b>
06.12.22	Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 9:30-10:30am
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07.12.22	Reception vision screening (pm)
09.12.22	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:30-10:30am
12.12.22	Years 1 and 3 Christmas Performance 1:30-2:30pm
13.12.22	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 9:30-10:30am
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15.12.22	Dib and Dab's Christmas Mix-Up (In-school theatre performance treat)
20.12.22	Nursery Christmas Party 9:30-10:30am
20.12.22	Reception Christmas Party 1:30-2:30pm
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21.12.22	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1:30-2:30pm
23.12.22	<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays</b>
09.01.23	<b>Return to school</b>