



#WeAreLemington

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### OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a **great first half term** of the year so far here at Lemington Riverside! Here are some updates about what has been happening in school and some dates for your diary...

### HAPPY 110<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LEMINGTON RIVERSIDE!

Did you know that this year our school is celebrating its' 110<sup>th</sup> birthday? For over a century our school has been educating the children of Lemington. As part of our celebrations we are creating a display filled with your favourite memories of our school. If you would like to share your story with us, add it to our **Facebook story** or email it to [admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk)



### AMAZING EXPERIENCES:

We have been working hard to develop our "**Lemington Experiences**" – these are a set of experiences that we will give to all children as they move through each year group at Lemington Riverside. This term our children have had some amazing experiences such as:

- Year 6 visited Holy Island and Lindisfarne as part of their Viking project (pictured>>)
- Year 4/5 visited St. James Park as part of their project on Newcastle United F.C.
- Year 3/4 visited Newcastle Castle Keep as part of their project on North East castles.
- Early Years travelled on the Metro and Shields Ferry, visited the Discovery Museum, Leazes Park, Lemington Centre, Lemington Methodist Church, Metro Centre and Angel of the North as part of their 'Explore the North East' project.



We continue to plan exciting visits and cultural opportunities for our children!

### ATTENDANCE:

Our attendance across the school **continues to improve** and I would like to **thank parents and carers** for ensuring that this is happening. It is so important that your child is in school on time, every day as just a few



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days missed can have a big impact on their learning & confidence in class. We continue to reward great attendance at Lemington Riverside and **our whole school average attendance is currently 95.1% compared to just 92% this time last year – this is such a huge improvement!**

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL:**

Our Harvest Festival at Lemington Methodist Church was **very well attended** this year and Reverend Tim provided us with a great service. **I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated food and other items for the Lemington Food Bank.** Your donations were very gratefully received and will go to support families in need within our community.

#### **FOOTBALL:**

Our girls and boys football teams have had a **great start** to the season. Our Y5/6 girls team entered their first ever tournament (The ESFA Cup) at Walbottle Campus. They didn't qualify this time, but **all of the girls were a credit to the school and improved game after game on the night.** Our Y5/6 boys team qualified for the city finals of the ESFA Cup following an 8-0 win over Simonside, 4-2 win over



Sacred Heart and 2-1 win over West Denton. In the City Finals we again

qualified from the group stages following a 2-0 win over West Walker, a 2-1 win over Farne and a 0-1 defeat to Gosforth East. We lost the semi-final to Walkergate and the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff to Gosforth East, but **the boys should be very proud as they are ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> best primary school football team in the City of Newcastle (despite being one of the smallest schools in the city!).**



#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/GREAT LEMINGTON BAKE-OFF:**

**A massive thank you to all who contributed to and organised our Macmillan Coffee Morning in school. We raised an amazing £84.00 for the charity.** We also held our first ever 'Great Lemington Bake-Off' with all classes baking a cake themed around our 'Mighty North' topic! The judges of the bake-off were our very own Mary Berry's – Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Casey and the winning cake was Year 2's Farne Lighthouse Cake!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (Please note we also have a live calendar on our website and share news of events on all of our social media channels – give us a follow!):

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Bob Maddison Cup – Gosforth Central v Lemington Riverside (Away, K.O. 3:45pm).

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October/Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent/Carer Meetings (3:30 – 6pm).

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Nursery/Reception visiting the Angel of the North (Morning).

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Duffy League Football (Y5/6 Boys Team) @ Walbottle Campus (3:50 – 5:15pm).

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Classroom open morning – all parents invited into school between 9-10am to share all of our work from our 'Mighty North' topic.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – We break up for the October Half Term Holiday.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School re-opens at 8:45am following the October Half Term Holiday.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions don't hesitate to speak to myself or one of my team.

**Take care, Mr. Heeley (Head Teacher)**



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