

# Pegswood Primary School News

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## Parents' / Carers' Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed one of these. Out of the 133 families we have, 112 were handed in by yesterday - a response rate of 84%. The results were extremely positive and you should have received a copy with this newsletter. On behalf of all staff, can I thank you for all your support. If anyone would like to discuss anything with me that has arisen from the newsletter, please contact me. Can I also draw your attention to the online version of this questionnaire at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and ask if you would spend 5 minutes registering and replicating your responses on there.

## Sport Relief – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

I'm sure the children recovered from their run a lot quicker than the staff (or maybe that was just me!). Thank you for all your donations. A total of £163.52 was raised for Sport Relief.



## World Down Syndrome Day

There were lots of odd socks on view on Monday throughout school and the staff room. Again, thank you for your donations. A total of £117.72 was raised.

## Roman and Celt Day

There was an invasion of Romans and Celts in Years 3 and 4 on Monday (well one Celt and one Roman – but he was huge!). Year 3 and 4 loved learning more about the two civilisations and seeing artefacts at first hand. I'm not sure the children could believe how heavy the chain mail suit was just to lift. Once the children applied blue face paint, held their shields and shouted a lot, they became a terrifying hoard! Thank you to Mrs Sligo for organising the Wild Dog Outdoors company to come in to work with the children for the day.



#### Year 4 Greek Day

No sooner was the Roman Chain Mail down and the face paint wiped off, Year 4 transformed themselves into Ancient and Modern Greeks on Tuesday. There were some great costumes including Greek citizens with long flowing white tunics, soldiers or modern day visitors to Greece. We even had the God Pan pay us a visit! There was lots of food tasting and other activities throughout the day to enrich the children's understanding about Ancient Greece. Thanks to Mrs Welsh for organising this.



#### Year 5 team building afternoon

Also on Tuesday we welcomed Year 5 children from Ellington and Linton Primary schools who came to work with our Year 5 children in the afternoon. Photo trails and a variety of team building exercises were completed over the afternoon with children from all schools working fantastically with each other. Well done Year 5 and thank you to Mr Veitch for sorting and running the activities during the afternoon.

#### House DVD

Warkworth were the winners this term by a slender 2 points. Reception and KS1 children enjoyed Monsters University with their popcorn and juice, whilst KS2 children voted for Inside Out as their DVD.

#### Year 4 Tri-Golf tournament

This took place last week at Ashington High School and was a qualifying event for the Northumberland School Games. There were nine schools there competing and we managed to come third in the event. Mrs Welsh was extremely proud of all the players who played some brilliant golf and, as always had nothing but good to report about the way in which the golfers conducted themselves whilst out of school. Well done if you were one of the ten golfers from Year 4 on a great result and third place.

#### Ashington Dance Festival

This took place on Monday evening at Ashington High School and some of our Year 5 children took part in the festival, creating their own dance during PE lessons and then refining it with the help of Mrs Wallace! It was a chance to perform on a stage, in front of a considerable audience. We also had Katie from Year 2, Courtney from Year 4 and Abbie from Year 5 (and Mrs Wallace's daughter who we drafted in for the night) who performed a dance together that they had learnt from their dance school. Courtney also went on to perform a solo too. Well done to everybody who performed on Monday night and thank you to Mrs Wallace for the rehearsals and accompanying the children. Thanks also to James who helped on the night.

#### Wansbeck Music Festival

This took place last week across the Wansbeck area and is a competition for those children who play musical instruments outside of school to compete against others. Courtney from Year 4 competed in three different categories – recorder, treble and flute. Courtney shared her news with the school on Monday in assembly and also brought along the three trophies that she won in each category of instrument. Well done Courtney for winning not one, not two, but all three events that you entered for.

Thank you once again for all your support this term and have a lovely holiday time. School reopens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term.

