



20th December 2018



Rowlands Gill Primary School

December Newsletter

Farewell and Good Luck!

We would like to thank Miss Innes and Mr Dempsey for their time and contribution to Rowlands Gill Primary School and wish them the very best of luck for the future.



Miss Innes

After almost 7 years with us, Miss Innes is planning exciting adventures ahead. Starting in January, she is travelling across to India to take shoes for orphans. Mrs Mitchell has been working alongside the Early Years Team this half term to ensure a smooth transition for our youngest children.



Mr Dempsey

Mr Dempsey is also moving on in January, after 16 years at Rowlands Gill Primary School. Mr Dempsey is hoping to volunteer for St Johns' Ambulance so who knows what this may lead to! Mr Evans will be teaching Class 5D for the remainder of the year, an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher from North Tyneside.

School Website Updates

We have been incredibly busy this term, updating our curriculum and we will endeavour to have all information fully updated on our school website: www.rowlandsgillprimary.org by the end of term.

Key updates to look out for:

- Curriculum overview – find out what your child will be learning about each half term in all National Curriculum subjects.
- Pupil Premium Strategy Plan – find out how additional funds are targeted to support our disadvantaged pupils.
- Sports Premium Plan – school receives approximately £18,000 each year for the development of sport and fitness; learn about our priorities for 2018/19.
- SEN Information Report – how school caters for pupils with additional needs.
- Staff roles and responsibilities – keep up to date with who's who and know who to contact.

A Christmas Message

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and merry Christmas and all the best for 2019. I believe we have had a fantastic term at Rowlands Gill Primary School, and it has been an absolute privilege for both myself, and my Deputy, Rachel Hocking, to work with you all. We are ambitious for the future of Rowlands Gill Primary School and expect great progress in 2019.



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Christmas Decoration Morning!

On 29th November we invited our families into school to help create some wonderful Christmas decorations for our school. We would like to thank all that were able to participate in making our school look so festive and we hope you all had a wonderful morning.



KS1 Safetyworks Visit

KS1 had a fantastic morning at Safetyworks. The children learnt so much by participating in 5 workshops all about safety. The children had talks from the Blue Cross, Fire & Rescue, the Police and St Johns Ambulance. Overall, a very successful, informative and fun morning was had by all!



After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for next half term are now OPEN on SIMS Agora and will start back on Tuesday 8th January.

Please double check all days of the clubs as we have had another change to the club days!

We are so pleased to announce that KS2 have FitPop back—we know how popular this club is so please remember spaces are limited!

Please ring the office with any questions or queries you may have!

Lost Property!

We will be displaying our lost property at the end of each half term. This will be displayed outside on the KS1 Yard. If you have lost something please speak to a member of staff who can direct you to the lost property box. Otherwise it will be on display on Friday 21st December before and after school.



Early Years Christmas Sing-A-Long

What a wonderful start to our Festive Season!
Early Years brightened up our morning with such a happy Sing-A-Long enjoyed by all their families.



KS1 Christmas Nativity

After our Christmas Sing-A-Long it was time for the children from Years 1 & 2 to share their Christmas Nativity with their families. We travelled around the world with the children who were so enthusiastic with their singing and dancing. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!
Well done to everyone involved for all your hard work!

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance

Our Year 5 & 6 Children were excellent in both of their performances last week! We would like say another HUGE thank you to all staff involved in making the production so full of energy and laughter! We hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as the children have enjoyed performing it.



We would like to extend our thanks to all that managed to donate to this year's Christmas Shoe Box appeal. We are so grateful of your generosity and we know your gifts and donations will make families across our region very happy this festive season.

Thank you again.

From next term Year 3/4L will be having swimming lessons each Friday morning. These will run for a full term from the first Friday after the Christmas Break (11th January 2019) to the last Friday before Easter. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit for these lessons (costume/trunks/towel/undies).

We hope Year 3M (Mrs Winskill) have had a great time swimming this term!



We're off to see the Wizard...

Our children enjoyed Ticked Pink's production of Wizard of Oz on Monday 10th December.

The children were lucky enough to take part in some workshops with the cast also!



ARMS Discovery Museum Visit!

In November we were lucky enough to visit the Discovery museum in Newcastle. The first thing we saw was the tank outside. It was huge and we thought we might like to have a ride in it! We loved having a walk around Turbinia, a 34 metre steam powered ship that was once the fastest ship in the world We had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the Science floor where we explored the world of science. We loved all of the interactive displays, especially the dark room where we took silly shadow pictures of ourselves. We also visited 'Newcastle story' which took us on a journey through the city of Newcastle from the Roman times to the early millennium. We were only there for the morning but managed to fit all of this in and a cheeky drink and snack in the museum's café! We can't wait until we can visit again!



Early Years Magician Visit!

This term Early Years have been investigating magic. We have read 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and become witches and wizards ourselves by making potions, casting spells and making wands. We wanted to find out more about magic and even see real magic. We were lucky enough to have a real magician do a show just for us. His name was Graeme Shaw and he was fantastic.

We all laughed lots and were left wondering how he made our tummies squeak? How Miss Innes' ring ended up attached to his keys in his zipped wallet? How lights appeared from our ears? And how Rocky the raccoon could guess which card Miss Corr had secretly picked?

What a wonderful time we all had, our tummies hurt from laughing so much.



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FACEBOOK!

We would like to inform parents/carers that our private Facebook group is now LIVE! We hope you find this very useful for keeping up to date with everything in school. Please search for 'Rowlands Gill Primary School Group' on Facebook and request to join by answering the three security questions.

The link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rowlandsgillprimaryschool>

Classes with 100% attendance!

19th-23rd November—ARMS—100%

3rd-7th December— 1B—100%

3rd-7th December— 2S—100%

10th-14th December-5D-100%

Dates for your Diary

19th December—Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

20th December—Year 3 & 4 Christmas Story

20th December— Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

21st December-7th January—Christmas Break

14th February—Year 1 Multiskills Workshop

16th-24th February—Half Term

7th March—World Book Day!

19th March—Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching

26th March—Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching

6th-22nd April—Easter Break

23rd April—Back to School

23rd April—Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching

