

# Seghill First School Newsletter December 2024 edition 3

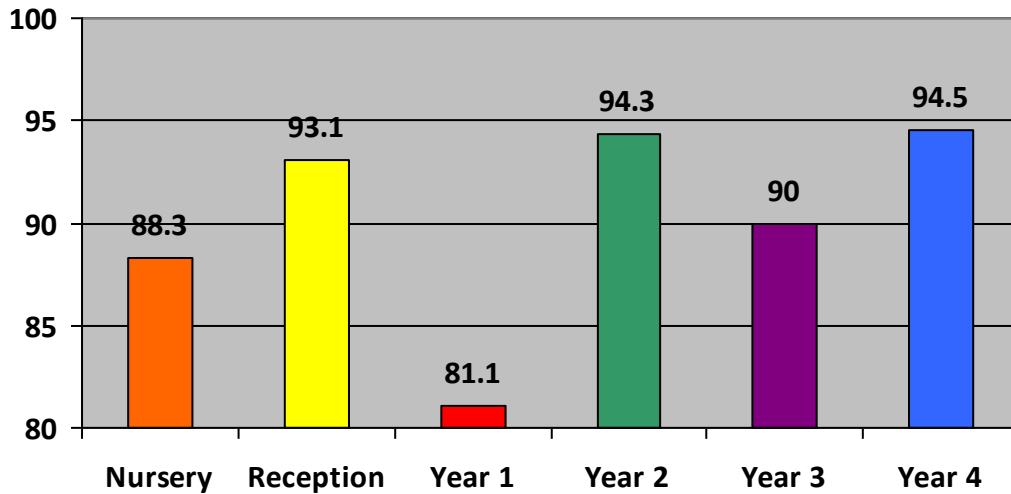
## Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date **94.7%**

National average attendance year to date **95.3%**

Whole school attendance this week **90.8%**

National average attendance this week **94.2%**



Whole school attendance this week was 90.8%. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 94.5% attendance. Well done **Blue class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box. Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Rebeun** in Yellow class. Well done Rebeun.

Our name out of the hat winner for autumn term is **Theo** in Blue class, who received a **£20 Odeon voucher**. Our winner for autumn term B is **Will** in Orange class, who received a **£10 Odeon voucher**.

**Purple class** are the class of the term, with 96.9% attendance. Their reward is to **wear non-uniform today**. **Purple class** are also the class of the half term, with 96.7% attendance. Their reward is an **extra afternoon of Golden Time next half term with Mrs Thomas or Mrs Watson**. Well done, Purple class.

This week we recorded **28 late marks**. Last week we recorded **20 late marks**. So far we have had **296 late marks since September**.

### Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Theo	Mrs Lyons	Freddie
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Caiden	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Brandon
Miss Winter	Elena	Miss Winter	Hallie
Mrs Bell	Harley	Mrs Bell	Jax
Mrs Kembrey	Elijah	Mrs Kembrey	Megan
Mrs Askew	Kora	Mrs Askew	Bobby
Miss Chappell	Parker	Mrs Ellison	Jaxson
Staff star	Mrs Miller	Mrs Jose	Vinnie F
		Mrs Miller	Caleb
		Miss Welton	Freddie L

When we come back to school after the holidays we will be on the **week 1 lunch menu**. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

### Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week and during the Christmas holidays.

**Rio** in Yellow class is now 5.

**Kelbie** in Orange class will be 4 during the school holidays.

Happy birthday Rio and Kelbie. We hope your birthdays are special and fun.



### Can you help us with our local history topic?

In the spring term children in Years 2 and 4 will be learning about different aspects of our local history. Children in Year 2 will be learning about what it was like to work in the mines in Seghill and children in Year 4 will be looking at the impact of mining on Seghill.

We are looking to link up with anyone who worked in **Seghill mine**, or any of the **local mines**, who can share their first hand experiences with us.

If you know anyone, or have anyone in your family, who would be able to share their experiences of working in the mines with us, please contact us at the school email address [schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk) or let Mrs Thomas, our history lead know. We would love to hear about their experiences.

### Advance notice of class coffee afternoons in January 2025

Our **class coffee afternoons** will be taking place during the second week of term in January. The format of the class coffee afternoons this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**.

Teachers will be planning workshops with a **literacy focus**. Parents will be able to work with their children at the workshops. A raffle ticket will be given to every adult who attends and there will be a prize for each class. The dates and times are-

**Monday 13 January** Purple and Blue class 2:30pm;

**Tuesday 14 January** Red and Green class 2:30pm;

**Wednesday 15 January** Orange and Yellow class 12:30pm.

Coffee afternoons will take place for each key stage at the date and time above, although each class will be working separately in their workshop.

### Christmas fundraising news

I am absolutely delighted to announce our fundraising totals from our Christmas activities. At the Christmas fayre, we raised **£781**. Through performance tickets, Christmas craft club, selling Christmas biscuits, the raffle this morning and movie night we raised **£596**, giving a **grand total of £377**. This is absolutely amazing. Thank you so much to everyone who came to the fayre, bought performance tickets, raffle tickets and movie night tickets.

All of the money that we raise is ploughed straight back into **providing treats for the children**. We have paid for all children in Nursery and Reception to go to the **theatre** and for all children in key stages 1 and 2 to go to the **cinema**, all free of charge.

In addition to this, we always **subsidize the cost of all school trips** to try to limit the cost to parents and carers.

Special mentions must be made to **Mrs Mullen and Mrs Jose**, who did so much work behind the scenes and at the Christmas fayre to make it such a success.

Our next fundraising event is a **non-uniform day** for all children on **Friday 21 February**.

### Christmas performances

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **Christmas performances**. The children were all absolutely brilliant.

I saw that like me, some of you had a little bit of glitter in your eyes throughout the performances. We are very proud of the children, especially as some of them had to take on roles at very short notice due to a number of children being poorly. What a super effort from all of our boys and girls.

Our staff certainly put in a lot of hard work to get everything up and running and the children certainly showed their talents to their best. Well done, everyone.

### Santa's reading challenge

Well done and congratulations to everyone who has worked really hard on achieving Santa's reading challenge. We have been able to give out 65 certificates and gifts from Santa. It has been great to see so many of the children reading at home and bringing their reading book and reading record to school every day. This is also beginning to show in their reading assessments. These children have achieved their Santa's reading challenge awards-

**Orange class-** Carter, Kaia, Kade, Evaya, Jessica, Dakota, Charlie.

**Yellow class-** Megan, Harry and Faye.

**Red class-** Brogan, Rosie, Mila, Isaac, Amy, Isabella, Ethan, Finnlagh, Edie, Jaxson, Sierra, Harry, Carter, Gracie, Harley and Jax.

**Green class-** Will, Edison, Hallie, Sam, Ethan, Harry, Rowan, Eabha, Hunter, Archie, Rosie, Zack, Caleb, Thomas, Manessa and Luciana.

**Purple class-** Ollie, Leo, Lincoln, Leila, Sophie, James, Freya, Logan, Frankie and Brandon.

**Blue class-** Bailey, Owen, Theo, Parker, Ella, Marnie, Freddie, Amelia, Isaac, Angel, Noah, Katie and Grace.

### Spring term A PE days

Nursery Orange class	Wednesday
Reception Yellow class	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 Red class	Thursday and Friday
Year 2 Green class	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3 Purple class	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesday and Friday

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days.

### Goodbye Mrs Miller

We had a very emotional day saying goodbye to the lovely **Mrs Miller** on Wednesday. She is retiring so she can spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Anne has worked here for more than 20 years in many different roles, and has always been an extremely valued member of staff, colleague and friend. We wish Anne all the very best in her retirement.

Anne has asked me to send a message to say thank you very much for all of your kind wishes and gifts. She will treasure them all.

Mrs Miller's post will be taken over by **Mrs Jose**, who will extend her current part time contract to working full time after the Christmas holidays.



### Celebration assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to our **celebration assembly** this morning. It was lovely to see you all. The children did a great job, just as they always do.

It was lovely to hear our Christmas Song "Merry Christmas Everyone" being sung by the children. This song was the winning entry in our **Christmas song competition**, written by **Will** in Green class. Well done, Will.

Our Christmas hamper raffle was won by Keith Farmer.

### Multi skills competition success

Children in Year 4 took part in the Cramlington and Seaton Valley schools' **multi skills challenge**. They came **second**, which means they will go forward to the live virtual final of the competition. This will take place in January. Well done, Year 4, this is amazing news. We are proud of you.

### Events coming up next term

<b>Spring coffee afternoons at 2:30pm</b>	<b>Fundraising and community</b>
<b>Monday 13 January</b> Purple and Blue class	<b>Friday 21 February</b> Non uniform for school funds
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b> Red and Green class	<b>Thursday 06 March</b> World Book Day book sale and coffee morning at 9:00am
<b>Wednesday 15 January</b> Orange and Yellow class <b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March</b> Mother's Day lunch
<b>Class assemblies</b>	<b>Celebration assemblies</b>
<b>Tuesday 04 April</b> Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	<b>Friday 21 February</b> at 2:30pm
<b>Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers</b>	<b>Thursday 10 April</b> at 9:00am
<b>Tuesday 01 April</b> from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	<b>Other school events</b>
<b>Wednesday 02 April</b> from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	<b>Wednesday 08 January</b> Reception vision screening checks
	<b>Thursday 09 January</b> Reception heights and weights checks
	<b>Monday 31 March</b> Easter tables challenge starts on
	<b>Wednesday 09 April</b> Easter egg decorating competition deadline

#### School is closed on these dates-

Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February 2025 for the half term holidays.

Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day.

Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.

**The children, staff and governors of Seghill First School wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2025.**

**We will see you from Tuesday 07 January.**