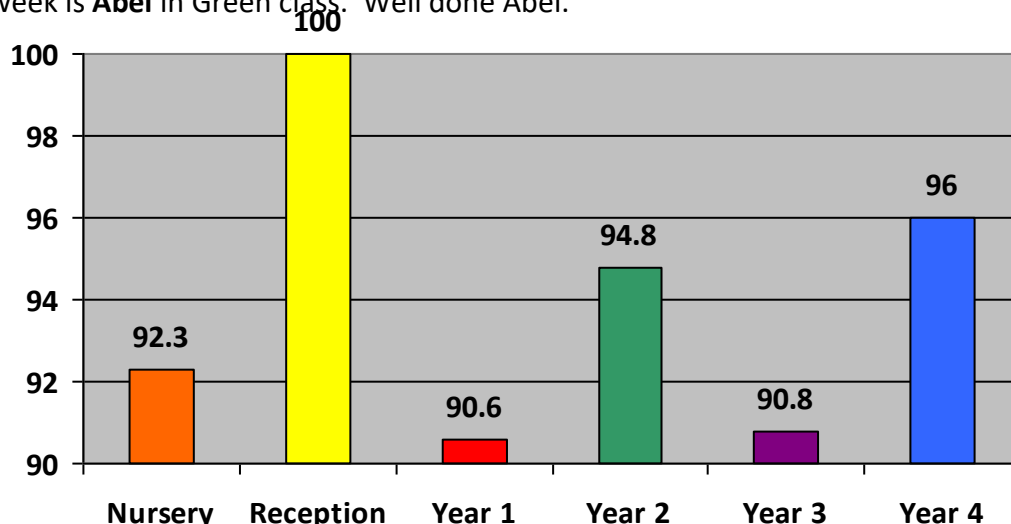


# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2024 edition 4

## Attendance

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| Whole school attendance year to date 95.2% | National average attendance year to date 95.7% |
| Whole school attendance this week 94.4%    | National average attendance this week 95.6%    |

Whole school attendance this week was 94.4%. Class of the week this week is **Yellow class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Yellow 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 **Abel** in Green class. Well done Abel.



**Yellow class** is class of autumn term A, with 97.2% attendance. Well done **Yellow class**. You will have Golden Time with Mrs Kembrey after the half term break. **Rosie** in Green class won our £10 cinema voucher for autumn term A as her name was pulled out of the hat.

### Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



|                           |             |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs Lyons                 | Willow      | Mrs Lyons                 | Isaac and Mattilda |
| Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas | Leila       | Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas | Freya              |
| Miss Winter               | Luciana     | Miss Winter               | Vinnie             |
| Mrs Bell                  | Ethan       | Mrs Bell                  | Ahmed              |
| Mrs Kembrey               | Rebeun      | Mrs Kembrey               | Elby               |
| Mrs Askew                 | Kodi        | Mrs Askew                 | Freddie            |
| Miss Chappell             | Caleb       | Mrs Jose                  | Hadia              |
| Staff star                | Mrs Kembrey | Mrs Miller                | Harry              |
|                           |             | Mrs Ellison               | Mattilda           |
|                           |             | Miss Welton               | Faith              |

### Spooky surprise

We hope you enjoyed our spooky surprise today when **staff dressed up** for an early Halloween to surprise the children. For some reason, Mrs Lyons wasn't keen to wear her costume to the Year 4 Team Building festival at Seaton Sluice Middle School and travelling via the X7 bus! Please see page 4 for photos.

### Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week. However, **Willow** in Purple class will be 9 during the half term holidays. Happy birthday Willow. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



## Seghill First School annual calendar autumn 2024

| Christmas   | Fundraising and community events   |
|---|--|
| Early Years Christmas treat- details to follow – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December     | Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November        |
| Christmas post boxes open - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Children in Need – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November                      |
| Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am and 2.30pm | Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November       |
| Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am  | Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December        |
| Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm        | Christmas Fayre – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm           |
| Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm |
| Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm            |  |
| Years 1 to 4 Christmas treat- details to follow – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | Other school events  |
| Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm             | Santa's reading challenge – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December              |
| Celebration assemblies  |  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am   |  |

### School is closed on these dates-

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the half term holidays, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January for the Christmas holidays and Monday 06 January 2025 due to a staff training day.

### Meeting for parents and carers with class teachers

Thank you to everyone who came to school to **meet with their child's class teacher** or had a telephone consultation.

**As always, attendance was very high, at 93%.** Some of you spoke to the class teacher by telephone and the vast majority of parents and carers came into school for the meetings. Whichever method was used, it is so important to have the opportunity to speak to the class teacher.

If you are one of the 7 parents who has not seen your child's class teacher and who has not made an alternative appointment yet, class teachers will be speaking to you to make another appointment.

### Celebration assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended our **celebration and harvest festival assembly** this afternoon. Your very generous donations for the Seaton Valley food bank were displayed in the hall.

All items will be donated to the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. In these difficult times for everyone, it is great to see what we can do to help each other.

### Autumn B extra-curricular clubs

Our **extra-curricular clubs** for **autumn term B** are-

- Cooking club Mrs Askew for children in Reception;
- Sports club with NUFC for children in Years 1 and 2;
- Christmas craft club with Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter for children in Years 3 and 4.

If your child has a place at one of the clubs you will have received a confirmation letter earlier this week.

### Year 4 team building festival

Well done to all of our Year 4 children who took part in the Team Building festival at Seaton Sluice Middle School this morning. Mrs Lyons was very impressed with the children while they were at the festival and also while travelling in public transport.

### Autumn B PE days

| Class                  | Autumn term B PE days    | Staff                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nursery Orange class   | Wednesdays               | Mrs Askew                  |
| Reception Yellow class | Wednesdays and Fridays   | Mrs Kembrey                |
| Year 1 Red class       | Tuesdays and Thursdays   | NUFC and Mr Dowson         |
| Year 2 Green class     | Tuesdays and Fridays     | NUFC and Cheryl Ferry      |
| Year 3 Purple class    | Wednesdays and Thursdays | Mrs Thomas and Mr Dowson   |
| Year 4 Blue class      | Mondays and Fridays      | Mrs Lyons and Cheryl Ferry |

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. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

### Topic homework

Your child was given their **October half term topic homework last Friday**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 13 November**. During this time there will be no Maths or English homework set. Please note that even though we will not be sending home maths and English homework at this time, spellings will still be given out each week and children should continue to read at home and return their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Topic Homework is given instead of three weeks' worth of maths and English homework. With this in mind, we expect to see a minimum of three tasks that are completed to a high standard, and reflect the equivalent of three weeks' worth of homework. Models, paintings and sculptures that children have completed should be brought in alongside their topic homework books.

In previous years we have received some super examples of just how creative you are, including excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings. Staff will include ideas of activities that children can complete in their topic homework, but we want to see what you can do.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated via our **school Facebook page** and the **homepage of the school website**, so please keep an eye out for them.

We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have at least three pieces of high-quality work which they can be very proud of.

### Halloween safety

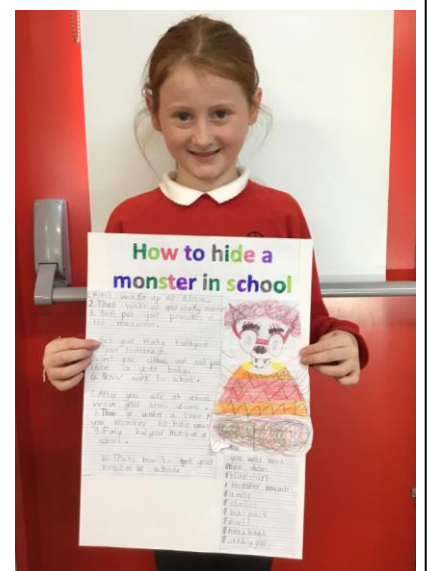
There is some useful information about staying safe at Halloween from the Child Accident Prevent Trust [here](#) and from BBC Newsround [here](#)

### School menu

When we return to school after the October half term break, we will be starting with the **week 1 menu**. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

### Green class gallery

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