

# Autumn Newsletter 6 2024

## Language of the Month

This half term we have launched language of the month. We have decided to learn a language every month, rather than every week this year so that the children get plenty of time to learn and practice some words from each language. Each language chosen is a home language for one or more of our families, look out for videos on Twitter for children teaching us their language.



November: Italian  
December: Tamil  
January: Mandarin  
February: Hindi  
March: Arabic  
April: Farsi  
May: Japanese  
June: Greek  
July: Vietnamese

## Year 4 Adventure to Beamish

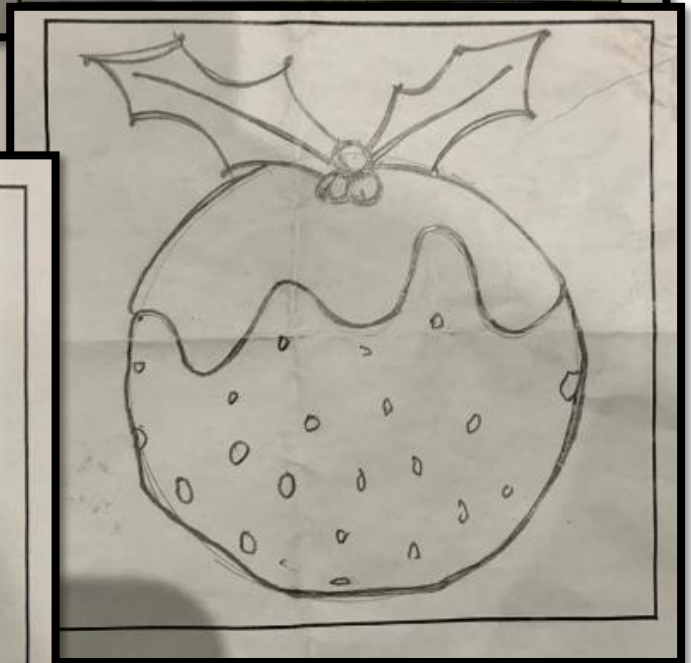
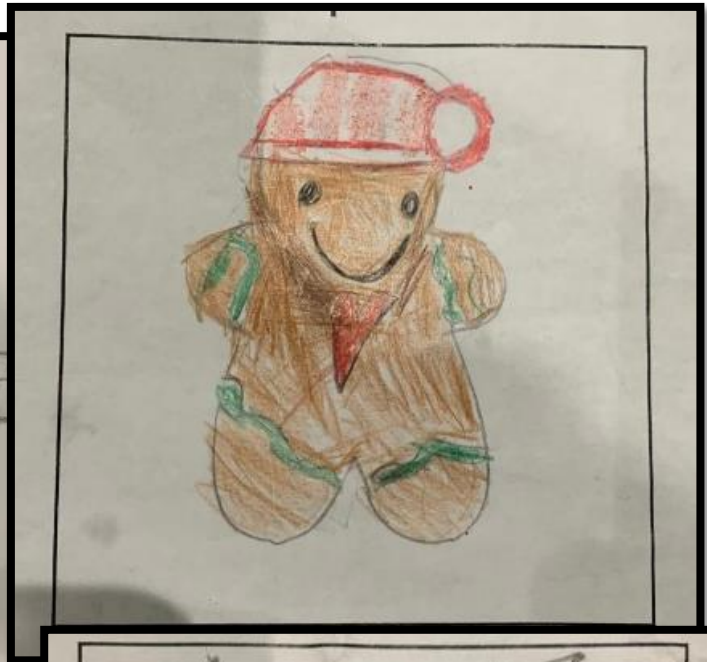
Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Beamish today and learned all about life in the past. A huge thank you to the grown-ups that came along to help. [#AFSHistory](#)



## A Festive Tree Decoration

These were the 4 finalists for the decorations selected by the PTFA for the Christmas Decoration Competition AGM. Well done to Lailah (year 3), Philippos (class 2), Alexander (class 1) and Freida (year 3).

For the Love of the North chose the final winner – the fabulous Gingerbread design. A huge congratulations to Philippos in Class 2!!!



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## An Evening of Lights

Thank you to everyone who came to the turning on of the lights at Daft as a Brush – it was an AMAZING community turn out.

A huge well done to Ayra and Zidane for plunging the switch too!



Dear Mrs Turner

Just wanted to drop you a line to say a **huge** thank you to you and all the children and their parents for taking part in the switching on of the Christmas lights on Thursday, 14 November. It was fantastic to see such a turnout from the school and you all helped to make the event such a big success.

Please be in no doubt how very, very grateful I am for your support of the cancer charity which provides a bespoke, free of charge, transport service for cancer patients to and from hospital whilst undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment.

Hope to see you all take part in next year's 'switch on'.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brian Burnie'.

Brian Burnie – Founder & Trustee  
Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care



## Our Christmas Carol Service

On Thursday 19th December our children who are in Reception to Year 4 will attend our Christmas Carol Service. This year it will be held at All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES, starting at 1.30pm.

Throughout the church service there will be thanksgiving and lots of festive singing. It would be lovely to see you all there and seats will be available from 1.20pm, however, please note that there will be pews reserved for the children and staff so there may be standing room only once all seats are taken.

There will be a cash collection for those who wish to make a donation, in aid of St Oswald's Hospice and Daft as a Brush.



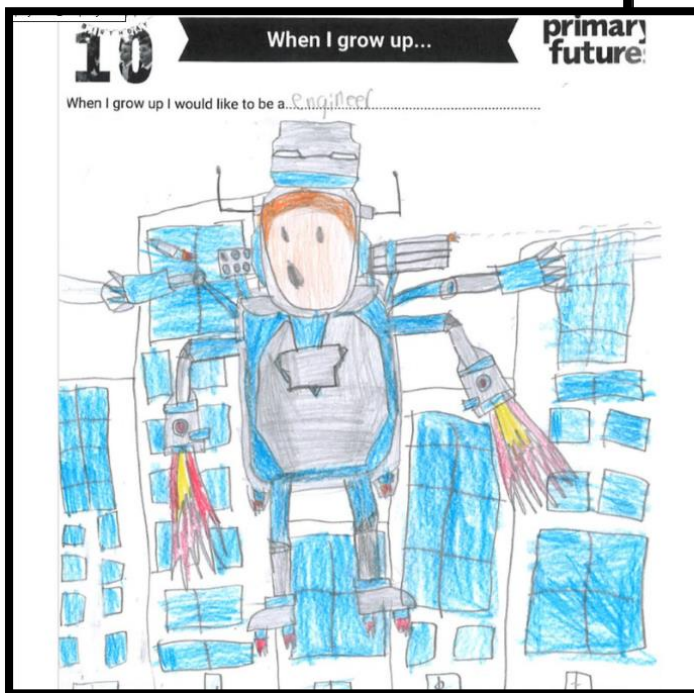
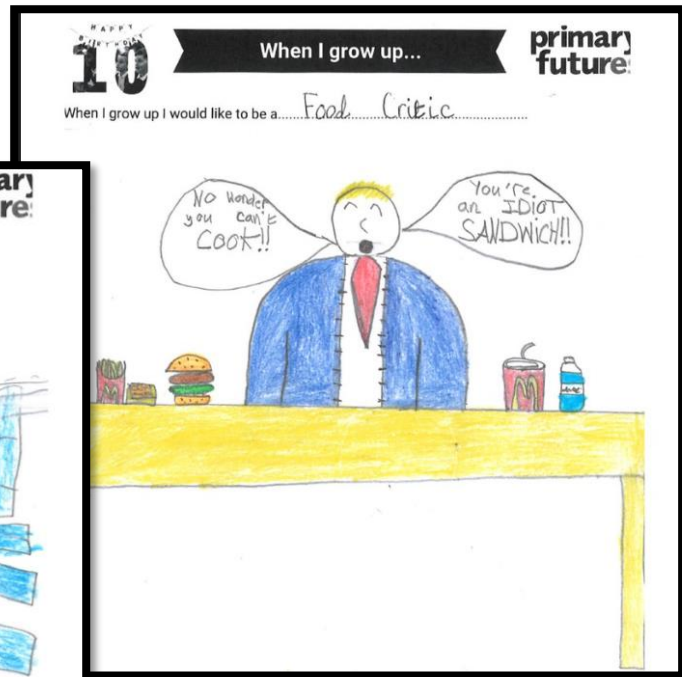
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## Archibald is a Winner – Primary Futures

Following the submission of our children's drawings as part of the 'When I Grow up' campaign, our school was drawn at random and **have won a £250 Amazon voucher** 😊

The campaign has been incredible, and the volume of drawings shared with the Primary Futures team has been absolutely amazing. As many entries as possible have been loaded onto the online gallery <https://www.inspiringthefuture.org/campaigns/when-i-grow-up/#gallery> and the plan is to use these amazing drawings to highlight the wonderful aspirations and dreams of our primary children right now.



## Our New Site Manager

Welcome to Shaun Roseby our new Site Manager! Shaun officially began his role with us as of December 2024 and we look forward to working with him as a key member of our Archibald Team.



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## PTFA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to the PTFA for the Christmas Fair which was in full swing this week for our Archibald children. They all had a brilliant day. [#AFSFun](#) [#AFSChristmas](#)



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## AFS School of Sanctuary

Look at our beautiful new quilts displayed proudly in our dining hall. [#AFScaring](#) [#schoolsofsanctuary](#) [#refugeeweek](#)

Mrs McGurk's mum has made a brilliant job of making these. We think you will agree that she is VER VERY talented. A thank you also goes to Mr Roseby for hanging these in the hall.



### New Home



As part of Refugee Week, Dr Helen King came in to deliver a workshop to Year 3 and 4 children based on the children's book *New Home*.

The book tells the story of a refugee brother and sister who come to the North East seeking sanctuary.

After reading and discussing the story, the children responded to the question: 'what would you like to show or tell these characters?' on squares of fabric.

A member of our school community then kindly created two quilts using these fabric squares.

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# Safeguarding

## How to make an emergency call

In school, we have learnt about the emergency services and how to make a call.

Would your child/children know what to do in the home if there was an emergency?

Does your child know how to make a 999 call if your phone is locked and you are injured or unwell?

Here is a handy guide to help.

### On an Android Phone

How to call from a locked Android phone (one that isn't yours and needs a passcode to be used):

- Pick up the phone.
- Swipe the phone screen so it takes you to the 'lock screen'. An 'Emergency' or 'Emergency Call' button will appear at the bottom of the screen.
- Press this button and a dial pad will appear.
- Dial 999.



### On an iPhone

How to call from a locked iPhone (one that isn't yours and needs a passcode to be used) version 8 or later:

- Pick up the phone.
- Press and hold the side button and one of the volume buttons until the 'Emergency SOS' slider appears.
- Drag the 'Emergency SOS' slider to call the emergency services.



How to call from a locked iPhone (one that isn't yours and needs a passcode to be used) version 7 or earlier:

- Pick up the phone.
- Quickly press the side button OR the top button five times. The 'Emergency SOS' slider will appear.
- Drag the 'Emergency SOS' slider to call the emergency services.



Have you ever shown your child/children how to access your phone to dial 999 in an emergency? Remind them that they must only do this in an emergency.

(They do not need to know your passcode)

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## A Christmas Gift



Newcastle City Council are asking you to help care experienced young people have the **Best Christmas Ever**. We know these young people can often find Christmas a difficult time, particularly with the additional challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis.

The ambition is for every Newcastle Care Leaver to wake up to a wrapped gift on Christmas morning!

Care Leavers have created a [Christmas Wish List](#) on Amazon for winter essentials and Christmas presents. The Wishlist includes warm clothes, gift sets, books, and games. If you are able to, please consider buying a young person a gift from their Wishlist.

If you do purchase an item, please select 'EVERY Christmas 2024' delivery address and the item will be delivered directly to a council building. We will wrap every present and deliver to young people in time for Christmas.

**Thank you for your support!**

## Music Grant for Archibald

UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK  
**sound**  
foundation

We were successfully awarded a £500 grant and have purchased 15 new keyboards for school. We can't wait to see, and to hear, these in use across the whole school!

VISIONKEY-1 37 Key Portable Mini Keyboard



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## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Are you having a sort out at home in preparation for an influx of new things over the Christmas period???

Do you have any of these items which are looking for a new home...



- hats
- bags
- mobile phone handsets
- computer keyboards
- laptops
- scooters
- old photo frames
- corks (no judgements)
- musical instruments
- painting rollers
- milk crates
- life size prams/buggies
- bikes
- skateboards
- dolls prams/buggies
- jumbo chalk
- action figures
- masks
- builder's hats
- buttons
- paintbrushes (all sizes)
- wheel barrows

we are very happy to give them a home at Archibald...



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## Dates – It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

### **December 2024**

- 09 Nursery Christmas Songs 10 am
- 09 Year 4 Christmas Concert 2 pm
- 10 Year 3 Christmas Concert 9.30am
- 10 That History Bloke working with Year 2
- 10 PTFA Cake Sale hosted by Class 8 in school yard
- 11 Class 2 Nativity 9.30 am
- 11 Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch
- 11 Nursery Christmas Songs 2 pm
- 12 Winning Team VIP Day
- 12 Class 1 Nativity 9.30 am
- 12 Year 2 Christmas Concert 2 pm
- 13 Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30 am
- 16 Post Adoption Christmas Coffee Morning 8.45 – 9.45 am
- 16 Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
- 16 Nursery 1, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Film Afternoon (wear your pjs)
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- 18 Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
- 19 Christmas Service at All Saints Church 1.30pm
- 20 School closes for the winter break at 3.15 pm



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