

Important dates:

- Return to school Monday 3rd March.
- Break up for Easter Holidays Friday 11th April 2025.

Whole school events:

- World book day 7th March Fun afternoon.
- Red Nose Day 15th March
- Parents Coffee Afternoon 15th March.
- Ramadan begins 22nd March.
- World Autism Acceptance Week 27th March-2nd April.

What an amazing half term we have had...

It's been another busy half term! With college visits, Chinese New Year celebrations, project work, shopping and cookery to name a few everyone has been very busy! Take a look at some of our highlights...

Purple Class



Green Class



Orange Class



Red Class



Yellow Class



Blue Class





In the last Student Council Meeting, learners voted for the following actions:

New extra-curricular groups

Spread out lunch times to avoid overcrowding.

New sports equipment

We have since set up a range of groups including art, chess, sports and Lego. Which will commence after half term.

Each class has a set lunch time to avoid excess noise in the dinner hall.

Bikes are outside at all times and a range of sports equipment has been ordered.

Local contacts for safeguarding:

Redcar & Cleveland Multi-Agency
Children's Hub (MACH)
Telephone - 01642 130700
Email - RedcarMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Middlesbrough Multi-Agency
Children's Hub (MACH)
Telephone - 01642 726004
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MiddlesbroughMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Chocolate Cake & Lego Day:



For this term's annual events we celebrated National Lego Day and National Chocolate Cake Day, the learners shopped for their ingredients, made their own chocolate cakes with a range of flavors and decorations. We invited parents to come and taste the cakes and leave their own reviews!

The learners loved making their cakes and especially tasting them! The event was a great success, and we loved showing the cakes off to the parents. Well Done Mackenzie Thorpe Centre!

College Visits

This term some of our post 14 students visited Prior Pursglove College to have a look around the new environment and explore some of the course options they have available. The learners enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about what they have to offer.



Chinese New Year Celebrations:

This half term we have celebrated Chinese New Year, this has included creating our own snakes, Chinese lanterns, tasting fortune cookies and learning all about the history of The Chinese New Year.

To end the celebrations learners cooked Chinese food and they all got to taste some different foods, this included, chow-mein, spring rolls, egg fried rice, prawn crackers and curry sauce.

Everyone loved tasting some different food and introducing themselves to some different tastes!



Celebration!

Some classes have begun some different celebrations this half term to showcase individuals for their hard work or personal achievements. Some classes have celebration books and others have star of the week certificates. Examples for receiving the celebration award include increased engagement, trying a new activity or completing their work. We are so proud of them all and love hearing about their achievements



Safer internet week and children's mental health week.

This half term has seen a focus across school on Safer Internet Use and Children's mental health week. Classes have done various activities and tasks surrounding how to boost their own mental health and wellbeing and where to go for support if needed.

Throughout school we hold a range of sessions for learners who need more support with their mental health and wellbeing.

We have also discussed how to stay safe online, where to go for support if they are concerned about something they have seen online and what information needs to be kept private when accessing the internet.

Below are some links on how to help support individuals with emotional, social and mental wellbeing and some safer internet use resources.

[Tips anxiety](#)

[Thoughts before
bedtime - NEAS](#)

[building self confidence](#)

[Is TikTok safe? | NSPCC](#)

Next terms events:

World Book Day Fun
Afternoon - 7th March

Red Nose Day Coffee
Afternoon - 15th March.

Ramadan begins – 22nd
March.

World Autism acceptance
week – 27th March – 2nd
April.

Art Week 7-11th April.

Break up for Easter
Holidays Friday 11th April.

Return to school Tuesday
29th April.



Student Work

This term saw Ava from purple class complete two of the Rosettes in the ABRS Rosette Scheme. This involves 18 stable management and 14 Riding Rosettes – a fun way to learn more about ponies/horses. Ava is over the moon with her achievements and is looking forward to demonstrating her knowledge and completing many more.

We are very proud of your achievements Ava!



In 2025, our 45th Anniversary year NEAS are launching a growing futures appeal to help create the County Durham farm into an innovative training centre for autistic people. They are aiming to create jobs and placements by turning the site into a visitor attraction!

To find out more visit: [Growing Futures - North East Autism Society](#)

It's been another lovely, busy half term and we have lots planned for the beginning of Spring!

Thankyou for all your support this half term and we will see you all in one week!