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Ofsted Inspection: What a busy week! As you know, this week we welcomed Ofsted into school for our inspection. The team were with us for two days, looking extremely closely at all aspects of our school. They observed teaching and learning, spoke in depth with staff, governors, lots of children and parents and got a full and thorough picture of our school. I was delighted with the children, who conducted themselves (as ever) with a calm, mature approach, demonstrating excellent behaviour and superb manners. The full report will be available in approximately 28 days, where I will be able to report the full outcome. I would like to thank all of those parents and carers who spoke to the inspectors and used the Parentview site to give your opinions of the school, this was very much appreciated.

Young Carers Award: Excellent news! This week, we were given the fabulous news that we have been awarded the Young Carers Charter status and this logo has been added to our school letterhead and website. Even more good news is that Miss Sugden, who has been responsible for securing this award, has secured some funding in order to create a nurture room, whereby Young Carers can meet. We will be consulting with the children on how best to spend this money, listening carefully to their suggestions and ideas. Once again, such an award demonstrates the importance our staff place on supporting our children in sometimes challenging circumstances. A massive thank you to Miss Sugden and all staff involved for helping us to secure this important status: well done!!

New appointments: This week we have also interviewed and appointed two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Lakey, who will be replacing Miss Burton in EYFS and Ms Steel, who will be a new addition to our team in Year 5. Miss Burton has been a valued member of our team and will be moving on in her career: we wish her every success for the future!

Feb Fest' 16: The Bishop Auckland Feb Fest Arts Festival will be taking place from 8th to 27th February. This year, the theme is 'The Somme: Remembrance and Expression' and the children have been working on a collective piece depicting 'Peace' to be displayed in the McGuinness Gallery in Bishop Auckland Town Hall.

Sports: Year 3 & 4 attended their first football league game this week and despite getting beat, showed excellent attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship (and womanship!) Mr Walker is confident that the team will go from strength to strength.

Years 5 & 6 were also involved in the Sports Hall Athletics Festival this week, where again, Mrs Stanbridge reported that behaviour and attitude were outstanding, ensuring the children were the very best ambassadors for our school possible. Well done to all who participated!

Bowes Museum Quilt Project: Y3 & 4 have been involved in a quilt making project at Bowes Museum. Every child involved in the project will be given a free family pass to the museum (2 adults and children) – valid from March 5th 2016 – April 10th 2016. Also, to celebrate the end of the project a family event will be hosted at the Museum on the 5th March (11.00-4.00) – with lots of fun activities for the children in the Museum and a trail to help the families explore the galleries. Families will be able to use their free ticket on this day. A room will be available for families to bring packed lunches. The event is not being advertised to the public and is being planned specifically for the children involved in the project!



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Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 3. Well done!

- YR: 94.6%
- Y1: 89.2%
- Y2: 92.8%
- Y3: 97.5%
- Y4: 92.1%
- Y5: 96.5%
- Y6: 85%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Ryan-Lee Sample for always being very kind and helpful: well done!

Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Thursday 11 th February	Year 4 Class Assembly: parents / carers very welcome, with refreshments served afterwards.
Friday 12 th February	All Day Y3 & Y4 Visit to Bowes Museum
Friday 12th February	2:55pm: School Closes for Half Term
<u>Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May</u>	Year 6 SAT Week: Under NO circumstance must any Y6 pupils be absent from school this week.

Mrs Page
Headteacher

