



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 20**

6.2.2026

Author-ly Good



The weather has been awful all week, but RTPS has still been a warm place to be, and I have enjoyed getting around the classes and seeing some great work being done. Many classes had the author Chris Connaughton work with them, and you can read all about it in this week's edition of @ The School Gate. Next week will see Y1 enjoy a school trip and Y5 develop Bikeability as we near the end of this half term.

Reception

We welcomed a storyteller into our classroom this week. We thoroughly enjoyed joining in with 'The Gingerbread Man'. He was very impressed that we knew the words to the story! For the second time this year, we have won the tidiest classroom award! The children are excellent at respecting our environment, they are a credit to our school. We have also been talking about strangers and safe strangers. The children chatted in groups, whilst identifying different people who help us in our community.



Year 1

This week, in Maths we have been making our own number sentences. We have been using the symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$. We have worked together to make our own sentences and have played true or false with our partners.



Meet the staff

Hi, I'm Mrs Linsley and I have worked at Ravensworth for 8 years. I currently teach in Year One and



I am the Science lead in school. Before teaching, I spent my time in theatres both on and off stage and I have a degree in Performing Arts and Production Management. I particularly love to sing! Outside of school I am Mammy to Marlia and Bodhi and my evenings and weekends are spent taking them to football, swimming and gymnastics. I spend my free time volunteering as a committee member at South Tyneside Gymnastics Centre and my quiet time reading a good book!

Year 2

In Science this week, Year 2 investigated the question 'Do our feet grow bigger as we get older?'. In order to collect their data, they measured the feet of children from different years groups across the school. They worked well with their learning partners and tried hard to accurately use their rulers. Mr Ramanandi was lucky enough to get his feet measured too!



Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 had the fantastic opportunity to experience a mesmerizing storytelling session with Chris Connaughton. He brought Rumpelstiltskin to life in such an engaging way, using his voice, eye contact, and body language to captivate us all. He even took some of our ideas to help add to his adaptation of the tale. We were completely hooked from start to finish! His performance was a brilliant example of how powerful storytelling can be, and we loved every moment of it. We can't wait for his next visit and are already excited to continue exploring storytelling in our own way.



Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Teamwork is the ability to work well with others to achieve a common goal. For children in primary school, learning to be part of a team is an essential life skill that supports academic success, social development, and emotional wellbeing.

This is important as it:

- Builds communication skills
- Encourages cooperation & respect
- Develops problem-solving & creativity
- Promotes empathy and social skills
- Prepares them for future success

High Aspirations
Aim high



Always ready
Step by step



Growing confident
High standards

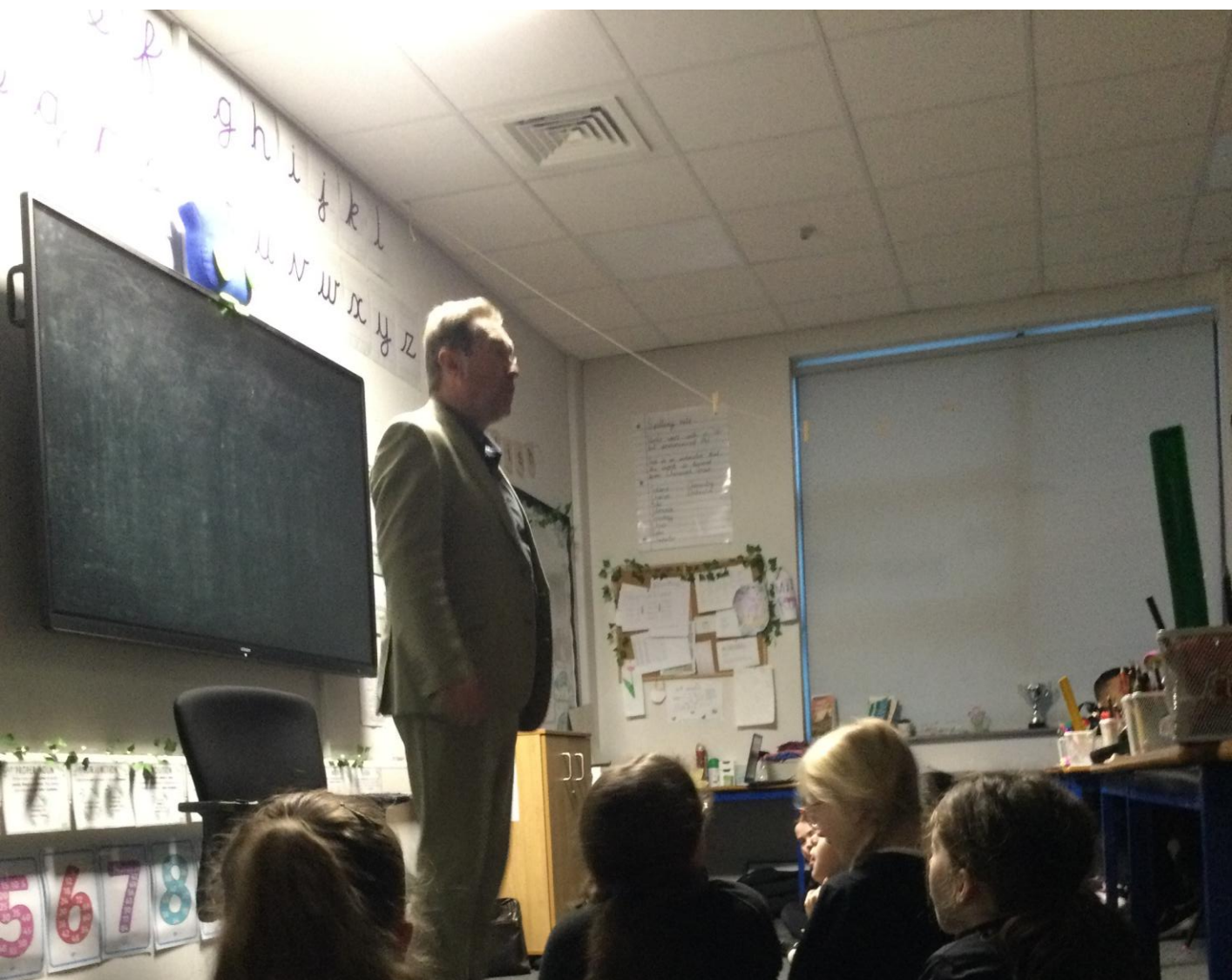


Do our best
Lots of success



Year 4

This week, we have had a very exciting visitor on Tuesday. Chris Connaughton came in to tell a story to all of us. It was about a soldier, a witch, a tinderbox, wishes, a mean king and queen and there was even a princess. The perfect ingredients to a wonderful fairy tale. We had lots of fun listening to his engaging retell and even had a few moments where we laughed out loud. Just like in Year 3, it was an absolute pleasure to listen to him sharing a story! Thank you from all of Year 4 Chris!



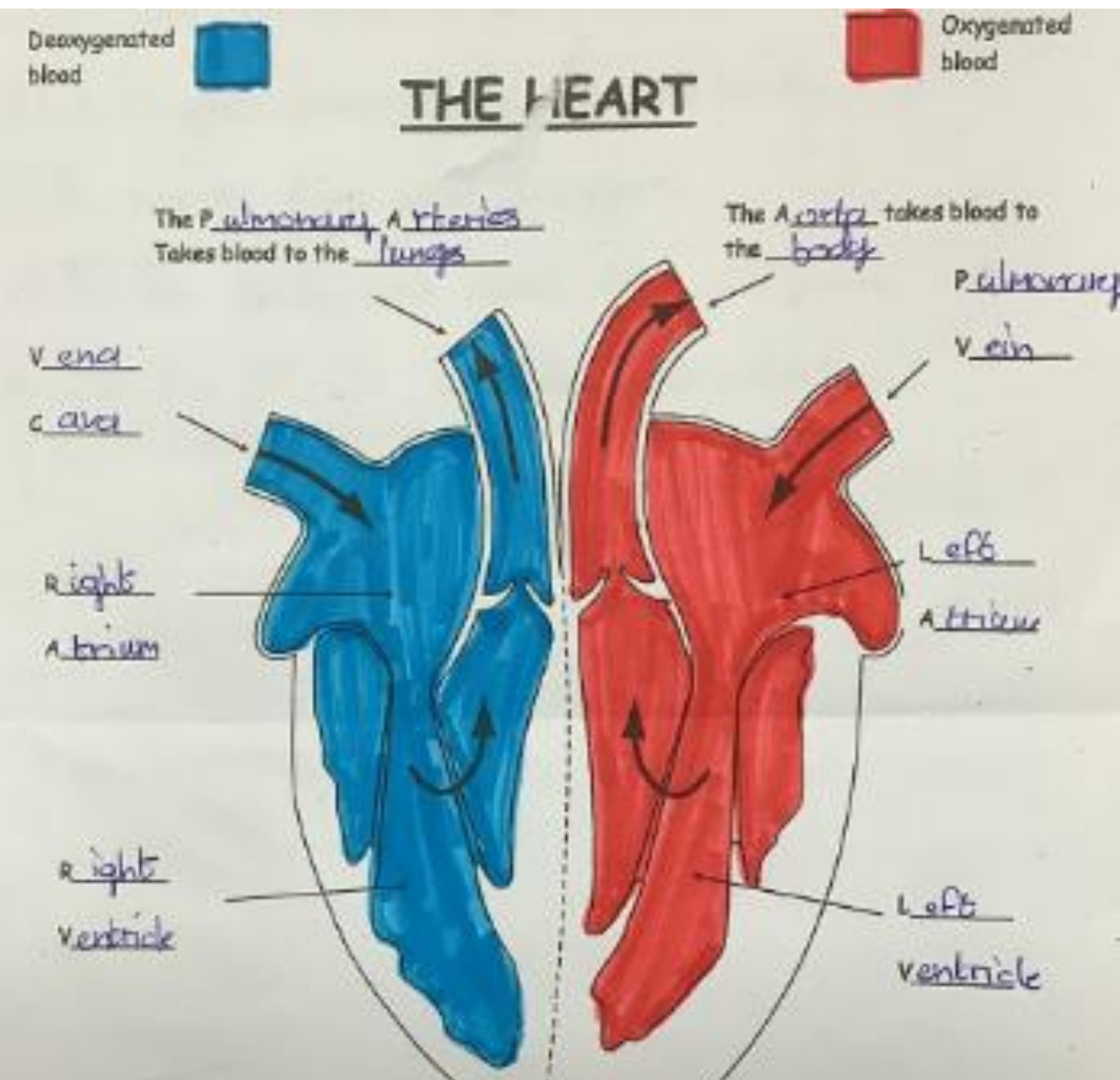
Year 5

This week, as part of their English learning, Year 5 were lucky to spend a fantastic morning with author, storyteller and actor Chris Connaughton, author of *Hospital by the Hill*, *The Essence Hunters* and many more stories and plays. Chris captivated the children with a brilliant one-man performance that had everyone completely engaged from start to finish. Year 5 asked lots of thoughtful questions and enthusiastically took part in a range of creative activities, making the session both inspiring and memorable!



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all about the heart and its important role in the human body. They labelled diagrams, identified the different chambers, explored key features, and coloured oxygenated and deoxygenated blood. They also answered a range of questions to deepen their understanding of how the heart functions and supports the circulatory system.



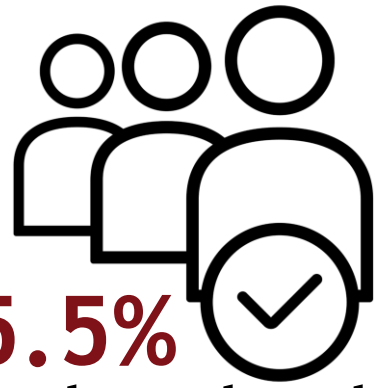
Tidiest Class



Y6 monitors inspect the school and identify the tidiest class. This is announced in Monday's assembly with the winning class getting a trophy to look after for the week. This week it has been for both Mrs Johnson's 1A and Miss Rooney's 4B classes. Well done to them both!



Attendance



95.5%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	96.2
Rec B	Miss Phazey	95.2
1A	Mrs Johnson	94.0
1B	Mrs Linsley	95.0
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	94.9
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	95.6
3A	Mrs Shaw	96.8
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	96.8
4A	Mrs Beard	95.9
4B	Miss Rooney	96.2
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.1
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	94.8
6A	Mr Catton	95.1
6B	Miss Iredale	96.3

Ready | Respectful | Safe

House Points

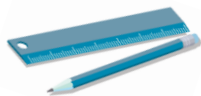


Millennium
Bridge

19114



17324



Queen
Elizabeth II

17969



Swing Bridge

14625



Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more
about our reward systems

CLICK HERE



Week 21 is next



PE



Mon	Y2
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y1 & Y5



Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

Mon

Artventurers & Gymnastics

Tue

Forest School & Football

Wed

Multisport & Artventurers

Thu

Forest School & Football



Clubs

School menu

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

WEEK 2

Click on Week 2 for next week's menu

Coming soon at RTPS



Ravensworth Key Dates
Terrace Primary School



Keeping families informed

A copy of 'Dates for Families' was sent home today; ideal for sticking on the fridge. Click on the image above for a digital version if you're out and about.



@RTPS



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Y5



Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
Helping us to stay
R Ready
R Respectful
S Safe together!



Y1 Visit Newcastle's Centre For Life

Monday 9th February 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether



Mini-Hockey

Year Five & Six

Tuesday 10th February 2026

for a selected team

Swimming Gala

@ Dunston Leisure Centre

for a selected team

18th February 2026



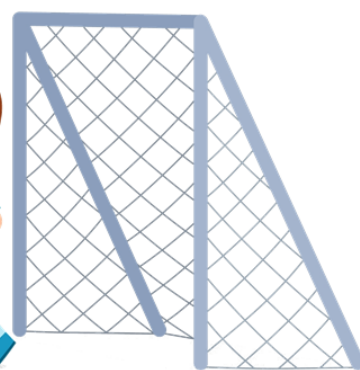
Thursday 19th February 2026



Y3 Football

@ Lord Lawson of Beamish

**19th February
2026**



Girls' Football

for a selected Y2 team

Tournament @ Gateshead Stadium

