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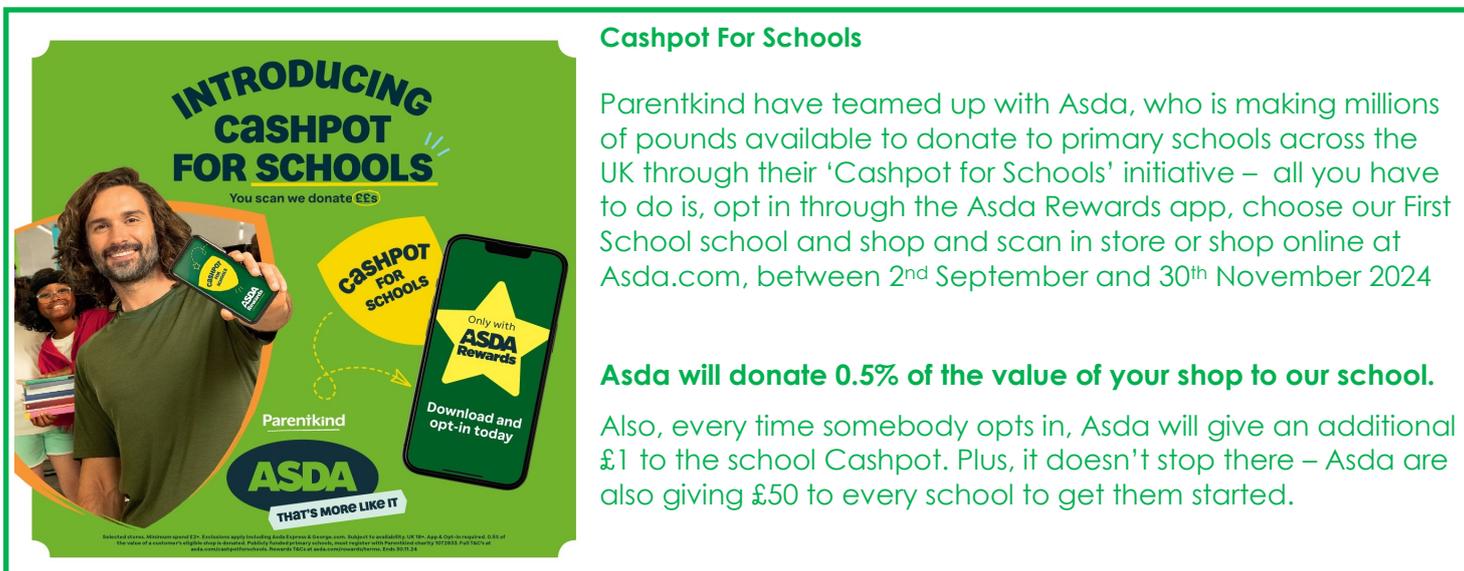
We were delighted to start our Early Years forest school on Monday afternoons this week. We are lucky to have staff who are forest school and beach school trained. Nursery and Reception children enjoyed their first session. They had a chance to explore the field, looked for minibeasts and made homes for snails. They also made human size dens and enjoyed some painting with natural materials - including mud!

Main school children will continue to have forest school art on Friday afternoons this half term. Last Friday, they were investigating different kinds of toys and exploring puppets, creating their own puppet theatres and storylines and some of the children also had a chance to do some sewing and fabric work as well as movement and games.



In geography the children are currently thinking about their local region and map work. The younger group have been constructing 3d maps of our local area. In science, the children have been thinking about the best place to grow plants (and in Class 2 also considering what plants need to grow, including the chemical names for some of the vital elements). In RE the children have been thinking about what Jewish people believe and looking at their special prayers and stories.





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Clubs
A small change to our clubs list from last week - Mrs Bridgewater (our sports coach this half term) will be running a gymnastics club every Wednesday from 3 - 4pm. This is free of charge to the main school children as usual.

Parking Reminder
Please remember that only staff are permitted to park in the school car park for safety reasons. We also need the space for the Holy Island bus to park so the children can arrive safely.



Dates for your diary

Monday 7th October - Harvest festival service at Holy Island church (St Mary's) at 10.30am - everyone is very welcome to join us.

Thursday 10th October - November Club day in school - workshops with children's author Lisette Auton. She describes her work on her website as follows: "My name is Lisette Auton and I'm passionate about telling the stories I struggled to find – those that reflect my northern, working class, disabled and neurodivergent experience – and making sure that everyone can see themselves in, or are authors of, the stories that are being told." We are really looking forward to working with her and the November Club team.

Friday 25th October - Halloween party at lunchtime - children can wear their own clothes, but please remember we have forest school that afternoon!

Autumn term half term holiday will be on the week commencing 28th October. Children return to school on 4th November.

Friday 8th November - Remembrance. We will be taking part in a collective worship at the war memorial in Lowick at 10am followed by refreshments back at Lowick school. The community is invited to join us.

Monday 11th November - CSI Day - back by popular request we will be having a fantastic science day themed around forensic crime solving.

Thursday 21st November - follow up November Club day in school - creative writing workshops with the children

Tuesday 3rd December - school photo day

Monday 9th December - 2pm afternoon Christmas performance; and
Tuesday 10th December - 6pm evening Christmas performance

Christmas holidays are from the week commencing 23rd December for two weeks. Monday 6th January is a teacher training day, so no children are expected back in school after the Christmas holidays until Tuesday 7th January.