

## Weekly Newsletter 8th July 2024



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:**  
All adults should do what is best for you.



### Dear Parents/Carers, Transition

Y6 children have all experienced the chance to visit their new schools/meet teachers over the last two weeks and demonstrated that they are **secondary-ready**. Last Monday evening, it was a privilege to welcome parents and carers of our **new reception cohort** into school. On **Monday, 22nd July**, all children will spend a morning with their new teaching team. We can confirm the **staffing arrangements** in the table below. Many schools, both locally and nationally, have been required to mix classes even across key stages (e.g. Y1, Y2 & Y3) and many have very few teaching assistants (2-3 in a school). We are delighted that we have been able to **sustain high levels of support**.

| CLASS                      | CLASS TEACHER/ROOM LEAD                              | TEACHING ASSISTANT    |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| LITTLE SYCAMORES           | Miss Sharon Willmott<br>Mrs Helen Rowe (0.1)         |                       |
| NURSERY (Early Years Unit) | Mrs Fiona Guest<br>Mrs Helen Rowe (0.1)              | Mrs Clare Jackson     |
| RECEPTION                  | Miss Chloe Dixon (0.8) &<br>Mrs Helen Rowe (0.2)     | Mrs Lindsey Wardle    |
| YEAR 1B                    | Mrs Melissa Brown                                    | Mrs Emily Thompson    |
| YEAR 2D                    | Mrs Stacey Durham                                    | Mrs Kelly Hunter      |
| YEAR 3H                    | Mr Michael Horkan                                    | Miss Lucy Anderson    |
| YEAR 4R                    | Miss Georgina Robinson                               | Mrs Anne Pullinger    |
| YEAR 5SW                   | Mrs Caroline Smith (0.4) &<br>Mrs Kelly Wilson (0.6) | Mrs Nathalie McCartie |
| YEAR 5M                    | Mr Stephen McConnell                                 | Miss Samantha Owens   |
| YEAR 6C                    | Mrs Lauren Cowan<br>(pronounced Coen)                | Mrs Sharon Robson     |

### Staffing Update

**Farewells**—You may have noticed that some names are missing from the grid above. **Andrew Brown**, one of our very experienced teachers and knowledgeable computing lead, will be retiring this Summer. Mr Brown will return to help us out with occasional supply cover. **Ameera Akram** (Y5 Temporary TA) has secured a post as an EYFS TA at Stokesley Academy and **Hannah Smith** (Y4 Temporary Teacher) has secured a post as a Y5 teacher at Yarm Academy. Both academies are in the Enquire Learning Trust so we'll be able to keep in touch. Finally, Charleigh Grainger (Nursery TA) will be starting her teacher training in September with Stockton SCITT. I know I speak for the whole community when I say they'll all be missed enormously and we wish them all the best.

**Staying on/Welcome Back** -Y6 Teaching Assistants will return in September. **Sharon Robson's** knee replacement has been extremely successful and **Clare Jackson's** preventative chemo is tiring but is going well (like the Princess of Wales). Mr Brown's retirement has enabled us to offer a **permanent teaching post** to reception teacher **Chloe Dixon** - reception was highlighted multiple times in our most recent Ofsted, this is richly deserved, congratulations!

**Wedding News** - **Lauren Bestwick** and **Hannah Smith** are busy making the final preparations for their August weddings. We hope that the sun shines and they both have the most perfect days. Miss Bestwick will return to school in September as **Mrs Cowan**.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Wed 10th July          | Summer Reading Challenge Assembly led by Angela Foster (rearranged)              |
| Mon 15th July          | Some Y6 Boys attend Football Tournament  |
| Tues 16th July         | 2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3 (weather permitting)                       |
| Wed 17th July          | Y5 VE Day<br>Y6 Hancock Museum Visit   |
| Thurs 18th July        | Y2 'Lost Words' Visit  |
| Fri 19th July          | Y3 Captain Cook Visit<br>2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6 (weather permitting) |
| Mon 22nd July          | Meet My New Teacher Event  |
| Tues 23rd July         | 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)                                    |
| Wed 24th—Fri 26th July | Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield                                 |
| Wed 24th July          | 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fair  |
| Thurs 25th July        | Rec Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event   |
| Fri 26th July          | Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic                       |
| Tues 30th July         | <b>LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM</b>   |



Reception visited Hardwick Park for a '**Step into Storytime**' outdoor discovery session last week based on '**Little Red Riding Hood**'.

The children were enthralled whilst they were involved in **storytelling, natural crafts, and interactive park trails**. They enjoyed creating wolf masks, weaving ribbons and flower hammering. They also engaged in role play, dressing up as some of their favourite traditional fairytale characters.

The staff at Hardwick Park could see that our children are **experts** with their **Forest School skills**.



As a **Beach School** we recognise there is scope for outdoor play and learning on the shore. Coastlines offer a unique environment for children's **discovery and learning**. The Y1 Beach Schools visit traditionally has been to Saltburn-By-The-Sea. Due to the cliff lift fire there we trialled the new **Seaton Carew Beach Camp**. The Y1s enjoyed their train journey to the seaside. During the day the children explored **rock pools**, took **digital photographs** from the pier and created **sand sculptures**. Beach huts—provided shelter from the wind at times and shade from the sun.



4th July is an annual celebration of the independence of the **United States Of America**.

Y4s have been learning about the traditions and why it's important. The children were invited to wear **red, white and blue** as they enjoyed a fun-packed day of **Independence Day Celebrations**.

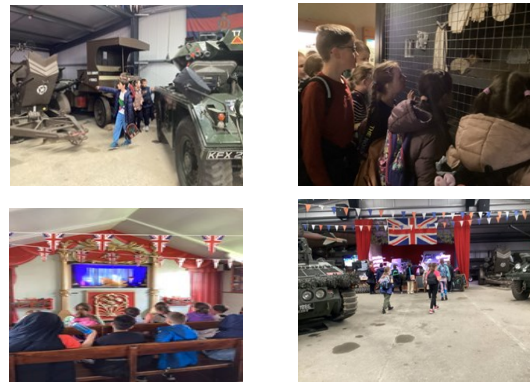
This included: designing a new **flag**, mystery mathematics linked to **facts** about this **historic day** and stars chalk work.



## Y5 Visit EDEN CAMP

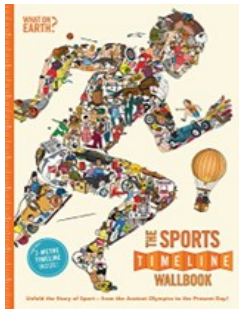
The immersive displays at Eden Camp bring history to life, allowing the Y5s an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line.

Housed in a unique setting, in the buildings and grounds of an original WWII Prisoner of War Camp, the visit provided a broad insight into all aspects of the social and military history of WWII, as well as WWI and post WWII conflicts.



## Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mr McConnell**  
**'The Sports Timeline Wall Book'**  
By **Christopher Lloyd**



You can unfold this spectacular **history of sport** - from the ancient **Olympics** to today - with a beautifully illustrated, 2-metre-long **timeline!**

More than **100** different sporting events and over **1,000** pictures and captions tell the unique story of sports in the world.

Perfect for **sport lovers** of every age!



The Summer Reading Challenge is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme '**Marvellous Makers**'. This year it's all about getting **CREATIVE**. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story writing... the possibilities are endless.

Children aged **4-11** can visit **Billingham Library** from Saturday, 6th July onwards to meet the participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! Angela (**Billingham Librarian**) has rearranged a launch assembly to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers and medals.

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.



Reception pupil **Izzy Matthews** enjoys being active and is busy spending time at the Forum! Not only did she complete her **Stage 1 swimming**, she also passed her **level 3 in ice skating!** Izzy has two amazing certificates to add to her collection. Well done Izzy!



Y2 pupil **Niamh Bellew** also achieved her **level 3 in trampolining** - impressive!



Y6 pupil **Isabelle Bramley** has played violin in the **North Yorkshire Junior County Orchestra** since she was in Y3.

*Isabelle was delighted to accept an invitation to join the **Senior Strings**. This is a rare opportunity for a primary aged pupil. Congratulations!*



EY pupils **Caleb** and **Nathaniel** continue to enjoy a busy couple of weeks cycling. Caleb was recently awarded **Rider of the week** in his cycling group at Manilla Cycling. Nathaniel was awarded Rider of the Week for the **learn to ride group** and has been promoted to the **Just Ride group**. Both boys competed in League 2000 round 6 where Nathaniel collected his winnings from Round 5. He won his 2 small laps race. They also completed Round 6 of the **North East Youth league** and finished the season in 11th and 12th place. **Le Tour de France** beckons!



Y5 pupil **Tyler Curry** earned a **Runner's-Up Medal** from a football tournament with **Billingham United U11s**. Well done!



Y5 pupil **Ellie Smith-Sewell** achieved Gold Award 3 in Ju-Jitsu.

She earned a certificate for participating in a **Swordsmanship Course** & for being a **Junior Leader & Role Model**.



Week Ending 5th July 2024  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

| Class                           | Star of the Week<br> | Star Reader<br> | Star Writer<br> | Star Mathematician<br> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Early Years Unit<br>Mrs Guest   | Grace Harris  | Rose Westmoreland  | Junior Scarth-Ferguson   | Mabel Dodds-Day   |
| YR<br>Miss Dixon                | Scarlett Van Wyk  | Darcy Hammond  | Vinnie Westwood  | Axyl Edgar  |
| Y1<br>Mrs Brown                 | Joseph Luker  | Jacob Matthews   | Oliver Hall  | Aria Dugdale  |
| Y2<br>Mrs Durham                | Olivia Wilkinson  | Lillymae Morgan  | Junior Morgan  | Elena Hold  |
| Y3<br>Mr Horkan &<br>Mr Brown   | Quinn Parkin  | Isaac Cummings:  | Leanne Fletcher  | Beth Denmark  |
| Y4R<br>Miss Robinson            | William Marshall  | Toby Chocholko   | Olivia-Grace Allison   | Logan Daniels-Owen  |
| Y4S<br>Miss Smith               | Amber Hammond   | Kain Carmichael  | Ben Bainbridge   | Alyssa Frost-Usher  |
| Y5<br>Mrs Wilson &<br>Mrs Smith | Jaden Ridley  | Amelia Wilks   | Jacob Smithson   | Daniel Young  |
| Y6M<br>Mr McConnell             | Amelia Booth  | Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn   | Aiden-James Finley   | Trudi Langstaff   |
| Y6B<br>Miss Bestwick            | Eleanor Lewis   | Lucan Fletcher   | Connor Bateman   | Mylah Bruce   |