

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 5th June 2026

Year 5 Learning Showcase

This week, we were delighted to welcome Year 5 parents and carers into school for our first learning showcase at Prospect Avenue. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout with families discovering all the hard work, creativity, and outstanding learning the children have accomplished throughout the year.

The pupils were incredibly proud to share their achievements, and the atmosphere across the event was brilliant. A massive thank you to everyone who attended—we hope you found the event valuable, and we look forward to welcoming more parents into school for future showcases!



Athletics

On Tuesday we took a mix of 30 Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils to Monkton Stadium in Jarrow to take part in the area athletics, competing against other Northumberland schools. All participants performed very well and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We had lots of qualifiers for the County Final at Gateshead Stadium later in the month. Notable results; Reece Y- 1st- 100m, Leon D- 2nd 100m, Ava O- 3rd- 100m, Carter B- 2nd 75m, Isla O- 2nd Long J, Bobbi B- 2nd High J.



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KS2 Quadkids Athletics

On Thursday morning, a group of 10 KS2 children ventured to Seaton Sluice for an athletics competition. They competed in 4 events (howler throw, standing long jump, 600m run and 75m sprint) and their scores were compared against those of the other schools involved including: Eastlea, Hareside, SSMS, Cragside and Shanklea. The children were a credit to Whytrig with their fantastic behaviour, trying their best and encouraging their team mates. The team came in **1st place**, beating the other teams by 100 points - what a performance! There were also bronze, silver and gold awards for the best individual girls and boys. Bobbi came 2nd overall girl (silver) and Carter B won 1st boy in the whole competition (gold). A massive well done to everyone involved! The team moves on to the regional finals at Ponteland at the end of this month.



Summer 2 - Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 9th June - Year 5 Gibside trip
- Tuesday 9th June - Year 8 HPV immunisation catch ups (for those who missed it earlier in the year)
- Friday 12th June - Make Active Memories Trip to Alnwick Castle
- Friday 12th June - Samba Band performance at Lakes and Dales Coop (pm)
- Monday 15th June - Year 5 Bikeability
- Tuesday 16th June - Year 6 STEM trip to RGS
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 8 Careers trip Tharsus Blyth
- Monday 22nd June - France Residential Trip
- Wednesday 1st July - Year 7 London STEM trip
- Wednesday 1st July - Year 5 Girls' Football Competition at Northburn



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Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Furniture Designer**. The video can be found in Google Classroom and also [here](#).

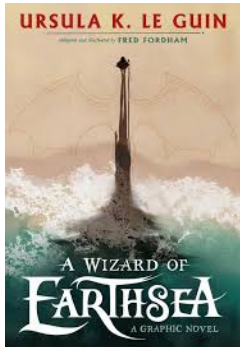
We encourage you to watch the Job of the Week with your children so you can take part in the discussions we are having in school about future education and work.

If any parents or carers would like to get involved in our Careers provision at Whytrig please contact Mrs Campbell at wms@svf.org.uk



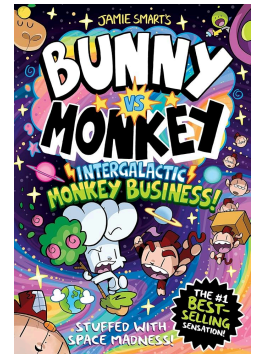
Book of the Week

This week's Book of the Week is 'A Wizard of Earthsea' by Ursula K Le Guin



A Wizard of Earthsea is a graphic novel that follows Ged, an impulsive young mage who accidentally unleashes a deadly shadow monster while trying to outshine a rival. His coming-of-age journey is a quest to master his magic, outsmart dragons, and ultimately accept and integrate the shadow as a part of himself.

If you enjoy graphic Novels, there are lots you can borrow from the school library, including *The Northern Lights* and *Bunny vs Monkey*



Safeguarding Update - Allergies and Anaphylaxis



While many allergies result in only mild symptoms, some can be far more dangerous, causing life-threatening episodes of anaphylaxis that require swift intervention. This [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide explains the basics of allergies and anaphylaxis that parents and carers should be able to recognise and respond to quickly. It helps break down the warning signs and outlines the immediate steps to take when every second counts.

A PDF copy of the [#WakeUpWednesday](#) leaflet was also sent out this week via MCAS.

We would like to remind parents and carers that we have a number of children and adults who have different allergies on the Prospect Avenue site. Several have allergies to nuts, which can be triggered not only by direct contact, but also through the air. As a result we must not have nuts or products containing nuts in school in any form. Please ensure these products are not included in your child's packed lunch boxes or are brought into school as a treat or on special occasions.

The Big Future Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner for England, wants all children to complete the Big Future Survey, which can be done by using the QR code or clicking on the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>. The survey gives young people the opportunity to share their thoughts about their lives, including the things they like/don't like, the challenges they face, their hopes for the future and what it is like to be a child today, which will help inform national decisions made about young people across the country.



Extra Curricular Clubs

Mon- KS2 CRICKET- Mr Robinson + Coach-

<https://forms.gle/8oyC5KuXfZDWQoFv7>

Mon- KS3 Swimming Club- **We now have 5 spaces available. Please see Mr Robinson or reception for a letter.**

Mon- Chess Club- Mr Robinson- 12:30- Rm 02

Tues- KS3 Netball- Mrs Harland and Miss Waterfall (Sportshall/yard):

<https://forms.gle/GocrSTHaau5fxkwv8>

NEW CLUB

Tues- Y8 Darts Club- Mr Robinson. This is limited to 12 people only and is a trial club to judge appeal and success.

<https://forms.gle/qfdjdHmJd6WeZTYm6>

Alternate Tuesdays - Y8 Coding Club - Mrs Sykes:

<https://forms.gle/xSvDnGRosKe9ziSUA>

Alternate Wednesdays (Week 1) KS2 Netball- Mrs Harland (Sportshall/yard):

<https://forms.gle/OnuzPNNURiSU4aNu9>

KS2 Netball Dates for the Summer Term

Wednesdays - Week 1: 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July

Thurs- Performance Club - Mrs S Kelly

<https://forms.gle/pkMvz84djzkSHd619>

Thurs- KS3 Cricket Club- Mr Robinson- SportsHall- Boys and Girls. **NO CRICKET ON FRIDAY DUE TO LOW NUMBERS**

NEW CLUB

Thurs- Girls' Football Club- Mrs Kelly. 3.30pm-4.30pm. All year groups are welcome.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkY7bkXTGJ-ep-rL5XIFtfx4fXoLBhStb_lxROSamYRazKgw/viewform?usp=header

Attendance

Please remember to call in to the Middle School attendance line or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

To report an absence via telephone call please dial 0191 2371402, select 5 for Whytrig Middle School then select 8 to report a pupil absence.

Please send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to wms@svf.org.uk so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system. If you are submitting a Leave of Absence request please ensure any documentation supporting the exceptional circumstances is handed in at the same time as the Leave of Absence form.



This week's whole school attendance: 92.7%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.1%	92.2%	92.3%	91.5%



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The best attending class this week is: 5K (96.4%)

Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the Week are nominated each week by staff for a variety of reasons, which might be contributions to the school community, school work, or something outstanding. Each week, their success is shared in school in the Star of the Week video or in assembly, and they receive a certificate and a chocolate bar.

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5C: Kieran I; 5K: Mehman M; 5L: Evie F;
6E: Bobbie B; 6F: Poppy H; 6S: Carter B;
7H: Emily R; 7L: Ariana A; 7W: Ruby M;
8K: Abi T; 8Ro: Mya A-J; 8Ru: Will P;
Head of School SOTW: Emily T (7L)

Free School Meals

It is always worth double checking if your child is eligible for free school meals. If your circumstances have recently changed or whether you've never checked before, the process is very straight forward:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/schools/school-meals>

For every pupil who is eligible they receive £2.60 lunch credit every day and the school receives additional funding which can be used to support learning and progress through the pupil premium grant. You can read more about the school's strategy here: <https://svf.org.uk/our-federation/pupil-premium>

Lunch Account Balance

Please check your child's lunch account balance, and top up as necessary. We will never allow your child to go hungry, and should they not have enough money on their account then we will ensure they are able to buy a Main Meal Deal by granting them a temporary overdraft for that day of £2.60. You will then receive a message via MCAS advising you that you need to top up their account. This temporary overdraft facility will not be extended for additional days and should your child not have enough funds in their account the following day they will only be provided with a basic sandwich and drink. Our expectation is that you will top their account up immediately so they have a positive balance again.

MCAS Contact Details

Please remember to double check that your details are correct on MCAS. When you make a change in My Child At School, it updates the systems that we use to contact home. This also means that we don't make a mistake in the spelling of an email address or taking down a number incorrectly.

Social Media Channels

Don't forget to keep up to date with everything else on our social media channels

X - @WhytrigMS

Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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