



# Whytrig Newsletter

It's December @whytrig MS

## Autumn Term 2022

Monday, 28 November  
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting

Thursday, 8 December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, 8 December  
Cake and coffee afternoon

Wednesday, 14 December  
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 14 December  
Christmas Variety Show

Thursday, 22 December  
End of Term

Friday, 23 December  
Training Day

Monday, 9 January 2023  
Training Day

Tuesday, 10 January 2023  
START OF TERM 2

Friday, 13 January  
Behaviour Non-Uniform

Friday, 27 January  
Mental Health Day

Tuesday, 7 February  
Safer Internet Day

Friday, 17 February  
End of Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

Monday, 27 February  
Start of Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Thursday, 2 March  
World Book Day

Friday, 3 March  
Behaviour Non-Uniform

Friday, 17 March  
Mental Health Day

Monday, 1 May 2023  
Bank Holiday

Monday, 8 May 2023  
Additional Bank Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
End KS2 SATs Week

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December is Save the Children's 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day, so we are going to hold ours on this day instead of the Friday (as originally stated on the calendar). We will be asking for a donation of £1 for everyone to attend in their Christmas jumpers and this year the UK government has promised to match the amount raised in school, which means for every £1 given they also give £1!

## Christmas cake and coffee afternoon

We are also going to hold a Christmas cake and coffee afternoon on Christmas Jumper Day (8<sup>th</sup> December) too (instead of the Fair which was provisionally planned for 5<sup>th</sup> December). We would therefore like to invite you to join us for some delicious cakes and hot drinks in school on that afternoon. Any proceeds of the coffee afternoon will be split between Save the Children and supporting our children in school. The event will take place between 14:30 and 15:30 in the main hall. Parents/carers are asked to arrive at the door to the main school hall at the rear of the building. Please use the overflow car park next to the football fields. Please sign in and out as you enter and leave the hall for fire regulations. We welcome any donations of cakes, but only shop-bought please. These can be brought into school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and on the morning of the event and should be taken to Room 1 in school. We plan to rearrange a Fair for the summer term when the weather is better.

## Sports Updates

Congratulations to the 19 Key Stage 3 pupils who took part in the East Northumberland Schools Athletics Cross-Country at Woodhorn Colliery on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>. On a lovely sunny day, conditions under foot were VERY muddy, however, that did not stop some brilliant performances and great all-round effort. Qualifiers for the County Final:

Y7 Boys: Charlie Robinson (3rd), Ethan Hutchinson (13th).

Y7 Girls: Savannah Moore (14th).

Y8/9 Girls: Keira Aspin (6th).

Y7 Boys Footballers got back into action on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, with 3 excellent victories in the 9-a-side league:

Won 2-0 v Blyth Academy.

Won 8-0 v St Benet Biscop.

Won 1-0 v Bede Academy.

Mrs Kelly took our KS2 girls football team across to Ponteland CPS to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of football fixtures this season. Our girls had two narrow defeats by Ponteland and Chantry MS on the night, but there were lots of smiles and enjoyment from the girls who played!

## School Food Champions

This year, Whytrig pupils are undertaking the 'School Food Champions' initiative. Bite Back 2030 believes that school is a huge opportunity to guarantee every child has access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food, no matter where they live, and so do we! A number of students from Key Stage 3 come together each week to work towards making a positive, healthy change within our school. Their first point of call was to communicate their vision with the rest of the school, which they did very bravely by standing up in assembly. The Champions have asked the pupils of Whytrig to pledge their collective commitment to a healthy, affordable and diverse vision, and have placed a 'suggestions box' in the lunch hall where everyone can have their say. Their next mission is to continue educating themselves on how our school can be a healthier, happier place, and then make an active change towards this.

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Thursday, 01 December 2022

### **Positive Noticing Day**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> we supported Positive Noticing Day in school so you might have noticed your child wearing a tag with a positive comment on it when they came home or they may have spoken to you about this after school. In form classes children were each given a tag and wrote a positive comment about one of their classmates. Research shows that sincere and genuine recognition between pupils encourages better behaviour so we were happy to get involved in some peer to peer positive noticing.

### **Children In Need**

We would like to thank everyone who support Children in Need on 18<sup>th</sup> November. We raised a massive £549.05 on the day which was amazing! Thank you must also go to all the staff who helped out, especially those who got soaked and to Mrs McClellan for organising things.

### **Gold Pupils**

Well done to the following children who have reached the 25 merit mark and have been or are about to be presented with their 'Gold' badge: Alex Addey, Hussein Mustafa, Tyler Royce, Lily Hulme, Mally Dixon, Harihara Sathiyavel, Jack Tully, Megan Knight, Ella Peace, William Bennett, Isla Moffatt and Shay Young.

### **Excellent Pupils**

We also have more children who have also reached the 50 merit mark and their 'Excellent Badge'. Well done to Charlie Sharratt, Bobby O'Brien, Hussein Mustafa, Austin Codd, Beth Collins, Brooke Ellis, Casey Wilson, Melissa Ceplis, Archie Bache Middlemiss, Joshua Hurlbutt, Amari McDonald, William Bennett, Millie Archer, Archie Biggs, Layton Smith, Cole Watson, Holly Ellis, Alfie Dundas, Kai Turnbull, Jessica Hollyman, Layton Casey, Daniel Cole, Aadam Furness, Lucas Scott, Libby Lowery, Lily Duguid, Lexi Dytham, Eden Kennedy, Ella Peace, Skye Golding, Ella Chandler, Lauren Walker, Caitlin Taylor, Rory Thompson, Josh Stewart, Tyler Wells, Alfie Dundas Elsa Bowmaker-Bradley, Cadence Turnbull, Bobby French and Leah Hutchinson.

### **Superstar Pupils**

A huge well done to Maggie Foster, Isabella Pendlington, Abigail Peace, Carter Bowery, Ben Ashbridge, Alexis Hone, Annabelle Russell, Arthur Dawson, Chantelle Kelly, Elliott Donald, Declan Darrie-Kelly, Reece Young, Evie Chambers, Ruby Clark, Fiona Milne, Hallie Fletcher, Eben Kennedy, Maya Gamblin, Emily Hedley, Sasha Fawcett, Jessica Knowles, Phoebe Jefferson, Lexi Dytham, Eden Kennedy, Ella Peace, Skye Golding, Austin Codd, Charlie Robinson, Gary Emmonds, Alfie Dundas, Charlie Sharratt, William Bennett, Charlotte Wardle, Bobbie French, Jack Bradley, Kelsey Rochester, Kalisi King and Lily Duguid who have also reached the 75 merit mark in this term. A super achievement.

### **Owl Award**

A massive well done to Alfie Miller, Amelia Scott, Evie Norris, Laila Pattison, Abbie Lowry, Fatima Musazade, Evan Bland, Maisie McCluskey, Ella Bond, Lucy Wells, Jenson Armstrong, Archie Miller, Mollie Mackenzie, TJ Allan-Carter, Carter Bowery, Fiona Milne, Oliver Wilson, Layla Moody, Emily Collins, Iyla Sewell, Josh Nesbit, Sasha Fawcett, Charlie Dixon, Ethan Byrne, Len Pyle, Mason Hird, Chantelle Kelly, Isabella Pendlington and Annabelle Russell who have reached 100 merits this term.

### **CXXV Award**

The following children have amassed the amazing total of 125 merits this term: Avae Iveson, Evie Norris, Lydia Farrell, Sebastian Cardus, Holly Abbott, Esme Shipley, Joseph Hickey, Logan Corbett, Carter Bowery, Iyla Sewell, Abbie Lowry, Josh Nesbit, Fiona Milne, Charlie Dixon, Ethan Byrne, Len Pyle, Amelia Scott, Liam Sienko, Isla Hale, Halen Baird and Laila Pattison. A huge achievement!

**150 Merits ('Wilkie' Award)**

Well done to William Pople, Evie Norris, James Ellison, Lewis Johnstone, Aubree'Eve Stewart, Sebastian Cardus, Avae Iveson, Georgia Compton, Joseph Hickey, Iyla Sewell, Abbie Lowry, Josh Nesbit, Fiona Milne, Ethan Byrne, Len Pyle, Charlie Dixon, Esme Shipley, and Laila Pattison who have reached the summit of our merit scale with 150 this term. Amazing work everyone!

**Stars Of The Week**

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

Week ending 25/11/22

5C: Harry Stone;	5K: Jack Dannah;	5L: Amari McDonald;
6E: Jay McNally;	6F: Matthew Cockburn;	6L: Laila Pattison;
7M: Harry Eaton;	7Ro: Ava J Miller;	7Ru: Maddison Lowery;
8C: Isabel Barry;	8L: Max Lowery;	

Week ending 18/11/22

5C: Reece Young;	5K: Archie Biggs;	5L: Kaycee Litster;
6E: Summer Coulson;	6F: Austin Gott;	6L: Avae Iveson;
7M: Danny Stewart;	7Ro: Harihara Sathiyavel;	
8C: Seren Hooton;	8L: Charlotte Ibbetson;	

**New Prefects**

We are very delighted to announce another three prefects this week from Year 8. They are Macey Swithenbank, Layla Rutherford and Jacoby Wilson. They are great role models around school and we look forward to them taking on positions of responsibility this year.

**Dates For Your Diary**

Please visit our school website at <https://www.svf.org.uk/calendar> where you can see dates of upcoming school and Federation events. You can subscribe to our school calendar by selecting the WMS option on the drop down menu in the bottom left hand corner. We will also highlight key events in our newsletters as well as listing upcoming dates, as you can see, on the left hand side.