



Whytrig Newsletter

March Days @whytrig MS

Spring Term 2018

Thursday, 7 March
World Book Day

Thursday, 7 March
Girls Rugby, Belmont

Thursday, 14 March
Girls Rugby, Kingston Park

Thursday, 14 March
Year 5 School Games
Hockey

Friday, 15 March
Year 5 Skipping Festival

Friday, 15 March
Red Nose Day

Monday, 18 March
School Target Setting

Thursday, 21 March
School Games Y6 Hockey

Thursday, 28 March
Year 8 Art Trip

Wednesday, 3 April
Theatre Trip: Joseph

Thursday, 4 April
Easter Egg Day
End of Spring Term

Friday, 5 April 2019
Training Day

23 April to 19 July 2019
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 6 May 2019
May Bank Holiday

Saturday, 11 May
Y6 Saturday School

13th to 16th May 2019
END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

Tuesday, 4 June
Year 8 Girls HPV 2

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

It is hard to believe that we are at the time of year again when we will be celebrating World Book Day at Whytrig Middle School, as we do every year. The event is taking place next Thursday. We would like as many pupils as possible to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share in talk time. As always the emphasis is on originality; we do not want people to go to the expense of buying costumes – homemade outfits are so much better! There will also be lots of book related activities happening to encourage a love of books. The children should also bring in a reading book that they enjoy (fiction or non-fiction) for during the day D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) short sessions. Staff will also be bringing in books that they enjoy reading to share with the children. Once again, we also plan to have a **Book Swap**. Children can bring in books they no longer read to swap. They will receive a Golden Ticket for every book they bring in which should be suitable for their key stage. They will then get the opportunity to choose a book (or more) by exchanging their ticket(s) with a book from the swap pile. This will be set up in our reception area with children scheduled to visit throughout the day. Please note: This is NOT a non-uniform day; if pupils are not dressing up, they should come to school in uniform.

E-Safety Update

As you may be aware, there has been quite a lot in the news regarding an online game that young people are being exposed to, which encourages them to complete challenges which may not only harm themselves, but also harm others, set by a scary character called Momo. It is possible for the game to slip through appropriate e-safety parental controls as it can be hidden in social media/game platform content and in child appropriate You Tube videos. If your child has experienced this or is aware of it, it is important that you discuss this particular trend with your child so that they know that the character is not real and they are aware of the potential dangers. Parents and carers need to be aware of content that their children are viewing and accessing online. We encourage parents to talk to their children about their online activity openly. Let them share what they're playing or looking at, rather than asking them if they are playing a specific game, as this may draw their attention to it. Useful information for parents about this and other issues can be found on our website at <https://www.svf.org.uk/our-federation/safeguarding/keeping-safe-online>. If you have any specific concerns relating to this game, or to any other E-Safety issues then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Spring Homework Projects

We would like to remind the children that their current homework project is due in on Friday 8th March.

U11 Schools Premier League Competition

Our Year 6 footballers represented Northumberland on the last day of last half term at the NUFC Training Centre at Benton, as they played three other teams representing other North East Regions. They were hoping to win the chance right to represent The Newcastle United Foundation against other teams from across the Country at Molineux, Home of Wolverhampton Wanderers in May this year. Again, we played really well and the team spirit was excellent, as we won one of our three games, each one being a close match. So unfortunately on this occasion it was not our day and we wish the eventual winners, St Margaret's from Durham, well in the national round.

Comic Relief 2018

We will be marking Comic Relief on Friday 15th March in a number of ways. We are asking all children to attend school in non uniform on the day and to donate £1 to Comic Relief. We are also selling red noses in school (see Mrs Reed) and well as having other fun activities taking place on the day. More information will follow about this charity day next week.

Gold Pupils

We have a number of our pupils who have now reached the 25 merit mark this term. Well done to Leah Campbell, Ellise Hill, Rianna Hill, Josh Duff, Abigail Storey, Reiss Mason, Abi French, Rhys Friend, Jake Gleghorn, Hasan Gulbey, Daniel Hurlbutt, Daniel Norris, Lily Coates and Abby Usher.

Excellent Pupils

Well done to Joe Turner who has also reached the 50 merit mark this term.

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