



# Whytrig Newsletter

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## Autumn Term 2022

Friday, 21 October  
End 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Monday, 31 October  
Start 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Monday, 31 October  
Halloween Non-Uniform

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5 Residential

Friday, 4 November  
Behaviour Non-Uniform

Friday, 11 November  
Remembrance Assembly

Monday, 14 November  
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday, 18 November  
Children In Need

Friday, 25 November  
Mental Health Day

Monday, 28 November  
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting

Monday, 5 December  
Christmas Fair (tbc)

Friday, 9 December  
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday, 14 December  
Christmas Lunch

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

Monday, 1 May 2023  
Bank Holiday

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

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## Mental Health Champions

Yesterday, 21 of our KS3 children took part in a training session to become 'Mental Health Champions!' Katie from One Goal talked the children through what it means to have good mental health - and how to recognise the signs when peers might be suffering from poor mental health so that they can offer support. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout the day and showed such empathy and a mature understanding of issues surrounding mental health. The group will be meeting next half term to decide upon a plan of action to put in place what they have learnt to ensure that all pupils are aware of how to take care of themselves mentally. The session ended with the children repeating a positive mantra to take them through the rest of the day: "I am powerful! I am strong! I can do this!" And they are and can!

## Autumn Parent Consultations

Thank you for all the parents who attended the Autumn Term parent consultation on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was a good opportunity for staff to meet with parents and to be able to share how the term has started for their children. If you were unable to attend an appointment for some reason and you want to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact school to arrange a telephone consultation or meeting with them after school.

## Science Club

Children attending Science Club on a Tuesday night have been making many new discoveries this term. Our initial project this term was sparked by recent extensive flooding in Pakistan and Bangladesh. We thought about how families and farmers could continue to grow crops and raise animals in spite of climatic changes. We came up with the idea of 'floating gardens', which would rise with any floodwaters rather than be damaged by them. Working to a small scale, we tried to produce something that could be replicated on a much larger scale if it worked. One group was more successful than the other - although we have yet to have anything germinating - but it turned out that the challenge of additional chicken coops was a push too far for both!



## 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: Arthur Dawson, Georgia Compton, Harry Evans, Jacob Knox, Darcey Beattie, Aston Collier, Harry Lambert, Josh Stewart, Aaron Hall, Savannah Moore, Lexi Dytham, Amy Compton, Eden Kennedy, William Peace, Charlie Robinson, Daniel Cole, Cameron Scott, Abigail Peace, Sophie Dannah, Kelsey Rochester, Jenson Strang, Georgia Griffin, Amelia Deeming, Isabelle Sibley-Mather, Leah Dixon, Hallie Fletcher, Leah Hutchinson, Maya Gamblin, Casey Anderson, Evie Norris, Maddison Chambers, Melissa Cepelis, Tamsin Russell, Carter Bowery, Brooke Ellis, Aubree'Eve Stewart, Lily Short, Joshua Hurlbutt, James Ellison, Tyler McDonnell, Josh Nesbit, Laila Pattison, Esme Shipley, Tilly Armstrong, Sasha Fawcett, Len Pyle, Katie McInerney, Kiera Aspin, Harry Stone, Bradley Nesbitt, Casey Sixsmith, Layla Rutherford, Isabel Barry, Beth Collins, Taylor Bowery, Alfie Dundas, Layton Smith, Harry Teale, Harry Foster, Charlie Dixon, Abigail Tully, Avae Iveson, Kai Turnbull, Annabelle Russell, Kate Turner, Alyssya Sibley-Mather, Max Dennis, Alfie Ferguson, Zak Friend, Gary Emmonds, Tylan Rutherford, Amelia Scott, Tyler Wells, Phoebe Jefferson, Abi Hunter-Roberts, Alfie Henderson, Brooke Royce, Grayson Horler, Ella Chandler, Amadeus Robertson, Lennox Sixsmith, Nathan Guiney, Millie Eaton, Skye Golding, Maddison Lowery, Jack Howe and Jake Carruthers.

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### **Excellent Pupils**

We also have more children who have also reached the 50 merit mark and their 'Excellent Badge'. Well done to Ben Pilkington, Fatima Musazade, William Peace, Evan Bland, Isabelle Sibley-Mather, Maisie McCluskey, Savannah Moore, Darcey Beattie, Abbie Lowry, Cory Foster, Sebastian Cardus, Iyla Sewell, Liam Sienko, James Edgar, Alyssya Sibley-Mather, Emily Collins, Cora Barry, Layla Moody, Lily Short, Annabelle Russell, TJ Allan-Carter, Maddison Lowery and Jake Carruthers.

### **Superstar Pupils**

A huge well done to Lewis Johnstone, Isla Hale, Isabelle Sibley-Mather and Lily Short who have also reached the 75 merit mark in this term. A super achievement.

### **Owl Award**

We now have our first pupil to reach 100 merits in the term. A massive well done to Isabelle Sibley-Mather.

### **CXXV Award**

Not content with getting to 100, Isabelle Sibley Mather has also reached the 125 merit mark this term. A superb achievement. Well done Isabelle!

### **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 7/10/22

5C: Macie Watson;	5K: Alara Yilmaz;	5L: Layton Smith;
6E: Jay McNally;	6F: Casey Anderson;	6L: Amelia Scott;
7M: Alfie Ferguson;	7Ro: Amelia Brotherick;	7Ru: Lexi Dytham;
8C: Katie McInerney;	8L: Max Lowery;	

Week ending 14/10/22

5C: William Bennett;	5K: Ruby Clark;	5L: Holly Ellis;
6E: Amelia Patrickson;	6F: Thomas Gill;	6L: Georgia Compton;
7M: Lucas Buchanan;	7Ro: Cameron Scott;	7Ru: Marcy Taylor;
8C: Brooke Royce;	8L: Shay Young;	

Week ending 21/10/22

5C: Gabrielle Kinghorn;	5K: Jacob French;	5L: Lewis Johnstone;
6E: Kalisi King;	6F: Maggie Relph;	6L: Amy Compton;
7M: Isla-Mae Percy;	7Ro: Paddy Nicholson;	7Ru: Ella Chandler;
8C: Ashton Noke;	8L: Macey Swithenbank;	

### **Sports News**

Year 7 Rugby: Our Year 7 rugby teams visited Kingston Park on Friday to take part in the Squad on the Tyne festival, to celebrate the opening game of the Rugby League World Cup. In their first competitive fixtures for some pupils, super performances for both teams meant victories over Ponteland (boys and girls), John Spence (boys) and defeats against Churchill (boys) and John Spence (girls). Year 6/7 Girls Rugby training continues on Friday evenings after school with Mr Carbutt, until 4:30.

Dance City: 25 pupils had a great day at Newcastle Dance City, working with the Arts Council and Meta4Dance, performing a Jumpers For Goalposts dance, to link in with the FIFA World Cup, which starts in November in Qatar. The Behaviour of our children was "exemplary" and they all had a fantastic day out.

Football results:

Y7 County Cup- Marden HS 4-2 Whytrig (Horn & Middlemiss), MOM: Hickey and Wilson  
Y8 County Cup- Whytrig 4-6 Bede Academy, MOM: Ashton Noke

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Y6 v Bothal- 5-5, MOM: Middlemiss/McNally

7-a-side league:

Win 3-1 v St Aidans

Win 6-1 v William Leach

Win 2-0 v Ponteland PS

#### **Admissions Portal**

This is the final reminder that the High School admissions portal is open until the 31st October. All parents or carers of Year 8 pupils must apply for a High School place for their child(ren) as places are not automatically allocated. Please go to the website at

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en).

You can find more information at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx> and any queries must be directed to Northumberland County Council School Admissions on 0345 600 6400.

Enjoy the half term holiday. We would just like to remind everyone that we return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the normal time of 8:50am. However, as it is Halloween we have informed the children that they can attend school in Halloween dress if they want to. This is optional and we do not expect parents or carers going to any expense in buying costumes for their children – they can attend in all black outfits or orange/black as long as it follows a Halloween theme; please note however this is not a standard non-uniform day!