



Whytrig Newsletter

Spring Term 2020 7 January to 2 April

Monday 27 January
Y6 SAT Parent Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 28 January
KS2 G&T Maths

Tuesday 28 January
NDAS KS3 Workshop

Wednesday 29 January
NUFC Foundation Maths

Friday 31 January
NDAS KS3 Workshop

Tuesday 4 February
NDAS KS3 Workshop

Wednesday 5 February
Sports Leader Training

Wednesday 5 February
NUFC Foundation Maths

Friday 7 February
Y5/6 Cycling

Tuesday 11 February
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12 February
NUFC Foundation Maths

Friday 14 February
NDAS KS3 Workshop

17 to 21 February
Spring Half Term

Thursday 27 February
Y8 Girls Rugby

Friday 28 February
Attendance Non-Uniform

Thursday 5 March
World Book Day

Thursday 5 March
Y7 Girls Rugby

Tuesday 10 March
Sports Leader Training

Friday 3 April
Teacher Day

Summer Term 2020 20 April to 17 July

KS2 SATs Week 2020
11 to 14 May

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Youth Cabinet Election

This week elections were held across Northumberland schools for the Youth Parliament and the Youth Cabinet, which provide opportunities for today's young people to use their voice to bring about change. Our very own Gracie Dalgarno Todd campaigned to be elected to the Cabinet, producing her own promotion poster which was shared with other schools and we are very pleased and proud to say that after the voting on Wednesday took place and the ballot papers were counted, Gracie is one of the five children elected to the Cabinet! Gracie's aims are to reduce the amount of plastic, we as a community use, improve how we dispose of plastics (eg recycling) and to make sure young people are treated and treat each other with fairness, inclusion and equality. A great manifesto and we are sure she will do an excellent job! Find out more at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Youth-Cabinet.aspx>

Careers Fair Success

Today we held a Careers Fair on site for students at Astley High School and pupils from our school in Year 8. There were over twenty contributors representing a range of organisations, from employers to apprenticeship providers, as well as a number of universities, including the University of Oxford! Our pupils were set a task to speak to a number of them during the session and find out what the organisation did, what sort of career opportunities they offered as well as things such as the qualifications they would need to apply to them in the future. Our pupils have spoken really positively about the event and it has certainly given them an idea of some of the things they may wish to consider from a career perspective as they get older. A special mention must go to Mr Drought at the High School for organising such a superb event and for inviting our Year 8 children to it.

Year 5 Shakespeare

Year 5 were lucky enough to get the chance to explore "As You Like It" with a performer direct from Stratford last week! We had a fabulous and informative time, exploring different drama techniques, working collaboratively and acting out the plot. In the same week, we had an art expert from the Baltic assisting us in creating disguise - an integral part of the play. We made fantastically intricate masks and headdresses which were proudly modelled at the end of the session. We even wrote love letters to ourselves, which were then projected onto our bodies, demonstrating to everyone all that is great about us!

NUFC Foundation Work

After the success of last half term's NUFC Foundation literacy sessions with Year 5, we are glad to welcome them back into school again in this half term as they deliver numeracy sessions with Year 5. Our children are enjoying the opportunity to again work with the Foundation as they tackle maths problems linked to the real world and of course Newcastle United!

Arts Award Trip

On Thursday 16th January, Mrs Lawton and Mrs Telfer took 10 Arts Award students to Newcastle to 'find their artist'! They visited The Biscuit Factory, The North East Arts Collective, The Hatton Gallery and a photography freeze exhibition at The Stack. They were lucky enough to meet the photographer, Matt Hale, who talked to the pupils about his career and photography. The pupils had a great day and as always behaved very well and are now looking forward to starting their Arts Award Bronze work.

Gold Pupils

Well done to Reiss Mason, Koby Brown, Caitlin Gaiger, Devon Small, Abigail Storey, Madeline Tagger, Kim Hutchinson, Abby Usher, Lewis Dawson, Luke Stewart, Holly Gordon, John-Paul Watson, Lewis Dixon, Louis Bell, Alfie Henderson and Katie McInerney who have all reached the 25 merit mark already in this term. They now qualify for our end of year achievement reward. Well done!

Excellent Pupils

Reiss Mason and Lewis Dawson have also reached the 50 merit mark and have earned their second Excellent of the year. A very well done to them both.

Attendance

Our attendance as a school currently sits at 94.37% and is improving again after the pre-Christmas illnesses, but it is still well below our 96% target. Well done to 8Ru who were the best attending class last week with 99.66%.

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