



Whytrig Newsletter

May Days @whytrig MS

Summer Term 2023

Friday, 26 May
End of 1st half term

Monday, 28 May
Bank Holiday

Monday, 5 June
Start of 2nd half term

Monday, 5 June
NDAS sessions - Year 8

Wednesday, 7 June
Art Exhibition

Thursday, 8 June
HPV – Year 8

Friday, 9 June
Behaviour non-uniform

Monday, 12 June
NDAS sessions - Year 8

Friday, 16 June
KS2 Sports Day (tbc)

Monday, 19 June
Cycling residential

Monday, 19 June
NDAS sessions - Year 8

Thursday, 22 June
NDAS sessions - Year 5

Friday, 23 June
Mental Health Day

Monday, 26 June
NDAS sessions - Year 8

Thursday, 29 June
NDAS sessions - Year 5

Friday, 30 June
KS3 Sports Day (tbc)

Thursday, 6 July
NDAS sessions - Year 5

Monday, 10 July
Intake Week
Y4 – all week
Y8 – 12 to 14 July

Friday, 21 July
END OF TERM

End of Summer 1st half term

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the first half of the summer term already! It has been a very busy half term and there has been a lot of great work taking place in school. We now get ready for the last half term of the year, starting back on Monday 5th June; a half term in which we can look forward to transition events, sports activities, school trips and many more before our annual end of year awards.

Mobile Phones at WMS

For a number of years now, we have allowed the children who attend Whytrig Middle School to bring a mobile phone to school. We recognise it is important that many of our children need to be able to contact parents on their way home, especially if they are getting public transport, so appreciate it is important children have their phones at school for those occasions. Bringing a phone to school is the responsibility of the child and any device brought in is at the owner's own risk; we take no responsibility for lost or damaged devices. All phones must be switched off when children arrive on site and not switched on again until they leave the site on an evening. Phones must be stored away securely in lockers (or in the case of Year 5, securely locked away in the teacher's drawer). One of the issues around using phones on site is their ability to take photographs; we have a number of vulnerable children who attend our school as well as many others where taking their photos are not permitted. Therefore we ask all of our children to respect this simple rule and manage without their phone for the hours of the school day. If a child needs to contact home during a school day for any reason, it can be arranged through our School Support Officer or reception staff. We would therefore ask parents and carers to please reinforce this simple expectation at home. Unfortunately, any child who ignores this and uses their phone on site without permission will receive a day in isolation as a consequence.

KS3 Safety Workshops

In April we were glad to welcome back into school Mr Burn who facilitates the Be Safe! Workshops in Key Stage 3. This year he worked with each class in Key Stage 3, covering topics such as knife crime and county lines.

Coronation Events

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Coronation Events on Friday 5th May. We had a lovely day in school with a 'street party' style lunch in the main hall and then an afternoon of activities and fun in the classrooms and on the yard. Classes produced small keepsakes to mark the event and it was wonderful to see so many children making an effort to come to school in red, white and blue.

KS2 SATs

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for getting through their end of Key Stage 2 tests at the start of the month. This year was a little different with the tests taking place from Tuesday to Friday following the additional bank holiday for the Coronation. We are pleased to say the test week passed quite quickly and the papers have now been sent off for marking; the results are expected in July. Our Year 6 children are now focusing on their writing portfolios following their trip to Beamish Museum last week.

KS3 Information and Guidance – RAF

We already offered some information and guidance events for our Key Stage 3 pupils such as the careers fair and talk by Christ Church College earlier in the year, so it was great to be able to welcome the RAF in to school on Friday 12th May to talk to Years 7 and 8 about possible careers there. We look forward to many more events like this taking place in the future, particularly for our Year 8 children who will be starting to think about their GCSE option choices in Year 9.

Gold Pupils

Well done to the following children who have reached the 25 merit mark in this term; for some it is their first, for some their second and for others their third 'Gold' of the year: Joy Eme, Lily Hulme, Gary Emmonds, Bobbie French, Layla Moody, Cora Barry, Logan Corbett,

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Abi Lowry, Halen Baird, Amy Compton, Lewis Johnstone, William Pople, Hariharan Sathiyavel, Charlie Sharratt, Mason Hird, Isla Hale, Amari McDonald, Cole Watson, Cameron Scott, Leo Senior, Tamsin Russell, Mollie Mackenzie, Kalisi King, Melissa Ceplis, Evie Chambers, Ruby Clark, James Ellison, Fiona Milne, Oliver Wilson and Jenson Armstrong.

Excellent Pupils

Well done to William Pople, Lewis Johnstone and Melissa Ceplis who have also reached the 50 merit mark this term too.

100% Attenders

Each term we are recognising and rewarding children who have 100% attendance over the course of a term. The system allows children to receive a tiered set of certificates (a bronze for their 1st 100%, a silver for their 2nd 100% and a gold for their 3rd 100%), a termly prize and entry into a termly prize draw in each year group.

The children who achieved their first 100% attendance and their bronze certificate in the Spring Term were:

Year 5: William Bennett, Elsa Bowmaker-Bradley, Jake Carruthers, Austin Codd, Emily Collins, Logan Corbett, Bobbie French, Mason Hird, Lewis Johnstone, Jessica Knowles, Archie Miller, Fatima Musazade and Abigail Peace.

Year 6: Holly Abbott, Sebastian Cardus, Amy Compton, Georgia Compton, Alexis Hone, Joshua Hurlbutt, Avae Iveson and Kalisi King.

Year 7: Katie Buxton, Daniel Cole, Bethany Collins, Lexi Dytham, Zak Friend, Nathan Guiney, Jessica Hollyman, Maddison Lowery, Ella Peace, Charlie Robinson, Declan Vincent and Marley Walton.

Year 8: Isabel Barry, Chloe Bensley, Holly Gordon, Kelsey Rochester, Daisy Storey, Kai Turnbull and Brooke Royce.

The children who achieved their second 100% attendance and their silver certificate in the Spring Term were:

Year 5: William Bennett, Elsa Bowmaker-Bradley, Jake Carruthers, Austin Codd, Emily Collins, Logan Corbett, Bobbie French, Mason Hird, Lewis Johnstone, Jessica Knowles, Archie Miller, Fatima Musazade and Abigail Peace.

Year 6: Holly Abbott, Sebastian Cardus, Amy Compton, Georgia Compton, Alexis Hone, Joshua Hurlbutt, Avae Iveson and Kalisi King.

Year 7: Katie Buxton, Daniel Cole, Bethany Collins, Lexi Dytham, Zak Friend, Nathan Guiney, Jessica Hollyman, Maddison Lowery, Ella Peace, Charlie Robinson, Declan Vincent and Marley Walton.

Year 8: Isabel Barry, Chloe Bensley, Holly Gordon, Kelsey Rochester, Daisy Storey, Kai Turnbull and Brooke Royce.

Well done to everyone. The prize draw winners for Term 2 were: Bobbie French, Harry Bailey, Zak Friend and Heidi Hillman. Children now have the opportunity to get their bronze certificate again next term for 100% attendance and those who received one this term have the chance to gain their silver certificate and those who have 100% from the start of the academic year have the opportunity to gain their gold certificate which would be an amazing achievement.

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 26/5/23

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| 5C: Alfie Dundas; | 5K: Ruby Clark; | 5L: Baillee King; |
| 6E: Harry Bailey; | 6F: Amelia Deeming; | 6L: Rory Foster; |
| 7M: Emanii Adam; | 7Ro: Eben Kennedy; | 7Ru: Jessica Morton; |
| 8C: Kelsey Rochester; | 8L: Olie Roper; | |
| HoS: Ella Chandler (7Ru) | | |

Week ending 19/5/23

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| 5K: Jessica Knowles; | 5L: Mason Hird; | |
| 6E: Stephanie Vinnicombe; | 6F: Tylan Rutherford; | 6L: Laila Pattison; |
| 7M: Bethany Hutchinson; | 7Ro: Hallie Fletcher; | 7Ru: Arthur Dawson; |
| 8C: Jaden Watson; | 8L: Rosie Mahoney; | |
| HoS: Fiona Milne (8C) | | |

Week ending 12/5/23

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| 5C: Lyra Hughes; | 5K: Logan Corbett; | 5L: Kaycee Litster; |
| 6E: Ella Bond; | 6F: Macey Robinson; | 6L: Charlie Dixon; |
| 7M: Leo Holgate; | 7Ro: Melissa Ceplis; | |
| 8C: Ryan Bland; | 8L: Heidi Hillman; | |
| HoS: Summer Murray (8C) | | |

Week ending 5/5/23

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| 5C: Austin Codd; | 5K: Abigail Peace; | 5L: Isla Hale; |
| 6E: Chantelle Kelly; | 6F: Holly Abbott; | 6L: Abbie Lowry; |
| 7M: Ethan Hutchinson; | 7Ro: Declan Vincent; | 7Ru: Marley Walton; |
| 8C: Layla Rutherford; | 8L: Ethan Shipley; | |
| HoS: Stephanie Vinnicombe (6E) | | |

Week ending 28/4/23

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| 5C: Lucas Scott; | 5K: Jenson Strang; | 5L: Jayden Wood; |
| 6E: Carter Bowery; | 6F: Alexis Hone; | 6L: Iyla Dunwoodie; |
| 7M: Robbie Read; | 7Ro: Hariharan Sathiyavel; | 7Ru: Ollie Wilson; |
| 8C: Grayson Horler; | 8L: Lenox French; | |
| HoS: Georgia Wright (6F) | | |

Week ending 21/4/23

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| 5C: Sarya Zada; | 5K: Cadence Turnbull; | 5L: Charlie Sharratt; |
| 6E: Carter Bowery; | 6F: Lily Hulme; | 6L: Matthew Lambert; |
| 7M: Nathan Guiney; | 7Ro: Alyssya Sibley-Mather; | 7Ru: Jacob Knox; |
| 8C: Abi Hunter-Roberts; | 8L: Tyler Wells; | |
| HoS: Charlie Dixon (6L) | | |

Week ending 24/3/23

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| 5C: Sarya Zada; | 5K: Cadence Turnbull; | 5L: Baillee King; |
| 6E: Lily Short; | 6L: Fiona Milne; | |
| 7M: Leo Holgate; | 7Ro: Maggie Foster; | 7Ru: Cory Foster; |
| 8C: Max Reid; | 8L: Daisy Storey; | |
| HoS: Olie Roper (8L) | | |

Week ending 17/3/23

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| 5K: Hussein Mustafa; | 5L: Layla Olsen; | |
| 6E: Lily Short; | 6F: Harry Foster; | 6L: Ethan Byrne; |
| 7M: Milly Eaton; | 7Ro: Alyssya Sibley-Mather; | 7Ru: Aston Collier; |
| 8C: Max Ord; | 8L: Chloe Bensley; | |
| HoS: Maggie Relph (6F) | | |

Week ending 10/3/23

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| 5C: Elsa Bowmaker-Bradley; | 5K: James Edgar; | 5L: Mollie Mackenzie; |
| 6E: Aubree'Eve Stewart; | 6F: Luke Ward; | 6L: Caitlin Taylor; |
| 7M: Zak Friend; | 7Ro: Cameron Scott; | 7Ru: Josh Stewart; |
| 8C: Alfie Henderson; | | |
| HoS: Phoebe Jefferson (8C) | | |

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Week ending 3/3/23

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| 5C: Elliott Donald; | 5K: Evan Bland; | 5L: Harry Teale; |
| 6E: Libby Lowery; | 6F: Joshua Hurlbutt; | 6L: Darcey Beattie; |
| 7M: Abigail Wood; | 7Ro: Alfie Coats; | 7Ru: Ben Pilkington; |
| 8C: Hannah French; | 8L: Lenox French; | |
| HoS: Heidi Hillman (8L) | | |

Week ending 17/2/23

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| 5K: Bobby O'Brien; | 5L: Ben Ashbridge; | |
| 6E: Isabelle Sibley-Mather; | 6F: Maggie Relph; | 6L: Matthew Lambert; |
| 7M: Jacob Thomas; | 7Ro: Ella Taylor; | 7Ru: Jacob Knox; |
| 8C: Alfie Henderson; | 8L: Chloe Bensley; | |
| HoS: Holly Gordon (8C); | | |

Week ending 10/2/23

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| 5C: Bradley Nesbit; | 5K: Cora Barry; | 5L: Jayden Wood; |
| 6E: Cora Miller; | 6F: Shaun Maguire; | 6L: Josh Nesbit; |
| 7M: Bethany Hutchinson; | 7Ro: Maddison Chambers; | 7Ru: Casey Wilson; |
| 8C: Lexi Brown; | 8L: Halen Baird; | |
| HoS: Sophie Dannah (8C) | | |

Week ending 3/2/23

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| 5C: TJ Allan-Carter; | 5K: Emily Collins; | 5L: Morgan Wright; |
| 6E: Sebastian Cardus; | 6F: Gary Emmonds; | 6L: Lily Duguid; |
| 7M: Lennox Sixsmith; | 7Ro: Charlie Robinson; | 7Ru: Ollie Wilson; |
| 8C: Stephen Eme; | 8L: Kai Turnbull; | |
| HoS: Joy Eme (6F) | | |

Uniform at WMS

Currently the children should still be wearing their full, correct regulation uniform for school. We have noticed of late a minority of children who push the boundaries in this area. The main issues are around footwear and trousers/skirts. Unfortunately we have some children wearing skirts which are completely inappropriate for school because they are far too short and some trousers appear to be more like leggings than those of a standard cut. Some children continue to wear trainers, when they should be wearing leather school shoes. We understand that items have often been purchased from school uniform sections of shops, but this alone does not necessarily make it correct for our school. We repeatedly supply guidance on what our uniform should look like and we would request that parents please support us with this, even if children are asking for a particular style of clothing/shoe. As a school, we do not request parents to purchase items like these from a designated uniform shop as some schools do to ensure standardisation and uniformity. This is because we know this can often make things much more expensive for parents. However we do ask that parents check the uniform guidelines before making any uniform purchases so that they fall within our expectations. As holidays are often a time when uniform is replaced and parents may be buying items to take children into the new school year, we would like to share again the uniform expectations in these areas, including some additional wording which we have added for September wear to make it even clearer what is expected:

- Black straight-legged, tailored trousers (standard length), worn with black or white socks. **Fitted or tight-legged trousers, jeans, leggings, jeggings, cords or tracksuit bottoms are NOT permitted.**
- Black mid or knee length, A-line, pleated or straight skirts (cotton or cotton mix) worn with black tights or black or white socks. **Mini-skirts or skirts made from stretch material are NOT permitted.**
- Black plain flat shoes or leather-look trainers that can be polished, or ankle boots only if they can be covered with trousers (**no obvious branding, designer trainers with Velcro fastening, Vans/Converse style trainers, canvas/leather plimsolls, UGG-style boots, sand shoes or platform shoes**).