



Whytrig Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2022

Monday, 10 October
World Mental Health Day

Monday, 17 October
Parents Evening

Thursday, 20 October
Mental Health Champions

Friday, 21 October
End 1st Half Term

Monday, 31 October
Start 2nd Half Term

Monday, 31 October
Halloween Non-Uniform

2nd to 4th 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
School closes 1:00pm

Friday, 23 December
Training Day

Monday, 9 January 2023
Training Day

Tuesday, 10 January 2023
START OF TERM 2

Walk to School Week

This week we are supporting W2SW (Walk to School Week) where walking to school and other sustainable forms of transport are being promoted as part of our school Travel Plan. Throughout the week we will be logging how the children make their way to school, with children receiving travel diaries and stickers as well as there being prizes on offer too. The vast majority of our children do already walk to school and a number of children opt to cycle or come on their scooter. For children who have to be brought to school by car, we would encourage parents and carers to park away from the school and encourage children to walk the final part of the journey (park and stride); we would kindly ask that consideration is also shown to our neighbours in the adjacent streets when dropping children off.

Open Evening 2022

We would like to thank all of our children helpers who attended our Open Evening on Wednesday 28th September. As always, they, along with our staff, were a fantastic advert for our school and many of the visitors attending on the evening confirmed this with their positive comments. Unfortunately the weather had not read the script and we had to endure a particularly cold and rainy evening on site. As a reward, all children who helped on the evening will receive 5 merits and a non-uniform pass to use at a time of their choice. For parents who have a child joining in Year 5 (or have a child in Year 8 moving to High School) in September 2023, please see the information about the admissions portal further on in the newsletter.

Dogs Trust Workshops

On Thursday and Friday of last week, we were delighted to welcome Rachel Hibbard, the Dogs



Trust Education and Community Officer for the North East, in to our school. She delivered workshops and an assembly to each of our form classes in Years 5, 6 and 7 around safety around dogs, which covered things like dog body language and real life situations at home and in public spaces. The outcome of which is that children are hopefully able to recognise situations that potentially could be unsafe and can adjust their behaviour accordingly (in order to prevent being bitten by a dog etc). The workshops were really good fun and Rachel commented on how welcomed she had been in school and the excellent behaviour of our

children.

Gold Pupils

Our term is well underway and we have already had a number of children who have reached the 25 merit mark and have been or are about to be presented with their 'Gold' badge. Well done to William Pople, Lewis Johnstone, Evan Bland, Cory Foster, Mason Hird, Isla Hale, Mollie Mackenzie, Isabella Pendlington, Fatima Musazade, Emily Collins, Ben Pilkington, Oliver Wilson, Maisie McCluskey, Georgina Gordon, Bailee King, Logan Corbett, Liam Sienko, Sebastian Cardus, Archie Miller, Ava J Miller, Eben Kennedy, Ben Ashbridge, Layla Moody, Jessica Knowles, Ruby Clark, Harry Bateman, Sofii Horielik, Joseph Hickey, Alara Yilmaz, Amari McDonald, Zoe Ford, Jacobi Wilson, Max Ord, James Edgar, William Bennett, Holly Ellis, TJ Allan-Carter, Daniel Young, Declan Darrie-Kelly, Cora Barry, Lydia Farrell, Halen Baird, Aadam Furness, Maggie Foster, Abbie Lowry, lyla Sewell, Evie Chambers, Ryley Fenwick, Charlie Sharratt and Charlotte Wardle.

Excellent Pupils

We also have a number of children who have reached the 50 merit mark and their 'Excellent Badge'. Well done to William Pople, Lewis Johnstone, Isla Hale, Mason Hird, Mollie Mackenzie, Logan Corbett and Lydia Farrell.

Superstar Pupils

A huge well done to William Pople who has also reached the 75 merit mark in this term. A super achievement.

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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 16/9/22

5C: Liam Sienko;	5K: William Peace;	5L: Isla Hale;
6E: Esme Shipley;	6F: Alexis Hone;	6L: Sasha Fawcett;
7M: Aaron Hall;	7Ro: Aadam Furness;	7Ru: Tilly Armstrong;
8C: Georgina Gordon;	8L: Kailem Harkus;	

Week ending 23/9/22

5C: Harry Stone;	5K: Logan Corbett;	5L: Mason Hird;
6E: Adam Halliwell;	6F: Alfie Miller;	6L: Abbie Lowry;
7M: Max Dennis;	7Ro: Leo Senior;	7Ru: Alex Addey;
8C: Sofiia Horielik;	8L: Peter Gibbons;	

Week ending 30/9/22

5C: Maverick Hillman-Lancaster;	5K: Abigail Peace;	5L: William Pople;
6E: IO Anderson-Reed;	6F: Michael Middlemiss;	6L: Evie Norris;
7M: Isabella Pendlington;	7Ro: Lewis Horn;	7Ru: Skye Golding;
8C: Layla Rutherford;	8L: Rory Thompson;	

Attendance Rewards - changes 2022-23

In order to continue to promote good attendance in school we are introducing the following system for this academic year which replaces the previous system of rewarding children who had 95+% with a non-uniform day on the first Friday of the next half term:

- Each term (in the end of term assembly) children with 100% attendance will receive a certificate. Children can achieve three certificates over the course of a year: bronze (1st 100%), silver (2nd 100%), gold (3rd 100%). Children who do not have 100% attendance in one term have the chance to gain the first/next certificate in the next term (ie absence in T1, but 100% in T2 so would get bronze in T2).
- At the end of each term 100% attenders will be entered into a prize draw for a non-uniform pass to be used at a time of their choice (one per year group).
- Children who have all three certificates (because they have had 100% attendance in each term) will also receive a medal in the end of year assembly.

Behaviour Rewards - changes 2022-23

In order to continue to promote excellent behaviour in school we are introducing the following change for this academic year which replaces the previous reward of Golden Time on the last afternoon of a half term (awarded to children who achieved 80% of their behaviour stamps over the course of a half term):

- The reward for receiving 80% of behaviour stamps over a half term will be a non-uniform day for each child who qualifies on the first Friday back of the next half term. This will allow the final day of a half term to be included in the behaviour reward calculation. The non-uniform reward will only apply to children who have met the criteria.
- In addition, the names of the children who successfully qualified for the non-uniform day will also be entered into a prize draw, drawn at the start of the new half term in assembly (one prize - voucher - for each year group).

Admissions Portal

The High School admissions portal is now open and will remain 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.

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.

Club Timetable

Please find a copy of the club time table for this term as a separate attachment.

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