



Whytrig Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday, 5 December
Year 6 Maths Awards

Thursday, 6 December
Drama Workshop

Friday, 7 December
Sports Leader Training

Friday, 7 December
Year 5/6 Girls NUFC Football

Monday, 10 December
Homework Project Event

Tuesday, 11 December
Area Rowing Competition

Wednesday, 12 December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 12 December
Year 7 Boys Rugby

Friday, 14 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday, 19 December
Year 8 Boys Rugby

Wednesday, 19 December Christmas Performance

**Friday, 21 December
END OF AUTUMN TERM
School Closes at 1pm**

8 January to 4 April 2019
SPRING TERM

Monday, 7 January 2019
Training Day

Wednesday, 16 January 19
Y6 Shakespeare Workshop

Tuesday, 22 January
Arts Award Trip

Tuesday, 29 January 19
Shakespeare Event
(Y5 and Y6 visit to view)

Friday, 5 April 2019
Training Day

23 April to 19 July 2019
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 6 May 2019
May Bank Holiday

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

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Children In Need

On 16th November we supported BBC Children In Need as we do every year; our pupils took part in activities of their choice in the afternoon which ended with a number of stalls such as chocolate tombola and sponge the teacher (thanks to Mr Robinson, Mr Souter, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Lowden and Mrs Linney who were all 'happy' volunteers to raise funds for the cause). Now that we have collected in sponsorship money and totalled up other monies raised on the day, we are proud to announce we have raised an amazing £1922.27 for the charity! Thank you so much to everyone for your kindness and generosity.

Year 5 Bikeability

On the week commencing 19th November, we were pleased to welcome Cycle Experience into school to take the Bikeability cycle training with some of our Year 5 pupils. They reported that they very much enjoyed their time spent with us, as they always do, and wanted to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the pupils for their superb energy and enthusiasm throughout the course. They felt that all the children really benefited from the experience and they now hope that they go on to put it all into practice. Cycle Experience also wanted us to pass on their sincere thanks to the parents who gave permission for their children to participate in the course, who gained the following awards: Level 1 certificate and badge: William Allan-Dunbar; Level 2 certificate and badge: Lily Coates, Alana Graham, Talia Green, Megan Keir, Charlie Kidd, Joseph Neasham, Daniel Norris, Molly Park, Caroline Peddie, Gwendolyn Peddie, Joe Turner and Jimmy Tweedy.

Christmas Fair

On Monday it was great to see our hall full of pupils and parents at our Christmas Fair. Thank you very much for all the gifts and chocolate to raffle and for those who spent money on the day – we have raised £974.31 which is fantastic! Here is a list of some of the prize winners:

Name The Baby Competition – Sophie Anderson

Whisky Bottle – JJ Maloney

Raffle Winners - Panto tickets - Margaret (M Towart); £10 voucher for Raffaello's restaurant - Matthew Towart; Procter and Gamble hamper - Ryan McKee; Hamper - Harry Phillips; Baylis and Harding gift set - Billy Christie; Mug gift set - Beverley Richardson; Floral gift - Jackie Laszczewski; Christmas hedgehogs - Zara Brisby and Charlie McIntyre; Electric blanket - Margaret (M Towart); Cake - Sophie Anderson; Quality Street - Susan Dungworth; Quality Street - Christopher McGarry; Cadbury Heroes - Madison Thornton and Gracie O'Melia.

The Premier League Schools Tournament

Whytrig Year 6 footballers competed in the NUFC Foundation Football Tournament for Northumberland Schools on 28th November along with other Northumberland schools. The tournament was organised in a league format, with the winners of each group and the highest placed second team going through to a knock out competition on the day. Whytrig were successful in the group games, playing three and winning three. This meant that they qualified for the semi-final against Bede Academy. After a closely fought game, where Whytrig twice came from behind, the match was decided by a penalty shootout; Whytrig won through 4-3 in sudden death to progress to final. In an exciting last match against St Aidan's, Whytrig won 2-1, which means that we will represent Northumberland in the regional finals to be held at the NUFC training ground in February 2019. Well done everyone!

STEM Session Success

On Monday 3rd December every class in school received a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) session from the STEM Graduate Outreach Team at Newcastle University on Monday 3 December. Year 8 pupils enjoyed a sports science session where they learned about the physiological effects of exercise on the body. They measured their lung capacity and pulse, as well as using an ECG machine to measure the electrical activity of their hearts. Year 7 used chemistry to extract DNA from a strawberry and learned all about DNA and why it makes us unique. Year 6 pupils took on an engineering challenge where they used K'NEX to build a bridge and learned all about the challenges engineers face in their daily work. Year 5 learned all about how to think like a scientist and focussed on using their senses to make scientific conclusions by engaging with lots of activities exploring how science works in our bodies. And it was extra special too for our staff, to welcome one of our former pupils as one of the graduates leading the workshops on the day!

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Gold Pupils

Well done to all of the following pupils who have earned their 'Gold' 25 merit badge this term. They are Billy Christie, Miah Wilkie, Chloe Bell, Madie Thornton, Nathaniel Deeming, Hannah Wardle, Paige Campbell, Charlie Forrest, Aaron Bell, Alfie Dawson, Daisy Codd, Grace Adams, Jessica Hardeland, Zane Duigan, Demi Harbertson, Mary Donaldson, Lexie French, Ruby Henry, Charlie Towns, Harry Lord, Ryan McKee, Evie May Lancaster, Olivia Graham, Darcy Humble, Summer Siddell, Osion Duff, Anna Gregg, Lewis Dixon, Lewis Dawson, Chloe Hudson, Joseph Smith, Summer Hobson, Devon Small, Cameron Steele-Munro and John Paul Watson.

Excellent Pupils

Well done to the following pupils who have earned their 'Excellent' badge for reaching 50 merits this term. They are Billy Christie, Miah Wilkie, Chloe Bell, Ellise Hill, Gracie Dalgarno-Todd, Liam French, Ryan Read, Harry Phillips, Gwendolyn Peddie, Megan Douglas, Vincent Bowery, Findley Belshaw, Charlie Kidd, Heidi Dalgarno-Todd, Lily Ferguson, Rhys Friend, Jessica Raper, Lily Thornton, Louis Foster, Finn Dobbins, Ellie Byford, Megan Keir, Lily Coates, Daisy Codd, Lyla Burr, Jessica Hardeland, Daniel Beattie, Keira Pentolfe, Hasan Gulbey, Josh Duff, Demi Harbertson, Mary Donaldson, Ollie Gregory, Molly Ellison, Jake Gleghorn, Charlie Towns, Connor Thompson, Joseph Neasham, James Wafer, Liam Armstrong, Harry Lord, Ryan McKee, Luke Stewart, Abby Usher, Daniel Norris, Oliver Bradford, Hannah Bell, Leah Henderson, Olivia Graham, Alana Graham, Skye Hunter, Sophie Anderson, Laila Heathcote, Grace Elliott, Anna Gregg, Lewis Dixon, Hannah Wardle, Kate Vural, Amelia Cottiss, Madeline Tagger and Maggie Mackay.

Superstar Pupils

And this week we have also have had more pupils who have reached the 75 merit mark to earn their 'Superstar' badge. Well done to Liam French, Ryan Read, Ciaran Park, Martyna Flisikowska, JJ Maloney, Aditi Sarkar, Jasmine Sparkes, Jack Coulson, Caroline Peddie, Erin Boxill, Liam Armstrong, Daniel Beattie, James Wafer, Oliver Bradford, Joe Miller, Leah Henderson, Adam Steadman, Jaden Dytham, Millie Lord, Jamie Derrick, Finn Dobbins, Kate Vural, Reiss Mason, Harry Phillips, Carly Pears, Devon Small and Leon Hunter-Roberts.

Owl Award

Well done to Abi French, Tristan Huckins, Liam Fawcett, Izzy Buchanan, Jimmy Tweedy, Abigail Storey, Lara Boxill, Leah Campbell, Molly Park, Jack Coulson, Joe Miller, Adam Steadman and Martyna Flisikowska who have all reached the 100 merit mark this term and gained their Owl Award.

CXXV Award

Well done to Joe Turner who is the first pupil this term to reach the 125 merit mark – a fantastic achievement!

Stars Of The Week – Well Done!

Well done to the following pupils who have been nominated as Stars Of The Week for the week ending 16/11/18 and for hot chocolate and biscuits with the head:

5Delta: Daniel Beattie; 5Eta: Martyna Flisikowska; 5Pi: Jimmy Tweedy;

6E: Erin Boxill; 6L: Abby Usher;

7Ro: Katie-Sue Mahoney; 7Ru: Leah Campbell;

8C: Tamzin Hill; 8L: Jessica Robson;

...and for the week ending 23/11/18:

5Delta: Megan Keir; 5Eta: Finn Dobbins; 5Pi: Liam Riches;

6E: Ryan Read; 6L: Maggie Mackay;

7Ro: Leah Henderson; 7Ru: Billy Christie;

8C: Darcy Humble; 8L: Frankie Simmons

...and for the week ending 30/11/18:

5Delta: Heidi Dalgarno-Todd; 5Eta: Logan Wails; 5Pi: James Wafer;

6E: Koby Brown; 6L: Mary Donaldson;

7Ro: Cai Pattison; 7Ru: Gracie Dalgarno-Todd;

8C: Ella French; 8L: Jess Wells;

Homework Project Celebration

We have had receipt of our first Homework Projects of the year and they have once again, astounded us with their brilliance! We are holding a **celebration event** on Monday 10th December to showcase the projects and to present Certificates Of Excellence from 3:30 to 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Oracy Project Update

Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to the Oracy Questionnaire. It has been very informative and it is encouraging to see so many engaged with the Talk Homeworks. Watch this space for more information and more exciting Talk Topics in the New Year!

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December we will be supporting Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day. It is a **normal uniform day**, however children can wear a Christmas Jumper **instead** of their school sweatshirt if they wish. As we have asked for a lot of contributions from parents lately, there will be no charge for this day. Instead, the school will make a contribution to Save The Children from the Christmas Fair proceeds.