



Whytrig Newsletter

Approaching the end of Term 1 @whytrig MS

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday, 8 December
Christmas Lunch

Friday, 10 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday, 17 December
End of Autumn Term
School closes at 1pm

Monday, 3 January 2022
Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 4 January 2022
Training Day

Wednesday, 5 January 2022
Start of Spring Term

Friday, 7 January
Attendance Non-uniform

Monday, 10 January
Y6 Parents SAT Meeting
6 to 7pm

Tuesday, 8 February
Safer Internet Day

Friday, 18 February
End of Spring 1st Half Term

Monday, 28 February
Start of Spring 2nd Half Term

Thursday, 3 March
World Book Day

Thursday, 7 April
End of Spring Term

Friday, 8 April
Training Day

Monday, 10 April
Valencia Football Residential

Monday, 25 April
Start of Summer Term

Monday, 2 May
Bank Holiday

9th to 12th May 2022
End KS2 SATs Week

Inspection Outcome

As you will now be aware, we were finally able to share the outcome from the inspection of our school by Ofsted in the first week of this half term, which was GOOD overall. The inspection team graded the Quality of Education, Personal Development and Leadership and Management all as good, with Behaviour and Attitudes graded as outstanding. We are very pleased with the outcome, given the current climate in schools after a difficult period of time during the pandemic. It was really good to see that all the work that has been done following the inspection in 2018 (which was incredibly disappointing) has been recognised and the school has returned to its GOOD grade. We must therefore say a huge thank you to our team of staff for their hard work and determination during this time, not only with the initiatives we have introduced to improve the school but with their continued dedication towards the children in our care. We thank all parents and carers too for their continued support but we especially thank our pupils who have been fantastic in what has been a really tough two years for them. During the inspection the children were really brilliant and inspectors commented on how they were able to talk articulately and passionately about our school; they can be truly proud of themselves and were great ambassadors for our school, the Federation and the area!

Year 5 Theatre Trip

Last week we were very happy to be able to take Year 5 to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at Sunderland Empire. For many, this would be the first time back in a theatre after the lockdowns; for some this was the first time in a theatre. The children had a great afternoon and enjoyed this interpretation of the novel by C.S Lewis. We must also thank the Year 5 team for all their sterling fundraising efforts with the many cake sales which helped to keep the costs down for everyone!

Key Stage 3 Safety Workshops

We were pleased to welcome Mr Burn back to Whytrig to run his safety workshops in Key Stage 3. On 12th November, each year 8 class attended a session, designed to raise awareness on some of the issues facing young people today, so that they are better able to protect themselves from safeguarding dangers and can recognise the signs if any friends or peers have been affected. On Wednesday last week, he returned to work with year 7 to deliver sessions on the dangers and impact of knife crime.

KPMG Work Ready

Last week we were also very pleased to welcome Fallon Dunleavy from The Talent Foundry to deliver the KPMG 'Work Ready' workshops to Year 8 pupils as part of their Information and Guidance offer. The course was delivered to Year 8 last year when they were in bubbles and we were keen to do the same again this year having seen the value in doing so and how well the children responded to the sessions. Fortunately this year, Fallon was able to deliver the sessions in person rather than virtually which was so much better!

Children In Need 2021

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need 2021. We raised a fantastic £215.38 in school this year.

Gold Pupils

Well done to all the children who have reached the 25 merit mark and have been or are about to be presented with their 'Gold' badge. They are Caitlin Taylor, William Allan-Dunbar, Sophie Anderson, Ella Taylor, Zak Friend, Jacob Bell, Tyler McDonnell, Finlay Richardson, Chantelle Kelly, Jimmy Tweedy, Josh Stewart, Sophia Corbett, Maddison Lowery, Skye Golding, Casey Sixsmith, Cora Miller, Lydia Farrell, Savannah Moore, Arthur Dawson, Thalia Green, Finn Dobbins, Nathaniel Deeming, Lily Coates, Vincent

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Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Bowery, Bethany Collins, Macy Pyle, Liam Fawcett, Ben Pilkington, Jessica Watson, Brooke Doherty, Jack Tully, Lucas Buchanan, Billy Robinson, Robbie Read, Daniel Cole, Leo Senior, Nikola Flisikowska, Jack Bradley, Ella Bond, Ella Peace, Kate Turner, Alex Addey, Max Dennis, Lyla Burr, Alana Graham, Lily Ferguson, Jamie Derrick, Aidan Guy, Louis Foster, Lexi Dytham, Alyssya Sibley-Mather, Jenson Armstrong, Lily Thornton, Isabella Pendlington, Millie Eaton, Jessica Hollyman, Chloe Bensley, Ava Miller, Sam Martin, Jacob Knox, Alfie Coats, Joe Turner, Travis Downie, Kenya Gibbons, Harry Cairns, Ella Chandler, Skye Hunter, James Wafer, Evie Hughes, Laila Heathcote, Keira Pentolfe, Lewis Nielsen, Megan Douglas, Gwen Peddie, Dan Beattie, Jack Moore, Rory Thompson, Andrew Laird, Courtney Barnes, Ruby Henry, Mally Dixon and Matthew Cockburn.

Excellent Pupils

Well done to Georgina Griffin, Grayson Horler, Esme Shipley, Rachael Watson, Fiona Milne, Alfie Dawson, Abbie Lowry, Darcey Beattie, Lily Duguid, Amelia Scott, Sophie Anderson, Maryam Waheed, Isabelle Sibley-Mather, Summer Coulson, Lily Short, Libby Lowery, Harri Williams, Carter Bowery, Joseph Hickey, Josh Nesbit, Riley Billings, Oliver Taylor, Avae Iveson, Lexi Brown, Molly Park, William Allan-Dunbar, Stephanie Vinnicombe, Gary Emmonds, Sophie Dannah, Joseph Maloney, Charlie Robinson, Cameron Scott, Jessica Raper, Alana Graham, Martyna Flisikowska, Heidi Dalgarno-Todd, Isabel Barry, Jenson Armstrong, Rory Foster, Lucy Wells, Rosie Mahoney, Eben Kennedy, Amelia Brotherick, Melissa Cephis, Katie McInerney, Austin Gott, Harry Foster, Lily Hulme, Jimmy Tweedy, Dan Beattie, Jack Moore, Callum Moore, Drew Addey, Emily Hedley, Evie Norris, Sasha Fawcett, Laila Pattison, Marcy Taylor, Joseph Henderson and James Bateman who have all gained 50 merits this term.

Superstar Pupils

We also have a number of pupils who have now reached the 75 merit mark. Well done to Amy Compton, Georgia Compton, Roshfen Mohammed, Ethan Byrne, Georgina Gordon, Tylan Rutherford, Lily Short, Danny Wells, Hallie Fletcher, Jack Howe, Isabelle Sibley-Mather, Mohamed Mostafa, Halen Baird, James Ellison, Carter Bowery, George Byford, Sophie Anderson, Jay McNally, Maryam Waheed and Esme Shipley. Great effort!

Owl Award

Aubree'Eve Stewart has earned her Owl award for reaching the 100 merit mark. She is joined by Adam Halliwell, Michael Middlemiss, Yasmin Roberson, Lily Short, Tylan Rutherford and Charlie Dixon. Well done everyone!

CXXV Award

Earning 125 merits in a term is a fantastic achievement, so well done to Adam Halliwell, Yasmin Roberson and Aubree'Eve Stewart who have managed to do this.

Wilkie Award

Adam Halliwell has had a fantastic term as far as earning merits is concerned and he has reached the top award this term, named after the first pupil to achieve the grand total of 150 merits. A massive well done to Adam!

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.

Week ending 3/12/21

5B: Matthew Lambert, Caitlin Taylor; 5C: Lily Hulme; 5M: Chantelle Kelly;
6E: Skye Golding; 6F: Leah Dixon; 6L: Ethan Hutchinson;
7CT: Lexi Brown; 7L: Ollie Roper;
8L: Louis Foster; 8Ro: Talia Green; 8Ru: Macy Pyle;

Week ending 26/11/21

5c: Shaun Maguire; 5C: Amelia Deeming; 5M: Ella Bond;
6E: Oliver Wilson; 6F: Declan Vincent; 6L: Kate Turner;
7CT: Alfie Henderson; 7L: Evie Thomson;
8L: Joe Turner; 8Ro: James Wafer; 8Ru: Charlie Kidd;

Week ending 19/11/21

5B: Rachael Watson; 5C: Alfie Miller; 5M: Carter Bowery;
6E: Aston Collier; 6F: Ava J Miller; 6L: Abigail Wood;
7CT: Ryan Bland; 7L: Isla Moffat;
8L: Logan Wails; 8Ro: Lana Coppen-Gibb; 8Ru: Jack Moore;

Week ending 12/11/21

5B: Ethan Byrne; 5C: Casey Anderson; 5M: Harry Cairns;
6E: Amadeus Robertson; 6F: Daniel Cole; 6L: Jessica Hollyman;
7CT: Hannah French; 7L: Shay Young;
8L: Rhys Friend; 8Ro: Alana Daniels; 8Ru: Ethan Wilkes;

Lost Property

We have a staggering amount of lost property in school, which are unfortunately is unnamed so can not be returned to their owners. There are a variety of items from school jumpers, PE kit and uniform to coats and shoes. Some examples of items we also have are detailed below:

- Orange Tog24 parka coat (size: 140cm)
- Black Spindle puffa jacket with blue lining (size: 11/12)
- Grey North Face coat (size: youth XL)
- Black Under Armour coat (size: 10/11)
- Black Under Armour baseball cap
- Black North Face anorak (size: youth S/P)
- Adidas shoe bag (blue) with Adidas football boots (uk size 4)/Mitre shin pads
- Black Lacoste leather plimsoll style trainers (uk size 4)

End of Autumn Term Arrangements 2021

We would just like to remind parents about the events happening in school between now and the end of next week.

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Lunch for those who have pre-ordered their meal. A canteen service will still operate for those who did not want that option.

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day. We will be supporting Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday this week. It is a **normal uniform day**, however children can wear a Christmas Jumper **instead** of their school sweatshirt if they wish. The day is to support the superb work of Save The Children and the suggested donation is £1, however all donations will be gladly received.

Santa Dash: we will also be taking part in the Santa Dash on Friday 8th, which is a National School Games activity. The activity will take 10 to 15 minutes to do, if the conditions allow us the run it. It will work a little like the Sport Relief mile, where the children complete a circuit around our yard. All the children need to do is wear trainers for this activity, so they are permitted to wear them for school on this occasion.

Friday 17th December – Final Day of Term

Christmas themed activities will be completed in form classes, as well as the end of term assembly. **The school kitchen will not be open on the last day of term so the children will need to bring in a packed lunch on this day.** For children entitled to a free school meal, a lunch will be provided for them. School will then close at 1:00pm as it has done in previous years; as usual we will expect the highest standards of behaviour from our pupils as they go home.

Looking forward to next year....

Please note that Monday 3rd January 2022 is a bank holiday and Tuesday 4th January is a training day. The children return to school at the normal time on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Breakfast Club

Our in school breakfast club opens daily on a morning at 8:20am, where children have the opportunity to buy a warm snack and drink before the start of the school day. Items to purchase are in denominations of 10p to make things easier for handling change, so please ensure your child brings money to purchase items if they use the breakfast club. In the long term we are looking to be able to provide the same facility to purchase items as we do on a lunchtime using the cashless system.

Twitter Feed

Don't forget, we also have a Twitter feed which gets updated regularly, mainly to keep you informed about special events or visits we have been taking part in. We have been tweeting this week about some of the sport that has taken place so far and clubs that start this week. You can follow us at: @whytrigms

Dates For Your Diary

Please visit our school website at <https://www.svf.org.uk/calendar> where you can see dates of upcoming school and Federation events. You can subscribe to our school calendar by selecting the WMS option on the drop down menu in the bottom left hand corner. We will also highlight key events in our newsletters as well as listing upcoming dates, as you can see, on the left hand side.