



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending November 14th, 2025

Half-term 2. End of week 2. Read on for updates and a round-up of just some of the things that have been happening in school!

Positive Noticing Day was enjoyed by all. Children had to write positive comments about a friend on a luggage label and present it to them. The aim was to make everyone feel good about themselves and it worked!



A group of children from across the year groups are taking part in a fantastic project with Northumberland County Council, Hyem Architects and The Natural History Society of Northumbria. They are working on a design for a Pocket Place (small spaces designed to connect with nature) which is part of a scheme to improve the active travel route between Old Hartley and Blyth.

First they went on a nature walk along the sand dunes and around the harbour, looking for different plants and animals. They spotted so much and identified some fantastic sea birds, such as Oystercatchers and Red Shanks.

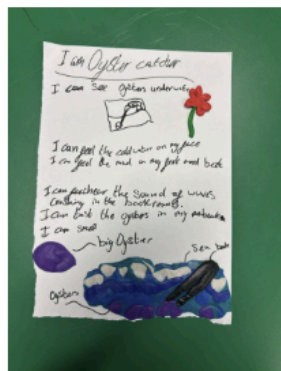


Then they headed back to the classroom to talk about the things they saw and to start to think about their designs.



To help them prepare for creating their designs they made models of some of the things they spotted on the nature walk.





The children are really looking forward to doing their designs in the next stage of the project!

### School Lunch Pilot

Many thanks to all who have taken part in the school lunch pilot. We have decided to withdraw from this a little earlier than we were going to and normal school lunch service will return on Monday.

A parent survey will be sent out to gather parents' views on the pilot next week.



## Spotlight on...PE

### Recent Events

This year has started off well, with a number of PE and sporting activities across our school from cross country running, to football and netball competitions, visits from Muay Thai coaches, as well as KS3 using our amazing location to run along the beach. The highlight so far has been our whole school fun run allowing the children to run, walk or jog along to Blyth bandstand and back. A great event for all who took part. A massive congratulations to Joey, who has held on to first position for three years in a row.



We have also run a number of extra curricular clubs including football for girls and boys in all year groups, and netball for KS3. We have already attended a number of central venue games and the year 8 netball team got their first win of the season. More clubs are starting in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out. Our Year 5 are also looking forward to the Bikeability sessions starting in January.





This week some of our KS2 pupils have taken part in a Boccia competition at Gateshead Leisure Centre.

On arrival, they decided to create two teams so they had more opportunities to play lots of mini games. As this is a new sport, which they have never tried before, we were really impressed with their throwing skills, team work and how they supported each other. A great day was had by all.



### In Curriculum Time

Throughout the year pupils will have the opportunity to take part and develop their skills in a wide range of PE activities and sports. So far this year:

Year 5 have already had lessons in football, and are presently taking part in orienteering, table tennis, badminton, gymnastics, hockey and multiskills lessons alongside their swimming lessons. We have a number of pupils who are doing very well in their swimming sessions at the moment, these have been highlighted for their improvement and success by Mr Day. Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

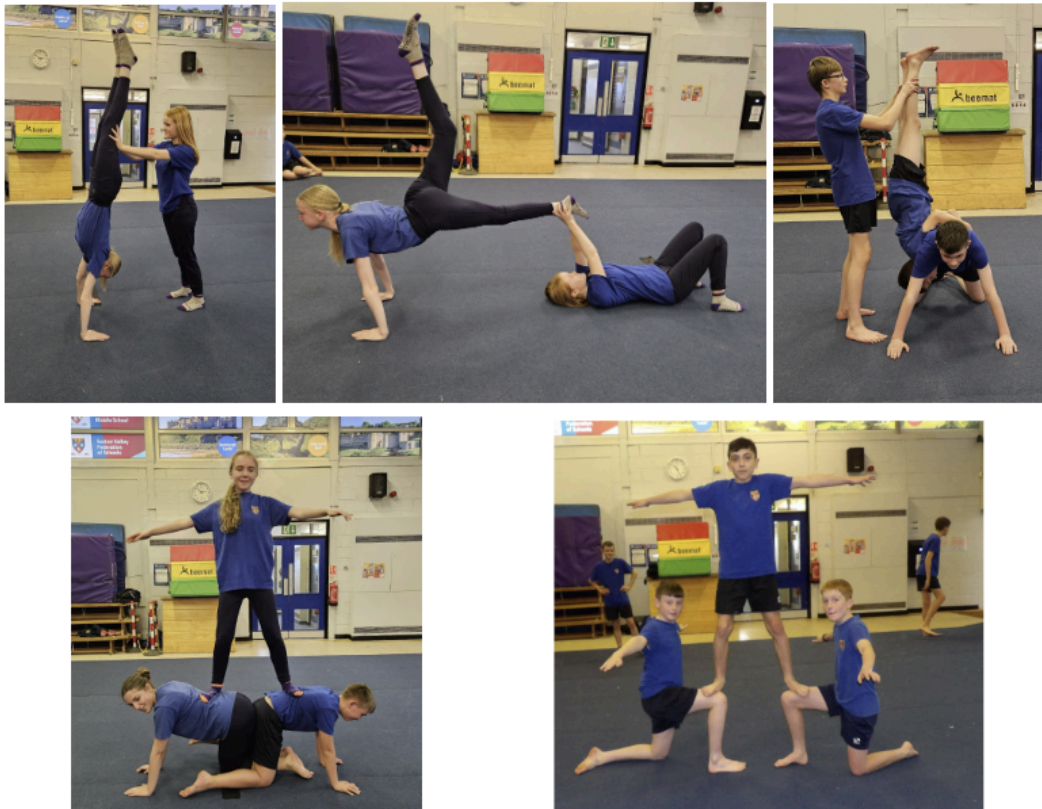


Year 6 have taken part in both football and basketball lessons, and are now being taught handball and netball.



Year 7 have just completed their lessons in football and volleyball. This week they have started their new topics of contact rugby and fitness.

Year 8 lessons are slightly different during this term, they have completed the topic of football, with the emphasis on putting their skills into full game scenarios. They are also starting contact rugby as their new topic, however they also take part in gymnastics lessons throughout the Autumn term. This year they are putting all the gymnastic skills that they have learnt during their time at Seaton Sluice together to create a whole class performance to the Greatest Showman. This routine includes acrogyrnastics, trampettes and vaulting.



### Special Sporting Mentions

We have a large number of pupils who excel in sports both inside and outside of school. A selection of them include:

Evvey (Year 7) competing in the National Pony Club Championships. An event with almost 4,000 horses & riders competing in various disciplines organised over 2 weeks from across the United Kingdom..

Aimee (Year 7) improved her confidence, attitude and football skills, playing for u12 Blyth Spartans girls so much that she has now been asked to represent the Blyth Spartans girls u13 team.

Ethan (Year 7) received high praise from his coaches for his skills, effort, and attitude in rugby, excelling in the sport he is so passionate about.

Harvey (Year 8) being recognised by his coaches and fellow players in his new team, receiving man of the match.

Seren (Year 8) completed a dance scholarship application, involved a solo dance performance in front of judges as well as workshops in ballet, lyrical and tap. She has also recently competed in a dance competition where she won both gold and silver.

Dylan (Year 8) has recently joined a new football team and made an amazing impact already by being voted player of the week three times in a row by his team mates and the opposition team.

Leighton (Year 8) has been selected to play cricket for the MCC. The MCC is a talent identified organisation, and gives him the opportunity to play cricket both regionally and nationally.

Juliet (5E) has just finished her pre-grading in karate.

Isaac (5E) got his yellow belt in kickboxing.

Bailey (5E) received a trophy in Rugby for 'Best Team effort'.

Ella (5E) is part of the Nicola Gauld School of Dance and is competing in a competition tomorrow for lyrical and modern dance.

Scarlett (5E) has just learnt how to long-canter on a horse!

Arley (5E) has just won his 20th medal for competing in football.

Minnie (5E) has learnt how to jump really high on a horse!

Hannah (5S) did a dance show where she did a solo performance to music from Cats.



We now have an instagram page. This is to showcase the fantastic work that happens here at Seaton Sluice Middle School. Please give us a follow!

[https://www.instagram.com/seaton\\_sluice\\_middle/](https://www.instagram.com/seaton_sluice_middle/)

### Anti-Bullying Assembly

Mighty Minds returned to school this week to hold a KS2 assembly on anti-bullying. Lauren, along with four volunteers, demonstrated how difficult it is to take back unkind words once we have said them. Using tooth paste to represent the unkind words, Thea tried to take it back after squirting it on to her peers' hands. It showed just how messy being unkind can be. Pupils also got actively involved in motivational chants; having great fun whilst learning important messages!



### Stars of the Week:

Y5- Ella R, Mason M-S, Ella E, Allanah M-A, Grace L

Y6- Ollie T, Max P, Arran B

Y7 - Carlo A

Y8 - Millie C





## Attendance

Please remember to call in or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

**To report an absence via telephone call please dial 0191 2370629, select 4 for Seaton Sluice Middle School, then select 8 to report a student absence.**

Please send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to [ssms@svf.org.uk](mailto:ssms@svf.org.uk) so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

If you are submitting a Leave of Absence request, please ensure any documentation supporting the exceptional circumstances is handed in at the same time as the Leave of Absence form.



**This week's whole school attendance (YTD): 93.93%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.91%	96.31%	93.37%	90.53%

**The current best attending class is: 5E!**

### Dates for the diary:

18.11.28 - Y7 Ant-bullying workshops  
24.11.25 - Monozukuri Caravan event for some Y6 pupils  
27.11.25 - PTFA Christmas Fair

### Social Media Channels

Don't forget to keep up to date with everything else on our social media channel.

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