



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: April 24th, 2026

Summer Term (1) End of Week 1: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

## Northumberland Campaign Junction Active Travel Ambassador Event

On Friday 27th March, the 12 Active Travel Ambassadors made the journey to Morpeth County Hall to deliver their road safety pitch. The pupils had worked hard leading up to the event to produce a comprehensive pitch explaining problems and solutions they felt passionately about.

Facing a panel of council members and road safety experts can be a daunting experience, and despite feeling a little nervous, our students handled the pressure with remarkable poise. They spoke with clarity, backed up their arguments with local data, and handled a rigorous question and answer session like seasoned professionals.

The climax of the event was the funding announcement where the panel awarded our pupils the full £200 grant which was then matched by Modeshift Stars, providing our ATA's with £400!

This funding will be used by the pupils to launch and run their campaign in the next few weeks.

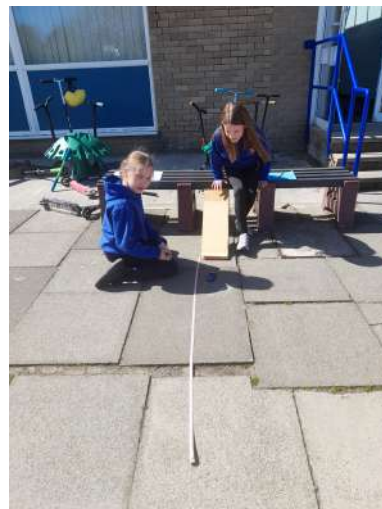
It wasn't just about the money, though. The way our 12 ambassadors supported one another and the other schools involved showed the true spirit of our school community

We look forward to seeing the "Safety at Slucie" campaign come to life over the next term. A huge congratulations to our 12 road safety champions for making a real-world difference!



## Year 5 Science

In Science this week, Year 5 has been learning about the impact of friction. They planned and carried out an investigation measuring how far a car would travel down a ramp with various surfaces. It was a great excuse to work outside and enjoy some sunshine too!



## Year 5 English

This term, we have started to read our new book, *The Middler*. The children have been gripped by this dystopian novel so far and enjoyed a fun drama activity, 'Hotseating' to learn more about a character. The children loved wearing a wig to get into the role and had lots of fun preparing for their diary writing next week.



## Year 5 Achievements

We are incredibly proud of Ella E and Ayda H (5e) who attended a dance audition on 19th April. There were 60 children auditioning with only 30 selected and they were successful! The girls will go to the Royal Opera House in London to take part in a show in June. We can't wait to hear all about it!



Layla C (5N) planted some grass seeds to grow the 'horse hair' on her happy garden plant in Friendship Group and we are so proud of how well this has turned out!



William H (5E) has passed Swimming Stage 1 during the holidays and has moved up to Stage 2! Well done, William!

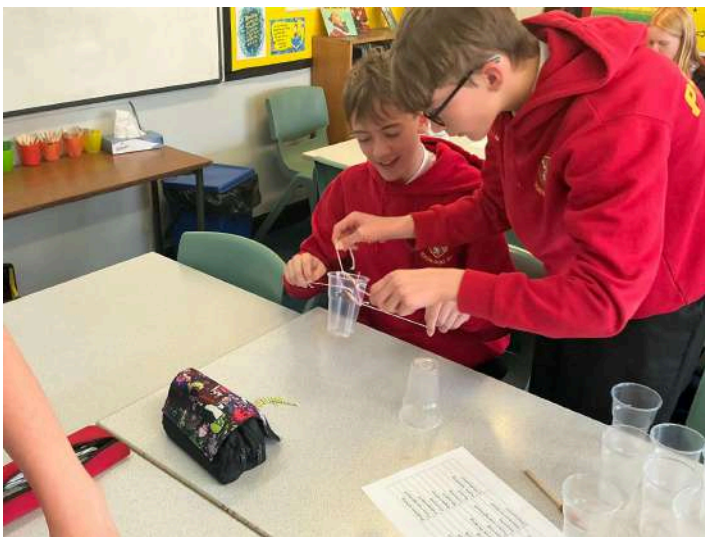
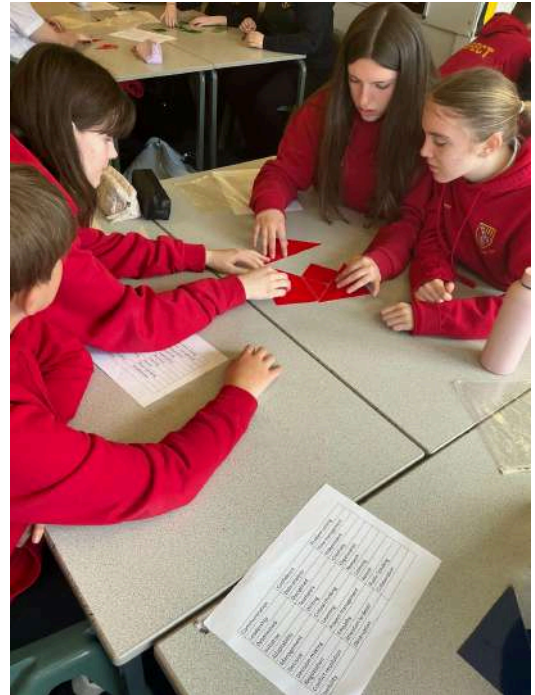
## Year 7 Computing

Year 7 students have been putting their computational thinking skills into action through an exciting team challenge to design and build the strongest and tallest tower. Working collaboratively, they have been breaking the task down into manageable steps, testing ideas, and refining their designs based on what works best. This hands-on activity has encouraged problem-solving, creativity, and resilience, as students learned to adapt and improve their structures. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and teamwork, with everyone contributing to innovative solutions and celebrating each other's successes.



## Year 8 Careers Workshop

Year 8 recently took part in an engaging careers workshop that gave them the opportunity to explore key skills valued by employers. Through a range of interactive activities, students demonstrated important traits such as teamwork, problem-solving, and effective communication. The workshop encouraged them to think about how these skills apply in real-world situations and future job applications. It was a valuable experience that helped build confidence, develop collaboration, and inspire students to start considering their future career pathways.



### Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Grace L, Xander P, Maisie W, Ayda H

Y6 - Aj R, Alanah B, Jake R, Arran B

Key Stage 3 - No key stage 3 assembly this week.



## 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): 92.0%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.8%	94.2%	90.4%	89.0%

**The current best attending class is: 5 North**

### Dates for the diary:

**May 4th** - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

**May 8th** - Feel Good Friday

**May 11th** - Y6 SATs week

### Social Media Channels

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

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