



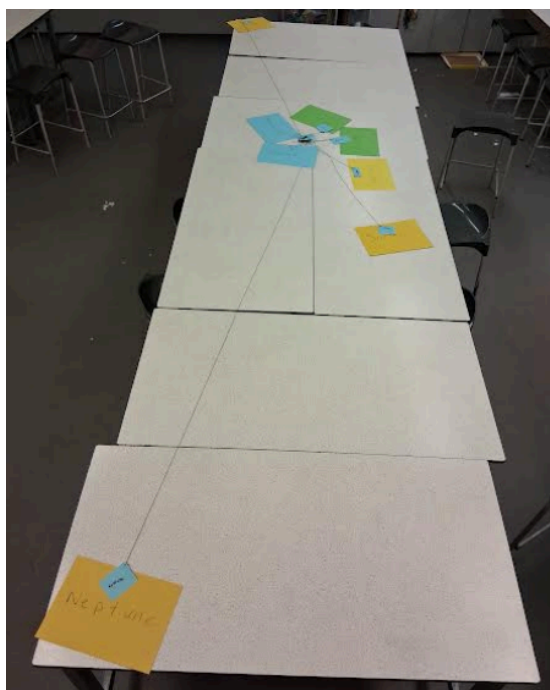
SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending 26th September, 2025

Another busy week at SSMS! Read on for updates and a round-up of just some of the things that have been happening in school!

Spotlight on Science

Many of our new Year 5 children have enjoyed being in the lab for some of their Science lessons already this term. They have been considering what makes up our Solar System and its relative size and scale. To help them to visualise and understand this, the children have been making models.



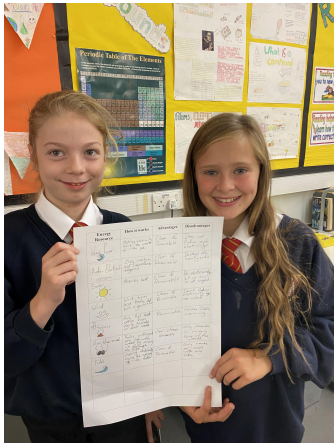
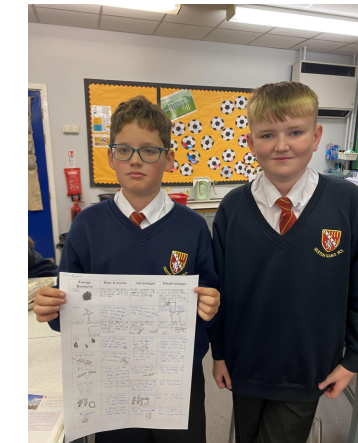
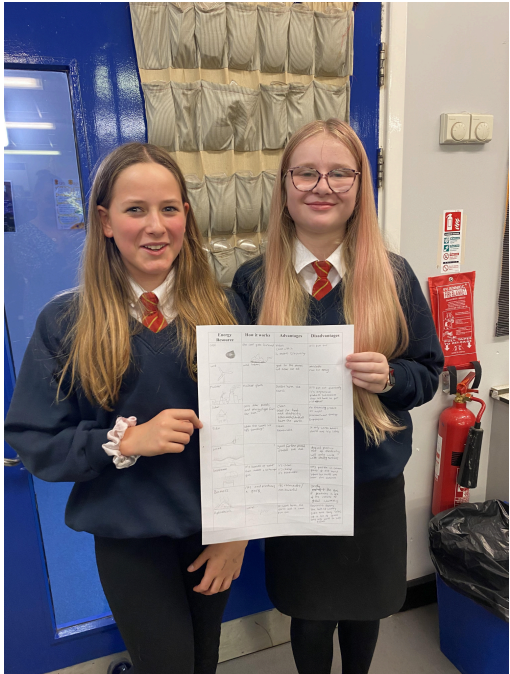
In Science our Year 6 children have been learning about how to use electricity safely and enjoyed practising building some simple circuits with bulbs, buzzers, motors and switches.



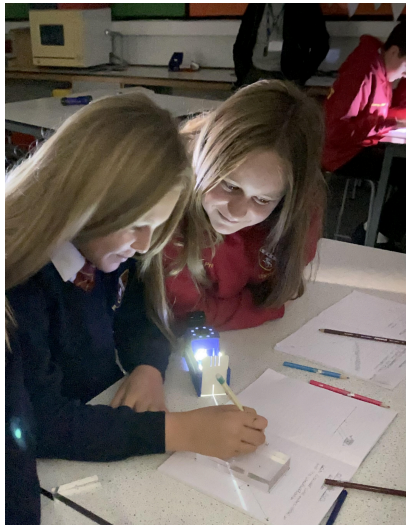
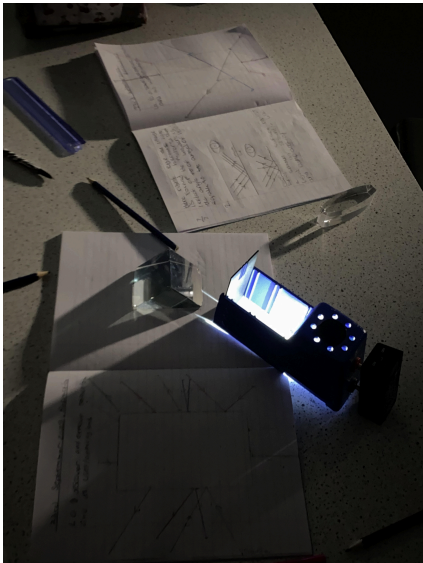
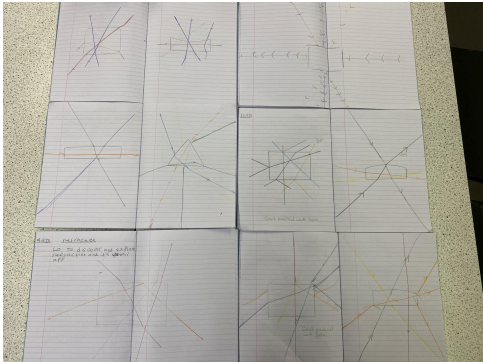
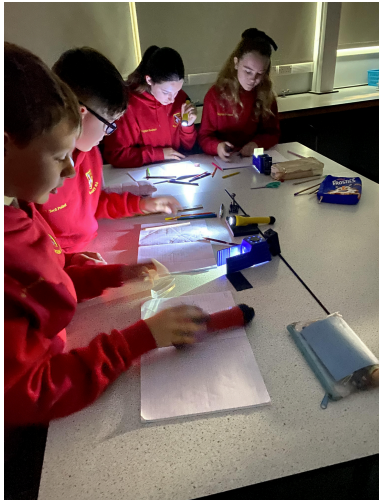
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Year 7 pupils have been thinking about how we can make our non-renewable energy resources last longer and learning about some of the different renewable energy resources. 7East worked really hard in small groups to produce some excellent summary tables.



In their Science lessons so far this term, Year 8 have been enjoying investigating how light travels, reflection and refraction.



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What a lovely surprise Y8 had, when on Fire drill this week, they noticed a family of deer in the adjoining field!

Mrs McCloskey



Word of the Week:

Justice- the idea that individuals should be treated fairly

Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Hannah S, Ivar T, Miray F, Faith S

Y6 - Amber Rose R, Hermione H, Rosie D, Frankie S, Joshua C

Y7 - Millie C

Y8 - Reuben G

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 also send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to 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): 92.70%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.30%	93.81%	91.41%	90.83

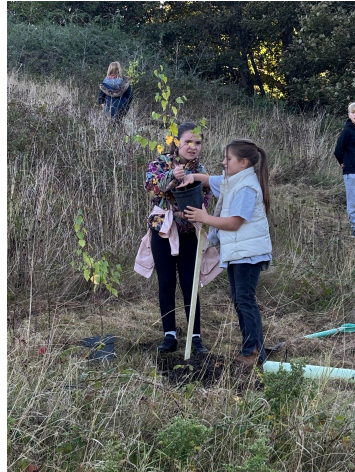
The current best attending class is: 5N with 100% attendance this week!



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A group of Year 5 children were lucky enough to spend Tuesday morning helping a working party of volunteers from Friends of Holywell Dene. The children planted 25 Silver Birch trees to celebrate 25 years since The Friends of Holywell Dene was established. They had great fun and many of the children are looking forward to keeping an eye on their tree whenever they visit the dene.



Mrs Cassidy

Dates for the diary:

- 2.10.25** - Y4 Open Evening 6 to 7.30pm in the school hall
- 3.10.25** - Feel Good Friday - pupils attend in non-uniform for the 1st Friday of the month
- 6-8.10.25** - Y5 Ford Castle visit
- 16.10.25** - Flu vaccines
- 17.10.25** - Show Racism the Red Card (further info to follow)
- 22.10.25** - PTFA Halloween disco (further info to follow)
- 24.10.25** - SSMS Fun Run (further info to follow)
- 4.11.25** - SEN coffee morning (further info to follow)



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On 15th September, 5 East embarked on a project with Northumberland Archives involving a full week of exciting activities to learn about the history of the local area. The week began with a trip to Woodhorn where the children were able to learn about archives; take part in a virtual tour and explore the archives within the museum. Discovering all about oral history was the focus of day 2 where the children interviewed knowledgeable members of the community and then furthered their learning journey by playing an informative board game. Day 3 was a great highlight of the week when the children went on another trip to work with a professional animator at the Farrell Centre. After making a whole class animation, pupils created their own 'claymation' by manipulating plasticine to create a story about Seaton Sluice moving into the future. Their creations were amazing! The final part of the week was designing structures for the future which they then constructed using cardboard. Following this, they used Tinkercad to create 3D images and were taught how to use AI to place them within the school grounds. Also, seeing a 3D printer bring structures to life was so fascinating to watch! It was such a wonderful opportunity that opened the eyes of the children to the exciting world of possibilities and inspired them to consider career pathways to areas in which they were previously unaware. The week was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we are excited for our 2 other classes to take part in this thrilling experience soon!

Mrs Middlemiss



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