



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 10th April 2025 - EASTER HOLIDAYS

End of Term - Happy Easter!

As we reach the end of a very long term, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership in making this term a very successful one for all pupils at Whytrig Middle School. We hope that pupils and families have an enjoyable and restful break and we look forward to seeing all pupils back in school refreshed and ready to learn on **Monday 28th April** for our final term at Elsdon Avenue!

The school office will be closed throughout the school holiday. Should you need to contact us, please email wms@svf.org.uk and we will respond as soon as possible when we reopen.

We wish all of our pupils and families a peaceful break and a very Happy Easter.



Sports Results/Fixtures/News

The U11 girls' football team travelled to Duke's Secondary School in Ashington on Tuesday night for the last round of league fixtures. They won 3 out of their 5 games with goals from Lucy M, Isla O and Lia F!



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We value your feedback

We would like to give a final reminder for you to give feedback through our annual parent survey, which is now live online and will close at the end of Friday 11th April. This is a good way to let us know where we can improve, but also what is working well. For example, last year only 52% of parents and carers agreed or strongly agreed that 'the school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year'; in response to this, we have introduced curriculum overview sheets in KS2 which are shared at the start of each half term, as well as updating and improving the curriculum information on our school website. You can access the survey by clicking on the link [here](#). You can also scan the QR code on the right on a mobile device, which will open the survey in a browser for you.



Mental Health Tip

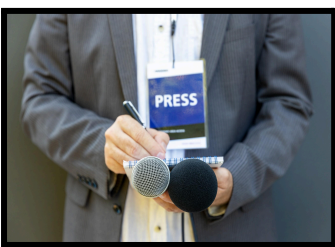
Helpful thinking! The more you think in a helpful way, the easier it becomes. A helpful thinking activity can get you into the habit of identifying negative thoughts, putting things in perspective, and focusing on things that have gone well.



- Each day for a week, take 10-15 minutes to write down 3 things that went well.
- Underneath each thing that went well, write what you did to make it happen.
- Try not to let negative thoughts get in the way.

Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Journalist**. The video can be found in Google Classroom and also [here](#).



We encourage you to watch the Job of the Week with your children so you can take part in the discussions we are having in school about future education and work.



If any parents or carers would like to get involved in our Careers provision at Whytrig please contact Mrs Campbell at wms@svf.org.uk



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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.

Please also send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to wms@svf.org.uk so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

This week's whole school attendance (YTD): 92.9%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.7%	94.0%	93.4%	90.0%

Current best attending class is: 5C (96%)

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 1

[School Meals Menu](#)

Lunch Account Balance

Please check your child's lunch account balance, and top up as necessary.

We will never allow your child to go hungry, and should they not have enough money on their account then we will ensure they are able to buy a Main Meal Deal by granting them a temporary overdraft for that day of £2.40. You will then receive a message via MCAS advising you that you need to top up their account.

This temporary overdraft facility will not be extended for additional days and should your child not have enough funds in their account the following day they will only be provided with a basic sandwich and drink. Our expectation is that you will top their account up immediately so they have a positive balance again.



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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. Each week their success is shared in school in the Star of the Week video and they receive a certificate and chocolate bar.

Week ending 10/04/25:

5C: Alfie M; 5K: Ava W; 5L: Amelia T;
6E: Lucy M; 6F: Josh R; 6L: Melissa S;
7M: William G; 7Ro: Maverick H; 7Ru: Zoe F;
8H: Kvitka D; 8L: Adam H; 8T: Georgia C;
Head of School SOTW: Layla O (7M)

Week ending 04/04/25:

5C: Lia F; 5K: Jacob S; 5L: Carter F;
6E: Baker E; 6F: Alfie M-R; 6L: Amelia C-D;
7M: Baillee K; 7Ro: Jacob F; 7Ru: Robbie W;
8H: Iyla D; 8L: Stephanie V; 8T: Laila P;
Head of School SOTW: Rex H (6L)

Library Books

Please can you take a look around your home and see if you have any outstanding library books. We're missing quite a few books from our collection and we want to have a refresh before we move to the new school. Fiction books will often have a Green or Yellow Star on the spine so you can identify them as a school book.

Safety Outside Our School

Double parking puts our children at risk. When double parking occurs around schools, it makes it harder to see children and those who might be on wheels (buggies, cycles, wheelchairs etc).

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner.

Park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone.

Fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it safer for everyone

What you could do instead....

- ✓ Try walking, cycling or scooting – even if its just one day a week, it can make a big difference.
- ✓ If you need to drive your child to school, consider parking away from school and walking the remainder of the way or car share with other families.



Walking, cycling or scooting to school contributes to the recommended daily physical exercise for you and your children.

It also helps to **reduce congestion** around school and **improves air quality**, providing benefits for everyone.



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After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

After school clubs will start in the second week when we return after Easter, apart from Mrs Harland's netball club, which will be on on the Tuesday of the first week.

Labelling Uniform and Belongings

All items of clothing, bags and water bottles etc. should have your child's name in them. This helps us return 'lost property' to their rightful owner. By the end of each term, we have a large quantity of items that have lost their owner and are then donated to charity or unfortunately thrown away.

Summer Term Uniform Reminder

In school we have an attractive and practical uniform which is worn by all pupils and we expect the children who attend our school to respect our rules around uniform and general appearance.

The start of a holiday period is often an opportunity for parents and carers to allow haircuts and changes in appearance that would not be allowed in school. We would just ask that all parents and carers then **ensure that the children return to school, following our school's policies on uniform, hairstyles and jewellery**. In particular, can you please ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear for school. Children should not wear trainers for school.

We would also remind parents and carers that children are advised not to come to school wearing jewellery, as they may expose themselves and others to the risk of injury. We do however permit children to wear a watch, one ring and 'stud' earrings. Piercings other than 'stud' earrings are not allowed in school. We appreciate your support in this area as we look towards the Summer Term.

MCAS Contact Details

Please remember to double check that your details are correct on MCAS. When you make a change in My Child At School, it updates the systems that we use to contact home. This also means that we don't make a mistake in the spelling of an email address or taking down a number incorrectly.

Social Media Channels

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

X - @WhytrigMS

Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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