



# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 27th June 2025

## Learning Showcases

This week, we welcomed parents of 6E and 5C to our final Learning Showcases of the year. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in school sharing quality time with their children, focussed on learning. We have had so much positive feedback about the events and we are hoping that we can continue to hold these events when we move to our new site and we are even hoping to roll this out to Key Stage 3. Thank you to all parents for their support this year.



## Bike Rides

Last week, year 5 enjoyed bike rides to Cambois Beach in the glorious sunshine. The children showed real resilience to cycle 22-25 miles, and enjoyed an ice cream treat mid-way! Well done year 5!



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## Alnwick Gardens

On Friday, a small group of Year 5 children attended Alnwick Gardens and Castle for the #makeactivememories School Games Event. The children had a fantastic day and the weather was perfect for running through fountains, tackling the dragon quest and a spot of broomstick training!



## Peter J Murray - Author Visit

Author and friend of the school Peter J Murray will be visiting Whytrig on Wednesday 2nd July for a special assembly. Peter, author of the 'Mokee Joe' series and 'Scabbajack' is visiting school to talk to pupils about his stories and work and an author. On Thursday 3rd July, pupils will be given the opportunity to meet Peter and purchase a signed copy of his new book. Please see the flyer below for more information and prices.

## Peter J. Murray School Visit

Medina Publishing have teamed up with award-winning children's author, Peter J Murray, to help enhance literacy within schools and colleges.

Peter J Murray has been visiting schools constantly over the past twenty years, inspiring children from 7 to 13 years to pick up a book, use their imagination and enjoy reading for pleasure.

Medina Publishing are keen to support author Peter J Murray in visiting schools to excite and inspire children to read, write stories of their own, and to generally be creative in all things literary.

Medina Publishing are pleased to announce the re-launch of Peter J Murray's successful Mokee Joe series. School visits are currently being planned throughout the UK and abroad.

All of Peter J Murray's books are registered with the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme.



Alongside his wife, Peter J Murray visits up to 30 schools per term!

"School librarians, teachers and pupils are our 'bread and butter'. We love working directly with schools and colleges to inspire reading and to encourage children generally to be creative and write stories of their own."  
- Pete & Kath

To find out more about Peter's school visits and books, go to [www.peterjmurray.co.uk](http://www.peterjmurray.co.uk)!  
Publisher Website:  
[www.medinapublishing.com](http://www.medinapublishing.com)



### MOKEE JOE ... IS COMING!

ISBN: 9781916866034 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

ISBN: 9781916866041 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

ISBN: 9781916866058 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

ISBN: 9781916866065 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

ISBN: 9781916866072 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

ISBN: 9781916866089 Age 7+ RRP: £7.99

**Action-packed adventure series by Peter J. Murray**

Join Hudson, Molly, and Ash as they face terrifying challenges, battle dark forces, and unravel mysteries across the globe.

### MOKEE JOE PRICELIST 2025

- Each of the books is offered at the discounted price of £7. The Box Set containing all six books cost £40.
- Badges and special Peter J Murray bookmarks cost £1 each, but are given free with purchases of three or more books.
- We prefer cash, but cheques should be made out to 'Mokee Joe Promotions'.
- Peter will sign and dedicate at least one book during the book signing.



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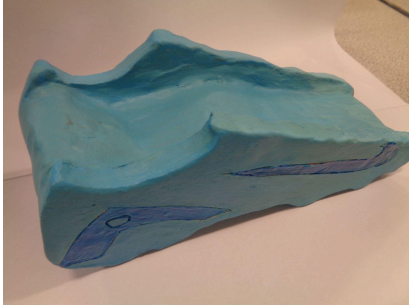
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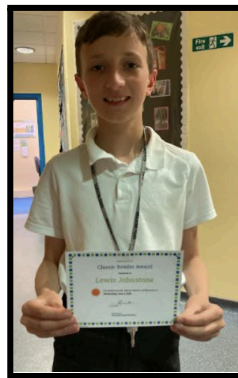
## Year 8 Art Work

Year 8 pupils have been working incredibly hard in art and DT lessons this term and we wanted to share some photos of the brilliant work they have been doing. In art, year 8 pupils have been working on their public sculpture projects and in DT they have been learning pewter casting. In both subject areas they have developed their skills and produced some outstanding pieces.



## Reading Success!

Huge congratulations to Lewis Johnstone on becoming our third Classic Reader this year. Lewis has read over 34 books this year, which equals a whopping 961,000 words. Well done, Lewis!!



## KS2 Girls' Football

The KS2 girls' football team travelled to Ashington on Wednesday morning for some friendly games in the Summer Football Festival. The girls played 4 games and won all 4 scoring 10 goals in total and not conceding any. Well done girls!

On Thursday, the same team ventured to Northburn for the School Games Compete Competition. The girls played so well and managed to finish 5th (won 1, drew 2 and lost 3). They all had a fantastic attitude and made the school proud!



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## Music Success

This week on Wednesday Mrs Kelly's year 5 and 8 held a music presentation to showcase their musical achievements over the year. Year 8 performed an extremely animated version of 'I Just Can't Wait to be King' from the Lion King. Year 8 pupils performed a range of songs from 'Für Elise' to 'Three Little Birds' on the keyboard, accompanied by vocals. It was fantastic to see the progress that has been made in music and to have so many of our pupils proudly showing off their musical skills. A big thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising the showcase. On Friday afternoon, it was the turn of Year 6 and 7 to wow everyone with their excellent performances. Well done everyone!



## Day of Sport - 7th July

On Monday 7th July, we will be holding a 'Day of Sport' for all pupils, rather than our traditional Sports Day. During the day, pupils will take part in a range of sporting activities with their year group, competing as houses. ***Pupils will need to come into school in their PE kit on this day, ensure that they have a drink with them and wear sunscreen should the weather be hot.*** Unfortunately, due to the upheaval of the school move, we are unable to accommodate parents at the event.



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## Dates for your Diary

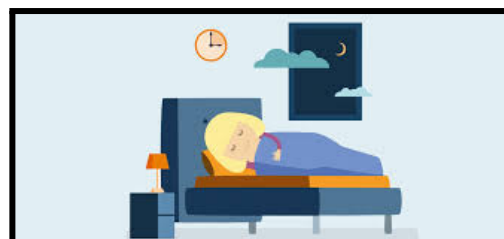
- Monday 30th June: Year 6 Residential Trip
- Monday 7th July: Day of Sport
- Wednesday 9th July- Friday 11th July: Transition: Year 4 into 5 & Year 8 into 9
- Monday 14th July: Gold Pupil Trip
- Tuesday 15th July: Year 5 Trip to Adventure Valley
- Wednesday 16th July: Year 6 Trip to Adventure Valley
- Thursday 17th July: Key Stage 3 Trip to Alnwick Gardens and Castle
- Friday 18th July: Last day of term, school closes at 1pm

Save  
the  
Date

## Mental Health Tip

### Prioritise your sleep

Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night to help regulate mood, improve focus, and reduce stress, according to health and well-being resources. Establishing a regular sleep schedule and creating a relaxing bedtime routine can also improve your sleep quality. Remember to leave all electronic devices downstairs, so you can focus on sleep.



## Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Sports Coach**. 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](mailto:wms@svf.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:wms@svf.org.uk) so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

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



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Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.0%	93.9%	93.2%	88.9%

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.

### Lost Property, 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.

### After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

Mon- **KS2 Dodgeball-CANCELLED MON 30th JUNE DUE TO Y6 RESIDENTIAL**

Tues- Netball- Mrs Harland

Tues- Y6 Swimming

Wed- KS2 Rounders/Cricket Whamba! samba

Thurs- Girls Football- Mrs Kelly

Thurs- KS3 Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Mr Robinson



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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 27/06/25:

5C: Averie S; 5K: Desmond O; 5L: Amelia T;  
6F: Reuben C; 6L: Alecia I;  
7M: Violet W-H; 7Ro James E; 7Ru: Jack D;  
8H: Oliver T; 8L: Libby L; 8T: Aubree S;  
Head of School SOTW: Ella B (8H)

Week ending 20/06/25:

5C: William S; 5K: Emily M; 5L: Amelia M;  
6E: Emilia F; 6F: Emmie M; 6L: Josh K;  
7M: Declan D-K; 7Ru: Robbie W;  
8H: Noah D; 8L: Austin G; 8T: Georgia G;  
Head of School SOTW: Joseph H (8L)

## 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

Links to external agencies are provided in good faith. We do not take any responsibility for the content of these links.



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## Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services

*Supporting anyone affected by domestic  
violence or abuse.*

### Contact us:

- 01434 608030  
(9am – 5pm Monday to Friday)
- admin@nda.services
- www.nda.services
- www.facebook.com/ndaservices
- @ndaservices
- linkedin.com/company/northumberland-domestic-abuse-services-ltd

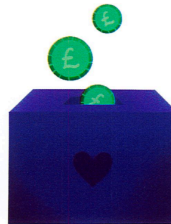
For more information about  
what we do, visit our website:

**www.nda.services**

### Our funding

Our services are dependent on charitable grants, statutory funding, corporate sponsors and public donations. We are continuously fundraising to ensure sustainability of our services.

You can donate directly to us via our Facebook page or the postal address but you can also donate through Easy Fundraising, Local Giving and Northumberland Lottery.



NDAS is NOT an emergency service.  
In an emergency always dial **999**

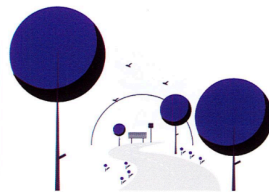
### Who we are

Established in 2003 as 608030, becoming NDAS in 2015, we are a respected Northumberland-based charity that provides free, confidential advice and practical and emotional support for women, men and their children who are affected by abuse, living in Northumberland.

### How we can help

We offer advice and support services that are tailored to people's individual needs.

We work closely with a wide range of specialist, local agencies and organisations to help people find the right support which includes; specialist counselling, safety planning, recovery from sexual violence, safe housing, legal services, debt or financial problems, health and drug or alcohol use.



### Our services

Domestic abuse is any kind of controlling behaviour. This can be physical, psychological, emotional, sexual or financial and can involve coercive and controlling behaviours, stalking and harassment.

Our specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners cover the whole of Northumberland, offering practical and emotional support on a one-to-one in community locations, including the most rural.

### Children and young people

Our Counsellor provides therapeutic support to the children of the clients we support who are affected by domestic abuse.

Our Prevention Practitioner provides support to sibling groups and children and young people to enable them to cope with their experiences.

### Prevention and training

We deliver prevention work in schools and community groups to raise awareness of domestic abuse to prevent future victims or offenders. The workshop-style sessions are interactive, giving children and young people the opportunity to discuss ideas around healthy relationships, recognising abusive behaviours and developing tools for self-confidence, building resilience and self-esteem.

We also offer training and guidance to professionals and agencies from different sectors to raise awareness about domestic abuse, recognising types of abuse and healthy relationships.

Specialist domestic abuse programmes help survivors to understand their experiences, to rebuild self-esteem and develop tools to reduce the likelihood of returning to or forming new abusive relationships; ultimately to live safely.



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