

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 28th March 2025

WHAMBA!

Our Samba Band, Whamba!, were really proud to open the RISE OSF Conference this week at the Gosforth Park Hotel. The conference recognised and celebrated the impact projects in schools across the North East have made to Children & Young people and community users. This was their first external performance and - with the support of Blyth Valley Samba Band - they were amazing and made us so proud.



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Reading Awards

Well done to everyone who has achieved their next level in Accelerated Reader. We celebrated some brilliant successes this week, including Ethan D. in 5K who has achieved Classic Reader! Well done, Ethan! We hope that you enjoy your mystery prize.

We have also launched the SPARK! book awards in school this week and, courtesy of SPARK! and The Brothers Trust, we were delighted to give out 5 book bundles to some very deserving readers in each year group.

All of the SPARKS! books are available at a discounted price and the SPARK! book order form has been sent electronically to all parents/carers this week (paper copies are also available). Payments for the books can be made through MCAS.

We hope that our pupils will read as many of these shortlisted books as they can, and be able to vote for their favourite book of 2025!



Sports Results/Fixtures/News

A great result for our U13 Boys football on Thursday, with a 4-1 win over Blyth Academy. Goals from McNally x2, Maguire and Middlemiss.

Next fixtures:

U13 Boys-Tues 1st April, 4pm ko at Bede Academy, Blyth.

U13 Boys- Tues 8th April, 4pm ko at Cramlington LV

U12 Boys- Thurs 10th April, 4pm ko at Whytrig MS v Ponteland, SSMS and CLV



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We value your feedback

In order to improve the relationships between school and families we want to regularly engage with parents and carers; next week we have our Spring Term face to face meetings so that you can find out how your child is progressing in school this year. We would also like to invite you to give feedback through our annual parent survey, which is now live online. 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.



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: 93.1%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.8%	94.1%	93.5%	90.2%
Current best attending class is 5C (97%)			



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Mental Health Tip

Being positive

Thinking positively or negatively can become a habit which can affect mood and levels of happiness. Being positive helps us with the following:

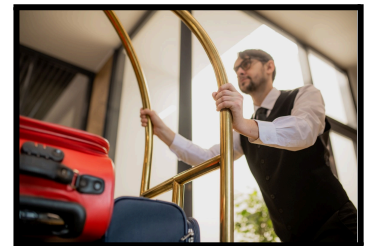
- Improved grades
- Self-esteem
- Coping skills
- Resistance to peer pressure
- Improved memory
- More effective learning
- Better problem solving
- Stress management
- Improved physical health
- Brighter overall outlook on life

Job of the Week



This week's Job of the Week is **Hotel Porter**. 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

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3

[School Meals Menu](#)



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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.

Craft Club

Our last after school craft club is on Tuesday 1st April where the pupils will be enjoying and learning the art of Book Binding. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

If your child has not yet signed up and would like to join in please email wms@svf.org.uk

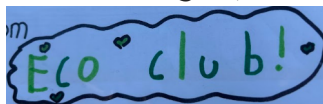
Eco Club



The environment is really important to us and so we decided to do something to help. Eco Club is a friendly group where people come together to help the environment. If you would like to make our wonderful world and school environment better by joining Eco Club, please listen for announcements for when and where to meet Mrs Chadwick.

Our first task in Eco Club is to organise a uniform swap. If you have any Whytrig uniform that doesn't fit any more, please send it into school with your child by 4th April so that it might get some use by another child. If possible, please remove any embroidered names on sweatshirts.

Thank you for considering us, from our fabulous



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After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

PUPILS WILL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A PLACE IF THEY HAVE ATTENDED LAST HALF-TERM

Mon- KS2 Dodgeball

Tues Netball Club

Wed- KS2 Boys football (outdoors-boots and shin-pads required. Please bring trainers as well, in case of bad weather)

Wed - Samba Club

Thurs- KS3 Badminton

**PLEASE NOTE- SWIMMING CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE TERM.
FITNESS CLUB IS NOW ALSO FINISHED FOR THIS TERM DUE TO MR ROBINSON'S AVAILABILITY**

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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Uniform Reminder

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. During this cold weather please remember to send your child into school with a coat.

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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