



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 4th April 2025

Boccia Golds!

On Tuesday, a team of 6 pupils from Year 5 to Year 7 visited The Lakeside Centre in Killingworth to take part in a Boccia tournament. Boccia is a sport, similar to bowls, where players seated on a court propel balls to get as close as possible to a white target ball, the "jack," using their hands, feet, or a ramp. Our team went up against 25 other teams and sailed through the group stages unbeaten. The quarter finals and semi-finals were tense; but, the pupils handled it with ease and, despite a very tense game in the final, came out on top as gold winners!

Well done to Rex, Kaitlin, Jacob, Ruby, Reuben and Henry!



Year 8 Public Sculpture Trip

Last Friday, Year 8 spent a wonderful day visiting public sculptures of the local area to support their public sculpture project in art. They visited the Angel of the North, Northumberlandia and Newbiggin-by-the Sea in order to view The Couple Statue. We had a brilliant time and our pupils were excellent ambassadors for school.



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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- Tough day at the office for the boys, losing 12-2 against a strong Bede team. Goals from Middlemiss and Foster.

U13 Boys- Tues 8th April, 3:30pm ko at Cramlington LV

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

Year 8 netballers did us proud on Thursday night with an impressive 27-22 victory over SSMS. The girls have improved beyond recognition this season, demonstrating fabulous skills in this fast and furious, end-to-end derby! Amy, Georgia(c), Joy, Katelyn, Esme, Darcey, Pally and Kalisi all played incredibly well but it was Amy who bagged the title of 'player of the match' - as voted for by the opposition. Well done, ladies!

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.



Mental Health Tip - Take care online

There are a lot of things out there online, on the internet or in social media, that can impact on and affect our wellbeing. People spend more time online than they'd like to or than they should be and as a result it can have a negative impact, even making mental health worse. It can help to take breaks from the internet, or even just by changing the accounts that are followed or the websites that are visited. Mind have produced pages with more information on [looking after your mental health online](#), including tips on getting a good online/offline balance. They also have tips on [coping with distressing events in the news](#).



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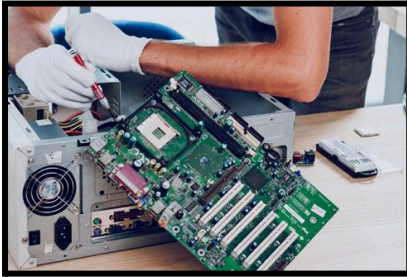
Attendance

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.

Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **IT Technician**. 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



This week's whole school attendance (YTD): 93.0%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.7%	94.1%	93.5%	90.1%

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

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 4

[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.

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 28/03/25:

5C: Oliver E; 5K: Jody H; 5L: Beau A;
6F: Sienna D; 6L: Leon D;
7M: Charlie S; 7Ro: Ruby C;
8H: Chloe H; 8L: Evie N; 8T: Gary E;
Head of School SOTW: Lucy W (8H)

Week ending 21/03/25:

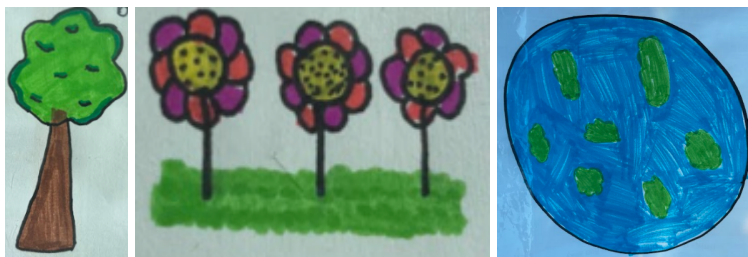
5C: Isla F; 5K: Lennon M; 5L: Liv W;
6E: Sonny T; 6F: Zach F; 6L: Rex H;
7M: Jake C; 7Ro: James E; 7Ru: Isla H;
8H: Luke W; 8L: Ethan B; 8T: Bobby M;
Head of School SOTW: Mason O (7Ru)



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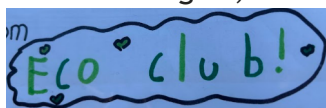
Eco Club



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



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.



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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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