



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 4th July 2025

Peter J Murray - Author Visit

Author and friend of the school Peter J Murray visited Whytrig on Wednesday 2nd July for a special assembly. Peter, author of the 'Mokee Joe' series and 'Scabbajack' visited school to talk to pupils about his stories and work as an author. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed the spooky tales Peter told.



Quadkids

On Tuesday, a KS2 team went along to the Quadkids (athletics) finals! The team which got us through the preliminary round were mostly away on their residential trip, so lots of Year 5 pupils stepped up and competed against some of the best athletes in the County! They did the school proud. Well done!



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RAF Air Cadets Visit

Matthew Whitehead from the RAF Air Cadets 1000 (Blyth) Squadron, based at Blyth RFCA Centre on Cowpen Road, visited us on Wednesday to present to Year 8, as they are looking for new recruits! Children must be 12 years old and in Year 8 to join and can attend one of the parade nights on a Monday or Thursday from 7 to 9:30pm to get a flavour of what it would be like to join. Children currently in Year 7 will be eligible from next academic year when they are 12 years old.



Year 6 Residential Visit

On Monday, 39 excited Y6 students travelled to Great Tower to enjoy a host of adventurous activities! Students took part in a variety of activities: crag climbing and abseiling; crate stacking; sensory trail; orienteering; archery and low ropes. It was brilliant to see some children try new experiences and challenge themselves - especially making their own bed! The staff and children had a great time, ate lots and laughed. Thank you to Mr Edwards for organising the trip, to the staff who gave up their time to come along.



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.

Dates for your Diary

- 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



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Mental Health Tip

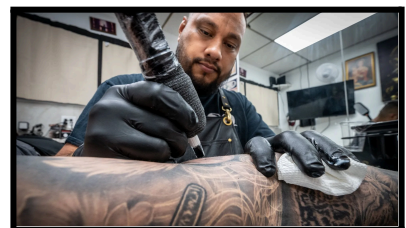
The end of the summer term - when we should perhaps be winding down! - is always very busy and can seem quite frantic. Every day, take at least 15 minutes for yourself. Put the devices away, take yourself somewhere calm and use the time to "reset". (Imagine that: When people joke about "needing a lie down in a darkened room", they may actually be on to something!) Be calm, be quiet, be mindful - and then be ready to go again!

Job of the Week

This week's Job of the Week is **Tattoo Artist**. 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): 89.25%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
89.88%	90.88%	91.81%	84.95%

Current best attending class is: 5C

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 2

[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

Please ask your children to check lost property in the next week and take home any items that belong to them. There is a huge range of coats, uniform, trainers, water bottles, packed lunch boxes and pencil cases.

At the end of term **ALL** lost property will either be donated to charity or unfortunately thrown away.



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After-School Clubs in this Half-Term

Please note that there are NO Sports clubs in the final week of term

Mon- KS2 Dodgeball- **Final session**

Tues- Netball- Mrs Harland -**Final session**

Tues- Y6 Swimming- **Final session**

Wed- KS2 Rounders/Cricket- **Final Session**

Wed- Whamba! Samba Band

Thurs- Girls Football- Mrs Kelly-**Final session**

Thurs- KS3 Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Mr Robinson- **Final session**

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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