

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 6th December 2024

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 to wms@svf.org.uk so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

This week's whole school attendance:93.8%

| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 96.4% | 94.4% | 93.2% | 91.6% |

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.

As it begins to get colder, 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.

SAVE THE DATES - Christmas Events!



Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December



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Mental Health Tip of the Week

If you are an adult with a mental health issue who might need support, check out <https://www.qwell.io/> All the resources here are free and available to you 24 hours a day!

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 2

[School Meals Menu](#)



Christmas Fair



Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair. There was a brilliant turn out and we hope everyone had a lovely festive time. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £1481.03 which we will be using to expand our classroom libraries.

Our raffle had some fantastic prizes and a list of winners can be found below. If you are the winner of a prize, many congratulations; please contact reception to collect your prize.

[Christmas Fair Winners](#)

Romeo and Juliet Ballet Trip

On Wednesday, a group of KS3 students visited Dance City in Newcastle to see a ballet performance of Romeo and Juliet. It was a fantastic experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to all pupils involved for being fantastic ambassadors for our school and thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising the visit.

Breakfast Club

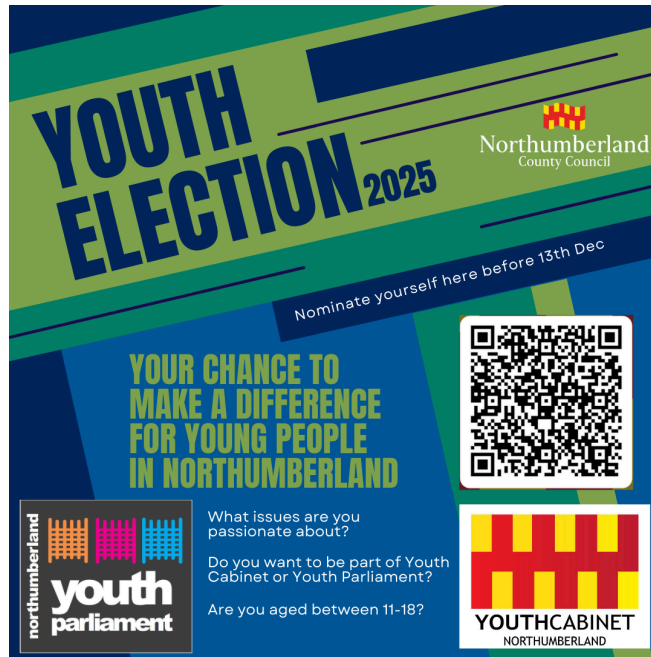
Can we take this opportunity to remind you that our breakfast club is open from 8:00am every morning during term time, at a cost of £2 per session. This cost includes breakfast for your child e.g. bagels, toast etc. The breakfast club is run by the school and staffed by existing members of staff, and can be booked using MCAS, under the 'Wraparound Care' section of the app.



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Northumberland Youth Elections



Times Table Rock Stars

Times tables make lots of different areas of Maths easier, so it is so useful to be confident in them. Please encourage children to use TTRS at home, little and often is great!

England Rocks competition 2024 - Last week our school competed in the England Rocks tournament in Times Table Rock Stars, like other schools across the Country. At the end of the competition scores were counted and the highest scoring pupils in school were:

1st place - Rory W
2nd place - Kayden B
3rd place - Layla N-B

Well done to everyone who took part.

Primary Mathematics Challenge 2024

Last week children in Years 5 and 6 took part in the Mathematical Association annual Primary Mathematics Challenge. It consists of a challenging paper which consists of 25 questions, 20 of which are multiple choice and the remaining 5 require an answer where no choices are given. The questions are graded, starting with easy ones and graduating to harder ones, so it is as the name suggests, quite a challenge! We would like to say a huge well done for all those who took part in the challenge. The top twelve scoring pupils receive either a gold, silver or bronze certificate. They are:

Gold - Rory W, Thomas P, Daniel F
Silver - Lily T, Joshua K, Joshua C, James B, Owen B
Bronze - Alexandria W, Jithesh L, Indie'Rae S, Smith D-C



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Free School Meals - Eligibility

If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) it is important that you apply immediately as FSM eligibility means other resources may be available to the school and your child including pupil premium. Please consider an eligibility check for FSM. Check the website below for the criteria.

[Northumberland County Council - School meals](#)

School Sports Events & Clubs

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FOOTBALL SESSIONS ARE INDOORS. PUPILS TO BRING TRAINERS ONLY.

Mon- Y6 swimming

Tues- KS3 Boys swimming

Tues- Netball

Alternate Tuesdays- Bike Club (all years)

Wed- KS3 Girls swimming

Wed- KS2 Boys football

In Thurs- Girls football

Fri- KS3 Boys football

WE STILL HAVE SPACES IN ALL OF OUR CLUBS, ESPECIALLY SWIMMING. PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL VIA MCAS/BROMCOM TO CHECK ON DETAILS.



Fixtures & Results

Tues 10th Dec-Y8 Boys Football @ Ponteland HS-3:30ko

Thurs 12th Dec- Y7 Boys County Cup @ Ponteland HS-1:30ko

KS3 Girls came up against a very strong Kings School team on Thursday in County Cup action, losing 6-0. Some excellent performances from our girls against a very good team.

Congratulations to our X-Country runners who took part in the East Northumberland round on Monday at Woodhorn Colliery. We had 4 runners who have qualified for the County Round in Jan:

Y7- Liam S (14th)

Y8/9- Jay M (8th), Joseph H (12th) & Michael M (16th)



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We also had lots of KS3 pupils take part in the Northumberland School Games Badminton competition on Thursday at Blyth LC. Some excellent badminton all day. The standard was very high with some very talented players on display from across the County



KS3 Boys - Develop

1st Ponteland
2nd Cramlington LV
3rd Whytrig



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KS3 Girls -Develop

1st Whytrig
2nd Newminster
3rd Duchess



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Stars of the Week

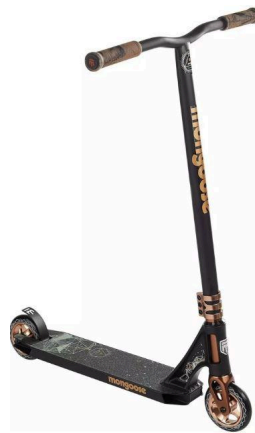
Our Stars of the Week are nominated each week by staff for a variety of reasons, which might be contribution to the school community, school work or something outstanding. Each week their success is shared in school in the Star of the Week video and they receive a certificate and chocolate bar.

Week ending 06/12/24:

5C: Archie L; 5K: Amara D; 5L: Harry S;
6E: Tilly Mae F; 6F: Charlie S-M; 6L: Brooke E;
7M: Charlie S; 7Ro: Omar A; 7Ru: Isla H;
8H: Isabelle S-M; 8L: Macey R; 8T: Tyler M;
Head of School SOTW: Lewis J (7Ru)

Lost Scooter

Please check at home to see if your child has accidentally brought home a scooter like the one below, and arrange for it to be returned to school as soon as possible.



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Lost Property

We have lots of lost property items in school, so if you think your child has lost something please ask them to check at reception. Any items which are not claimed by the end of next week will be donated to charity, or disposed of. Here are some of the items we currently have:

School jumpers x4, PE hoodies x8, PE crew neck jumpers x3, school trousers x2, white school shirts x4, PE t-shirts x6, shorts x1

Coats

Black Asda - 10/11 years

White and grey Champion - extra large/13-14 years

Shoes

Rockstorm school shoes - size 3

Marks & Spencer school shoes - size 4

Other items

Grey Hugo Boss hoodie - small

Black Puma jumper - 13 years

Plain black jumper - 10/12

C'est la vie Paris top - extra large

Purple/pink Castore knee length football socks

Black Polaritc hat

Grey and black neck warmer

Black gloves with footballs on

Navy blue gloves

Black PE bag

Asda grey striped hat - age 8-12 years

Various socks

Various water bottles



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Polite reminder: requesting meetings/phone calls:

Should you wish to meet with a member of staff or to speak to someone during the school day, please contact Reception in the first instance to make an appointment.

**Behaviour Towards Staff
by Parents, Carers and Visitors:
Expectations and Procedures**

Acceptable Communication by Telephone

- Be civil in your communication; do not become frustrated or rude to our Reception Staff
- Be respectful in the tone and language you use; do not raise your voice or use aggressive or threatening language
- Staff will get back in touch with you as soon as they can
- Staff will try to return your call within 24 hours

Expectations of Parents, Carers and Visitors to the SVF

- We will always listen to parents and seek to address things as quickly as possible
- However, abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated

Acceptable Communication by Email

- Address each member of staff respectfully
- Do not use bold text or capitalisation to emphasise concerns
- Do not expect an instant response
- Staff will respond as soon as they can
- Staff are not expected to respond to emails outside of working hours which are 8.30am to 4.30pm
- If a member of staff does respond outside of the above hours, it is their choice to do so
- We advise emails are not sent late at night or early in the morning
- Emails sent at weekends or during school holidays will not be responded to until the next working day

Definitions of Unacceptable Behaviour

- Shouting and/or swearing
- Aggressive emails in tone and language
- Constant emails and/or phone calls which amount to a threat, harassment and intimidation
- Inappropriate electronic activity on social media
- Any form of physical violence or intimidation
- The use of rude or aggressive hand gestures
- Allegations that turn out to be vexatious or malicious
- Discussing your concerns/ frustrations with your child in an inappropriate manner; this undermines the school and its staff

www.svf.org.uk

Wraparound Childcare

As you may be aware, we have been trying to identify a third party provider to deliver an after school provision from 3:30pm each day. We have approached several organisations who have all concluded that the level of interest from parents doesn't make it viable for them to do this. We would therefore like to apologise to anyone who might have been considering this for their child. We will send out a questionnaire each term and if more families indicate they are interested, this is something we might be able to offer in future.

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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