

# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL **NEWSDROP**

# Week Ending 15th November 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 <u>wms@svf.org.uk</u> so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

### This week's whole school attendance: 94.1%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
96.7%	94.6%	93.1%	92.3%

## 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 Fayre - Monday 2nd December 3:30 - 5:00pm Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December









# Mental Health Tip of the Week

Why not make your own advent calendar this week, in preparation for the festive season.

For each of the 24 days, plan something uplifting or fun - or remind yourself what you are grateful for!

Here is a link to an example:

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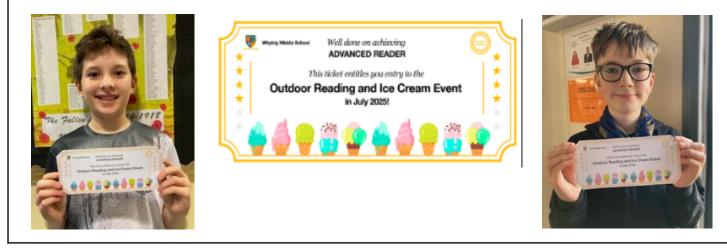
# SATS Information Evening - 25th November 2024

A quick notification to let you know that the Y6 staff will be holding an evening for parents on Monday 25th November to let them know about the SATs tests that Y6 children will be taking in May 2025. The session will take place in the Main Hall from 5pm to 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

# LUNCH MENU - WEEK 3

School Meals Menu

A huge well done to **James Edgar** and **Ethan Dougherty** who have become our first students to achieve the Advanced Reader level on Accelerated Reader!











#### Children in Need Thank you everyone for your <u>very generous</u> donations! We will let you know the grand total as soon as we have it. (Please remember the deadline for sponsor money is 22nd November.)

Meanwhile, well done Year 5! You have raised over £35 for Children in Need by filling a jar with coins!



## Vacancies

We believe that the Seaton Valley Federation of Schools is a great place to work. Our staff are passionate and committed to working together to support our students to achieve both academically and pastorally.

We want great people working for us, people who believe in our vision and ethos and want to see the best outcomes for the young people in our schools.

We are recruiting for various roles across our schools:-

Exam Invigilators at Astley Community High School (casual positions to support during exams) Learning Support Assistants (Band 2) at Astley Community High Learning Support Assistants (Band 4) at Astley Community High General Assistant (Catering) at Astley Community High Teacher of ICT at Seaton Sluice Middle School (maternity cover) Teacher of English at Seaton Sluice Middle School (maternity cover)

If you are interested in any of these roles are know anyone who might be, please visit <u>www.svf.org.uk/vacancies</u> for full information and to apply. Or gave HR a call on 0191 2371505.









#### 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 15/11/24:

5C: Jasmine C; 5K: Cooper B; 5L: Freya D; 6E: Sebastian T; 6F: Jude J; 6L: Layla C; 7M: Mason H; 7Ro: Kaycee L; 7Ru: Lewis J; 8H: Caitlin T; 8L: Jay M; 8T: Maggie R; Head of School SOTW: Jessica K (7Ro)

Week ending 8/11/24:

5C: Leland F; 5K: Billy P; 5L: Bobby B; 6E: Oliver P; 6F: Safia A; 6L: Thomas P; JK 7M: Cydney L; 7Ro: TJ A-C; 7Ru: Cheyenne P; 8H: Darcey B; 8L: Charlie D; 8T: Eva G; Head of School SOTW: Finley S (6F)









# A Book Fair is coming to Whytrig! Tuesday 19th - 26th November

Don't forget that next week is our Book Fair!

Students will have time during afternoon registration to browse the amazing books on offer from just £2.99! Students will be given wish lists to write down books they see in the fair which they can then take home to parents and order online.

After making payment online you will receive a reference code and must fill this in on the wish list, as well as which book/books were paid for and the total order amount. Please note, online payments must be completed and wish lists returned to our school reception by Monday 25th November.

Buying the best and newest books from our fair will earn us points for our school which we can use to add brand new books for our school library and classrooms. Parents are welcome to come and view the books on offer with their children, which will be on show under our balcony by the entrance to reception.

You can also Book Fair Gift Vouchers in advance and print them off for your child to bring in. This method is quick and easy and secure, avoiding having to carry cash.

Browse the books that will be on offer here: <u>https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/ro</u> Buy gift vouchers here: <u>https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers</u>



Hope to see you there!







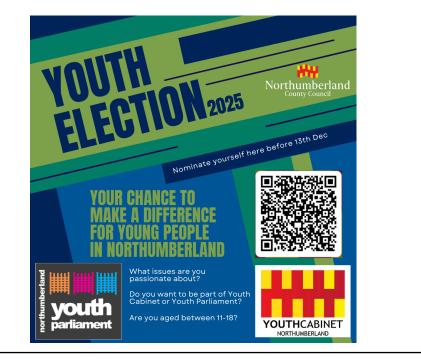


## Whytrig Samba Band - Whamba!

We were delighted to host visitors from Blyth Valley Samba Band at our club this week. They inspired us and invigorated us - and also complimented us on what lovely children we have! There were some fabulous Latin rhythms resonating through the school! Come and join us, every Wednesday until 4:30pm.



Northumberland Youth Elections



Science Ambassadors

Don't forget to check out the Google Classroom -

"Do Try This at Home!" - where we will post our weekly fun activity instead. The classroom code is: n6p7wuj so please make sure your children join!

This week's experiment will be perfect if you want to keep your letter to Santa a secret!









## **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!

## 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 Thurs- Girls football Fri- KS3 Boys football

## Fixtures & Results

Tues 19th- Y7 Boys 7-a-side at CLV 4-5pm Wed 20th- Y8 Boys Futsal at Ponteland 2:30-4:15pm

# A.I.M High Maths Day

Last Wednesday, nine pupils from Year 5 and 6 attended an A.I.M. High maths day at New York Primary School. A.I.M. stands for 'achieve, inspire and master', and they certainly did that. We worked with a maths expert to delve deeper into puzzles and challenges. A great time was had by all.

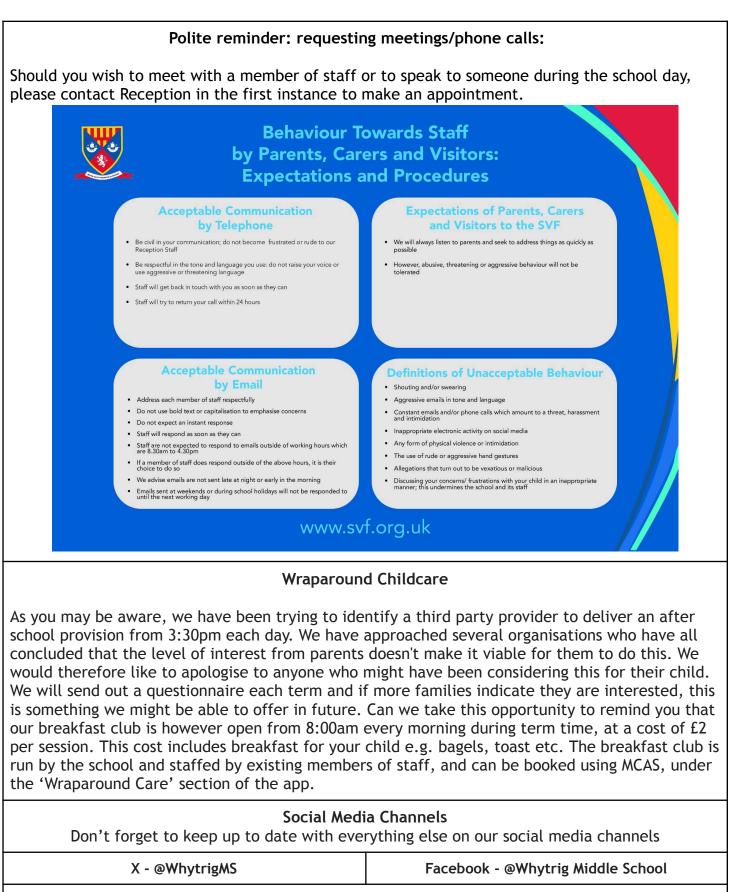












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