

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL **NEWSDROP**

Week Ending 29th 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: 93.08%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.32%	94.62%	92.66%	90.10%

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

Seek help when you need it!

It is important to remember that there are people who can help you. This may be a family member, friend or someone you trust, a GP or a support service.

It is easy to feel embarrassed when you are struggling.

However, just ask yourself: if someone approached <u>you</u> for assistance, would you turn them away or laugh at them - or would you step in and give them a hand?

LUNCH MENU - WEEK 1

School Meals Menu

Join us at out Christmas Fair - Monday 2nd December 3.30-5pm





CHRISTMAS RAFFLE	BOTTLE BINGO	
HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE	CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA	
HOME-MADE JEWELLERY	SWEET CONES	
NAME THE REINDEER	TOMBOLA	
CHRISTMAS TREE PONG	PICK A STICK	
GUESS THE WEIGHT	GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS	
OF THE BEAR	HO HO THROW	









Year 5 Food Bank Donations- Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the Foodbank! We've been completely bowled over by your generosity!

If you would like to donate any more items, please bring them in at the start of the day on Monday 2nd December.

WMS Christmas Fair Donations- Thank You!

Thank you so much for the donations towards our Christmas Fair; we are so grateful for your generosity. It is shaping up to be a great event and we hope to see you there. We are still accepting any last minute donations on Monday for the following stalls:

- Bottles for the Bottle Bingo stall (this can be anything in a bottle nail varnish, juice, vinegar, coke, wine, gin, food colouring...the list is endless)
- General Tombola items (soft toys, books, unwanted toys, gift sets, beauty products etc)

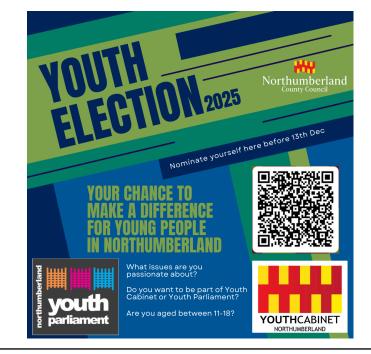


• Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola.

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.

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. The classroom code is: n6p7wuj so please make sure your children join! Unfortunately, the weather got the better of science club this week. Perhaps you could post something for us!

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

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.

Girls Football - Cancelled 5th December

Girls football club won't be on next Thursday 5th December due to U13 fixtures. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Fixtures & Results Y7 Boys FUTSAL Ponteland 8-3 Whytrig Walbottle 4-3

Some fantastic FUTSAL on display on Tuesday at Ponteland HS. Unfortunately we lost both games, but the boys showed great effort, determination and improvement against 2 very good FUTSAl sides.

Mon 2nd- KS3 X-Country at Woodhorn Colliery Thurs 5th- KS3 Badminton at Blyth LC Thurs 5th- KS3 Girls County Cup Football v Kings School-2:30pm ko (home)









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 29/11/24:

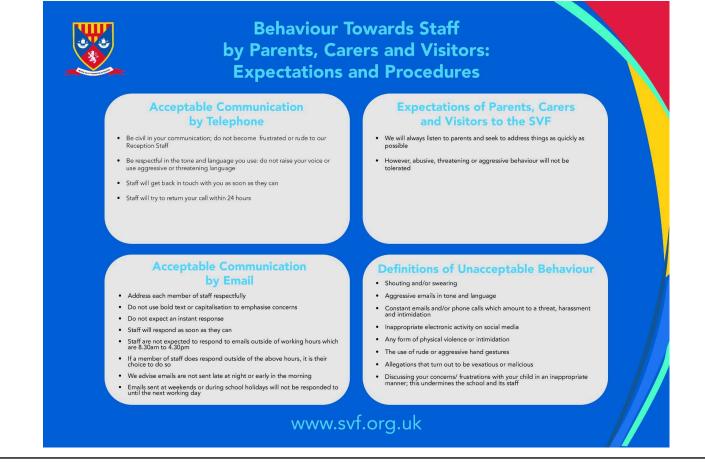
5C: Penelope B; 5K: Georgia M; 5L: Grayson A; 6E: James B; 6F: Elliot C; 6L: Amelia C-D; 7M: Leah H; 7Ro: Annabelle R; 7Ru: Mason O; 8H: Josh N; 8L: Jay M; 8T: Cody S; Head of School SOTW: Melissa S (6L)

Week ending 22/11/24:

5C: William S; 5K: Harmony D; 5L: William M; 6E: Lily T; 6F: Lucy T; 6L: Thomas D; 7M: Jake C; 7Ro: Liam S; 7Ru: Jack D; 8H: Casey A; 8L: Joy E; 8T: Aubree'Eve S; Head of School SOTW: Jacob S (5K)

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.











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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