



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 wms@svf.org.uk 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



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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 you 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 our Christmas Fair - Monday 2nd December 3.30-5pm



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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

YOUTH ELECTION 2025

Northumberland County Council

Nominate yourself here before 13th Dec

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTHUMBHERLAND

What issues are you passionate about?

Do you want to be part of Youth Cabinet or Youth Parliament?

Are you aged between 11-18?

northumberland youth parliament

YOUTHCABINET NORTHUMBHERLAND



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)



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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 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.

**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

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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

Links to external agencies are provided in good faith. We do not take any responsibility for the content of these links.



Whytrig Middle School **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

3:30 - 5:00PM



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