



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 4th October 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 so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

**This week's whole school attendance:
94.18%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
96.96%	95.50%	92.95%	91.65%

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.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

Next week, incorporating World Mental Health Day,

We are prioritising *kindness* at WMS.

Try carrying out some random acts of kindness;

not only will you be making others happy, you will feel much more positive too!!



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Year 7 Nissan Trip

Year 7 had a fantastic afternoon at Nissan on Monday! We found out all about how cars such as the Qashqai and Juke are assembled, how engineers work in the car industry and took part in an engineering challenge. The tour guides praised the enthusiasm, interest and positive attitudes of our pupils. Well done everyone, you were brilliant ambassadors for our school.



Samba Band

We still have plenty of space in our Samba Band!
It is every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

If your child would like a place, please drop an email to reception or pop a note in their diary!
Many thanks, Mrs Mac



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Thank you for making our Coffee Morning special

Whether you joined us for the cause,
the chatter or the tasty treats,
your generosity helped raise a fabulous

£ 619.66

to help support people living
with cancer.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (2610107), Scotland (SC059907) and the Isle of Man (504). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19198_THANK YOU POSTER



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School Admissions - Reminder to parents of pupils in Year 8

Don't forget to apply for a high school place via the Northumberland County Council Admissions Portal. ***A place at Whytrig does not automatically guarantee a place at Astley.***

<https://tinyurl.com/high-school-application-form>

Please note the closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority is **Thursday 31st October 2024.**

Year 5 Residential (9th to 11th October)

Just a quick reminder that we'll be heading off on our residential trip this Friday! Below is a packing list and all the details are also available in Google Classroom. Make sure to check it out to ensure you're fully prepared and just pop any questions that you may have in the comments. We're looking forward to our fun-filled adventure!

- Toiletries bag and towel
- Night clothes
- Lots of layers - long sleeves - it will be cold!
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Warm coat
- Sturdy shoes
- Two pairs of trainers (one old pair) and plenty of socks
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf
- Water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen (you never know)

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

Mon- Y6 swimming
Tues- KS3 Boys swimming
Tues- Netball
Wed- KS3 Girls swimming
Wed- KS2 boys football
Thurs- Girls football
Fri- KS3 Boys football



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Football FIXTURES

Year 8 Boys @ Bede Academy- 4pm ko- Wed 9th
Year 8 Girls v Ovingham (home)- 4pm ko- Mon 7th
Year 6 Girls v Ovingham (home)- 4pm ko- Mon 7th
Year 6 Boys 7-a-side @ Highfield MS, Prudhoe-4-5:30pm, Thurs 10th

PERFORMING CLUB



Thank you to all students who auditioned for Matilda last Monday. All students who auditioned have been given a part in the show. Performing club will be running every Monday straight after assembly until 4.30pm. Could students attending performing club please bring their belongings to assembly to ensure a prompt 3.30pm start.

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 04/10/24:

5C: Tommy O; 5K: Cleo S; 5L: Keiron T;
6E: Aaron S; 6F: Finley S; 6L: Brooke E;
7M: Bobbie F; 7Ro: Austin C; 7Ru: Cheyenne P;
8H: Isabelle S-M; 8L: Ethan B; 8T: Alfie M;
Head of School SOTW: James E

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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