



Whytrig Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2018

Monday, 12 November
Anti-bullying Week

Monday, 12 November
Year 5 Cycling

Tuesday, 13 November
Year 5 Nasal vaccines

Wednesday, 14 November
Year 5 Cycling

Friday, 15 November
Year 5 Cycling

Friday, 16 November
Children In Need

Monday, 19 November
Road Safety Week

Monday, 19 November
Year 5 Bikeability

Monday, 19 November
Cross Country Woodhorn

Wednesday, 21 November
SV Sports Awards Night

Friday, 23 November
Y8 County Cup (Home)
V Ovingham

Monday, 3 December
Christmas Fair

Friday, 7 December
Sports Leader Training

Tuesday, 11 December
Area Rowing Competition

Wednesday, 12 December
Christmas Lunch

8 January to 4 April 2019
SPRING TERM

Monday, 7 January 2019
Training Day

Friday, 5 April 2019
Training Day

23 April to 19 July 2019
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 6 May 2019
May Bank Holiday

13th to 16th May 2019
END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

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Armistice 100

We witnessed a number of memorable events in and out of school to mark the 100th anniversary



of the Armistice at the end of WW1. Following on from a whole school assembly, in which some of our Year 8 pupils read poems from WW1, our Year 5 children were involved in a commemorative service after school on Friday 9th November organised by Mrs McClellan and the Year 5 team, where they remembered WW1 and the armistice. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends in our school hall supporting the event, where the children sang WW1 songs and showcased some of the work they have been doing in school. This included our own version of the Weeping Wall, made in our Art lessons with Mrs Lawton and Mrs Telfer. We raised nearly £500 for the Royal British Legion, which is a superb achievement! On Sunday evening, our school was represented by Gracie and Heidi Dalgarno-Todd at the Lighting of the Beacons event at Seaton Sluice, to commemorate the

armistice. Along with other children from schools on Seaton Valley, they read out the names of the 235 service people from Seaton Valley who lost their lives in WW1, before a beacon was lit, coinciding with other similar ceremonies around the Country at 7pm. It was a moving service and the girls were excellent ambassadors for our School and representatives of their area of Seaton Valley. Yesterday, Father Phil Hughes visited school and presented us with an outline of a soldier to mark our involvement in the Lighting of the Beacon event, which we will display in school.

Year 5 Trip To Woodhorn

In the lead up to the remembrance events, Year 5 visited Woodhorn for a history trip at the beginning of last week to look at local history and the impact of WW1 on the area. Thank you to the Year 5 team for organising the visit and for the parent helpers who attended on the day.

Peter J Murray – Author Visit



We had a very special drop in visit today by the author, Peter J Murray, who has visited us many times before. He came to tell us all about his latest Mokee Joe novel, which will be the last one he is writing in this series. He was his usual inspiring self with the children, telling them all about how he gets his ideas, some plot lines and hopefully inspiring them to read more and maybe use some ideas in their writing too! He is going to come back into school tomorrow morning (Friday 16th), where children can purchase signed copies of his novels. A separate letter will be sent out about this today, with prices as follows:

Mokee Joe Is Coming! £5

Mokee Joe – Recharged £5

Mokee Joe – Doomsday Trail £5

Mokee Joe – Mutant Resurrection £6

Mokee Joe – Swamp Warrior £6

Mokee Joe – Scourge Of The Emirates £6 (This is the latest and final book in the series).

Thunder In The Valley

We saw an absolutely amazing effort by our Key Stage 2 pupils on Friday night at Sport Central, Newcastle, as they competed in the Thunder In The Valley basketball competition. Teams competed in three mini leagues, with the winners of each and the best runner up playing in the semi-finals. This all took place before the Newcastle Eagle game, with the Thunder In The Valley final taking place at half time. As the defending champions, from the last two years, the pressure was on us more than ever, but our children competed superbly. Whytrig 1 played 4, won 3, drew 1 and lost 1; Whytrig 2, played 4 and won 4 to qualify for the semi-final as one of the group winners. They won their semi-final, despite a few nervy moments to set up a rerun of last year's final against Northburn PS. At the Newcastle Eagle game half time interval, on the full court in front of all the spectators, Whytrig 1 beat Northburn PS for the trophy, with a single deciding basket scored by Harry Lord, a repeat of the score 12 months ago! A great conclusion to a superb evening of basketball, with our children showing that they were great ambassadors for our school, even without such a fantastic result! The trophy will be presented next week at the Seaton Valley Sports Awards by Eagles' player, #44 Rahmon Fletcher!

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Thursday, 15 November 2018

Children In Need

Tomorrow we are supporting Children In Need again. It is a non-uniform day and the children will be taking part in activities in the afternoon to raise money for the charity. Please refer to the letter that has already been sent out about the day.

Gold Pupils

Well done to all of the following pupils who have earned their 'Gold' 25 merit badge this term. They are Toni Strang, Josh Cowley, Kim Hutchinson, Caitlin Gaiger, Josh Ford, Aditi Sarkar, Zyron Douds, Leah Henderson, Adam Steadman, Callum Dagless, Adam Robson, Michael Smith, Charlie Burton, Lyla Bensley, Matthew Towart, Alesha Slater, Gracie Dalgarno-Todd, Poppy Ryan, Hasan Gulbey, Rianna Hill, Andrew Laird, Kai Wilkinson-Conley, Daisy Powell, Grace Elliott, Coral Oldham and Annalise Watson.

Excellent Pupils

Well done to the following pupils who have earned their 'Excellent' badge for reaching 50 merits this term. They are Thomas Coats, Aditi Sarkar, Jaden Dytham, Adam Steadman, Erin Boxill, Poppy Ryan, Leon Hunter-Roberts, Caroline Peddie, Leah Campbell, Grace Adams, Jasmine Sparkes, Macy Pyle, Alex Cole and Aidan Guy.

Superstar Pupils

And this week we have also have had more pupils who have reached the 75 merit mark to earn their 'Superstar' badge. Well done to Abigail Storey, Tristan Huckins, Liam Fawcett, Abi French, Leah Campbell, Izzy Buchanan, Lara Boxill, Jimmy Tweedy, Talia Green and Macy Pyle.

Owl Award

And well done to Joe Turner in Year 5, who is our first pupil this year to reach 100 Merits and earn the Owl Badge. A fantastic achievement!

Stars Of The Week – Well Done!

Well done to the following pupils who have been nominated as Stars Of The Week for the week ending 9/11/18 and will have hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Souter:

5Delta: Alex Cole; 5Eta: Findley Belshaw; 5Pi: Lana Coppin-Gibb;

6E: Liam Armstrong; 6L: Millie Lord;

7Ro: ; 7Ru: Josh Anderson;

8C: Corey Bemrose; 8L: Lyla Bensley;



KS3 Visit to Vimy Ridge – July 2018