



Whytrig Newsletter

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Spring Term 2021

Friday 19 March
Red Nose Day

Friday 26 March
End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2021 13 April to 16 July

Monday 12 April
Teacher Day

Tuesday 13 April 2021 Start of Summer Term

Monday 3 May
Bank Holiday

Friday 28 May
End of half term

Monday 7 June
Start of half term

Friday 16 July
End of Summer Term

After a good start to school the reopening of school last week after lockdown, it has been great to continue our efforts this week and start to see some additional activities taking place in school that add to the experiences of our children and make school feel even more like the old 'normal'.

Red Nose Day 2021

On Friday 19th March we have been delighted to be able to support Red Nose Day and raise funds that will be put to good use by the charity to support many deserving causes in this Country and abroad. At a time where we know that times are difficult for many families and we are very reluctant to ask for donations in school, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone and astounded by the amount of money we have collected from our non-uniform day and sponsored 'superhero' activities. Thank you so much. So far we have raised £1023.55 which is magnificent.

Year 5 Shakespeare Day

On Wednesday, Year 5 had the fabulous opportunity of taking part in a poetry workshop with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust - beamed live into our classrooms! This work fitted in with Mental health week and was based on the quote from Hamlet: "This above all else, to thine own self be true." It was great fun to be introduced to the work of The Bard by playing at 'Sculptors and Statues', transforming ourselves into foul and monstrous beasts; love-struck, wilful women and scheming, manipulative murderers! We also shared our vivid, imaginative ideas to create a class 'Cinquain' about Caliban, a strange and enigmatic character from The Tempest:

**Caliban,
Dreamer.**

All alone.

**Island captive -
Seeking a fam'ly.**

We now cannot wait to start an English unit about Shakespeare next term! Shakespeare has certainly shaken us up!

Key Stage 2 Rugby

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been taking part in some excellent rugby league sessions this term in their PE lessons. The sessions have been taken by Joe Brown from Newcastle Thunder and Allstars Rugby focussing on speed, agility and movement. Lessons will continue with Joe until the end of May half-term. We will then be running a KS2 Rugby club on Tuesdays after-school for interested children.

Please keep an eye out for the return of our after-school clubs starting in April for KS2 pupils. We will be running Dodgeball and Basketball clubs after-school from the week commencing 19th April. We will send out more information about this after the Easter holidays for those who wish to sign up for these.

Dynamos Cricket

With the cricket season approaching very soon, our Y5 and Y6 students received a Dynamos Cricket taster session from Northumberland Cricket Board. Dynamos Cricket is a fantastic new programme launching this summer, and a perfect introduction to cricket for boys and girls aged 8-11. Every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

The programme is running locally at Bates Cottages on a Friday evening from 21st May. For more information and to register from 22nd March please go to the ECB website: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket>. Please see the additional flyer on our website and attached to this letter for further details.

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Accelerated Reader Competitions – Spring Term

We currently are in the middle of the Spring Term 2 competition where a class from each Key Stage with the highest average quiz pass rate over the half term will select a prize of their choice from a number of options. Well done to our Spring Term 1 competition winners from each class who each earned a non-uniform pass for a day of their choice and were:

5B: Isabella Pendlington, Libby Stewart, Matthew Burdess
5C: Ben Pilkington, Jacob Knox, Amy Fitz-Gerald
5M: Maryam Waheed, Bethany Collins, Ella T
6E: Shay Young, Daisy Storey, Jack Tully
6L: Joseph Maloney, Abi Hunter-Roberts, Lexi Brown
7L: Joseph Henderson, Leon Hunter-Roberts, Rhys Friend
7Ro: Lily Coates, Evie Hughes, Talia Green
7Ru: Alana Graham, Jessica Raper, Jimmy Tweedy
8C: Luke Stewart, Lewis Dawson, Abigail Storey
8L: Sebastian Rutter-Close, JJ Maloney, George Queenan

Gold Pupils (25 Merits)

Well done to Charlie Robinson, Hallie Fletcher, Maryam Waheed, Ben Pilkington, Max Dennis, Josh Stewart, Amy Fitz-Gerald, Cory Foster, Alyssia Sibley-Mather, Tamsin Russell, Jack Tully, Joseph Maloney, Skye Golding, Ella Chandler, Jacob Knox, Joseph Henderson and Findley Belshaw who have all reached 25 merits this term.

Excellent Pupils (50 Merits)

Well done to Joseph Maloney and Findley Belshaw who have also reached 50 merits this term.

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.

Week ending 12/3/21

5B: Bethany Hutchinson;	5C: Harry Lambert;	5M: Melissa Ceplis;
6E: Jacob Bell;	6L: Alfie Henderson;	
7L: Aidan Guy;	7Ro: Keira Pentolfe;	7Ru: Jessica Raper;
8C: Caitlin Gaiger;	8L: Zak Wyness;	

Week ending 19/3/21

5B: Max Dennis;	5C: Lexi Dytham;	5M: Lewis Horn;
6E: Lenox French;	6L: Kai Watt;	
7L: Savannah Dunn;	7Ro: Liam Fawcett;	7Ru: Sophie Anderson;
8C: Amelia Cottiss;	8L: JJ Maloney;	

End of Spring Term

We break up next Friday (26th March) for the Easter holidays.

Start of Summer Term 2021

We return to school on Tuesday 13th April and we would like to remind parents that **Monday 12th April 2021 is a Teacher Training day** - Pupils are not in school on this day.



This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at dynamocricket.co.uk