



Whytrig Newsletter

Summer Term @whytrig MS

Summer Term 2021

Monday 26 April
Newcastle Eagles (am)

Friday 30 April
Mental Health Day

Monday 3 May
Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5 May
Y8 Careers with KPMG

Friday 7 May
NSPCC Number Day

Monday 10 May
Newcastle Eagles (am)

Tuesday 11 May
Y5 Cycling

Wednesday 12 May
Y5 Cycling

Thursday 13 May
Y5 Cycling

Friday 14 May
Y8 Mashed session

Monday 17 May
Y5 Bikeability

Monday 17 May
Y7 Artist Visit

Wednesday 19 May
Y8 HPV1

Wednesday 19 May
KS2 Live Author Visit

Friday 21 May
Y6 Heights and Weights

Friday 28 May
End of half term

Monday 7 June
Start of half term

Friday 11 June
Attendance Non-Uniform

Tuesday 15 June
Y5 Cycling

Wednesday 16 June
Y5 Cycling

Friday 16 July
End of Summer Term

The Summer Term is now well underway and as you will see from some of the dates down the left hand side of this newsletter, we are starting to be able to introduce activities and events back into school which add to the breadth of our curriculum. We are still continuing to follow the established covid procedures in school; we will inform parents and carers as soon as there are any changes to this and greatly appreciate your continued support with these measures.

KS3 Lateral Flow Testing

We have been encouraged to remind the parents of children in Key Stage 3 who have agreed to complete lateral flow tests at home that it is vital that they continue to do so twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent spread of the virus. In the cases of a positive lateral flow test result, parents must inform school and a confirmatory PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result. Parents do not need to inform school of negative test results.

Road Safety

On Friday we wrote to parents and carers following an incident on Elsdon Avenue involving one of our younger members of the school community. It is essential that children walking/cycling to and from school do so carefully and safely. We have again reminded them that it is important that they only use designated crossings when crossing roads, that they have an awareness of their surroundings (including not having faces buried in mobile phones when walking to school and at least one ear free if using headphones so that they can hear traffic) and that they do not take any unnecessary risks on their journeys. We will continue to reinforce good road safety with them and we would kindly ask parents and carers to also reinforce safe ways to walk to and from school at home, especially if your child is walking unsupervised for the first time since we returned from lockdown, or they need to cross a road on their daily journey.

Parking Outside School

In the interests of road safety, we would also like to respectfully remind parents that cars should not be parked outside our school on the yellow zig zag lines, even for drop offs or pickups. For children who travel to school by car, we encourage them to 'park and stride', which helps support the work we do around travel sustainability. Parents can park a short distance away from the school and children can be encouraged to walk the short distance to school, helping the congestion issue and starting the day with some healthy exercise. We also respectfully ask the parents of children in Key Stage 3 who are using the temporary entrance to our school on Whitfield Road on a morning if they could please drop their children off on Elsdon Avenue and for the children to walk the remaining way, following feedback from some neighbouring residents. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Time Tables Rock Stars

We would like to remind parents that we subscribe to Times Tables Rock Stars, which is a great website to help the children to develop confidence with times tables. Being able to use times tables fluently helps with so many areas of Maths. All children in Key Stage Two can log in at home and play. It would be great if you could encourage your child to use it for a minimum of five minutes a day four times a week.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday, 7th May we are going to celebrate Number Day in school with a range of fun activities. It will be a non-uniform day, with the theme 'Dress up for Digits'. Pupils can wear an item of clothing with a number on if they have one, such as a football shirt. They could even be more creative and come up with an outfit with a number or Maths

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theme. There will be an optional suggested donation of £1+, which will go to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

Sport Updates

We are pleased to be able to announce the return of some of our after school sports clubs from Tuesday 4th May. Other activities are also planned to run before the end of term so please watch out for any updates in this area.

Day	Year Group	Activity	Staff
Monday	5	Dodgeball (until half-term)	Coach
Tuesday	7 KS2	Dodgeball (until half-term) Allstars Rugby (after half-term)	Mr Robinson Coach
Thursday	8 6	Trampolining Basketball (until half-term)	Mr Day/Mr Robinson Coach

Northumberland 'Stories of Lockdown'

We would like to say a huge well done to Izzy Buchanan who entered the Discover Northumberland 'Stories of Lockdown' and whose submission, Photo of Wall Art, was one of 25 pieces selected out of over 150 entries. Her work will be permanently preserved in the Northumberland Archives and will form part of a collection of material that captures some of the experiences of people across the Country during the pandemic. It will also feature in an online gallery on the Discover Our Land website. You can see Photo of Wall Art and others at <https://www.discoverourland.co.uk/lockdown-stories>.

Accelerated Reader Competition – Summer Term

Hopefully your children are talking about our Accelerated Reader program that we are using to promote and improve reading in all year groups this year. We have seen some amazing improvements in many of our children in all classes and are proud of their commitment and effort every day in school. We have been running different competitions to encourage the children to read and quiz on their books successfully, with a variety of prizes on offer. This term's 'Battle of the Classes' is based on word count. When a student has finished reading their book and completed a mind map to help them, they will take their quiz. If they pass their quiz, getting at least 60% correct, they will log the amount of words from that book, which is then added to their class word count totals. Some classes have already logged over 400,000 words, in only 3 weeks. Amazing! There will be a KS2 AND KS3 winning class. Their prize is 1 lesson off-timetable to enjoy free time as well as a choice of pizza, ice-cream, picnic or movie with snacks, provided by us, to say WELL DONE for their efforts. Please could you remind your children that they should be reading at home for 20 minutes each day and that they can quiz on their books by logging into google classroom and following the links to AR in their AR classrooms. Every word counts!

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 16/4/21

5B: Lucas Buchanan;	5C: Pen Pilkington;	5M: Leo Senior;
6E: Shay Young;	6L: Sophie Ward;	
7L: Lily Thornton;	7Ro: Talia Green;	7Ru: Macy Pyle;
8C: Millie Lord;	8L: Andrew Fountain;	

Week ending 23/4/21

5B: Emanii Adam;	5C: Taylor Bowery;	5M: Bailey Wright;
6E: Ava Miller;	6L: Ben Neasham;	
7L: Finlay Richardson;	7Ro: Megan Keir;	7Ru: Lily Ferguson;
8C: Daisy Powell;	8L: Koby Brown;	