

USWORTH COLLIERY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 SATS

Next week is a big week for our Year 6 children, as they complete their tests along with the other Year 6 children throughout England. This is the first time the tests have been taken since 2019, because of the pandemic.

As a treat and to make sure that they are ready to begin the test with a full tummy, we are having a special Year 6 free breakfast club next week, alongside our regular Breakfast Club. This will start at 8.00am in the main hall and the children will have a selection of sausage and bacon butties, as well as toast and juice. Year 6 children will come in the same entrance as the other breakfast clubbers but make their way to the hall instead. Plenty of rest and no late nights over the weekend! They have all done extremely well this year despite the challenges and this is your chance to show what you can do. Remember... we just want them to be the best that they can be! Good luck!

YEAR 3 – GREAT NORTH MUSEUM TRIP

Year 3 have had a great couple of days at the Hancock Museum in Newcastle. They were able to explore lots of different exhibitions linked to our science and history topics. The children were able to see various fossils and they were fascinated by the dinosaurs. They thoroughly enjoyed the Egyptian gallery and were intrigued by the mummies and artefacts on display. There was even time for a journey to the afterlife! *Mrs Hilton & Mrs Dixon*



REMINDER: JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The events for the Jubilee celebrations will take place on Thursday 26th May:

NON-UNIFORM DAY where children can wear red, white and blue.

CROWN COMPETITION - create your own wearable crown at home and bring it in for a chance to win prizes.

FAMILY PICNIC 2pm on the school field. You will be able to collect your children from their classes who will be on the field and then find a space to have a picnic together with family members. You can bring your own food, blankets or chairs. There will be hot dogs and drinks available to buy from the main hall and there will also be an ice-cream van. Those children whose parents/family members cannot attend will have their picnic with their class teacher. We will make sure that they have a great time with their friends. Further information, will be provided to these parents once we know who cannot attend. Please complete the form on this link to let us know if you or a family member can attend so that we can organise the event – <https://forms.office.com/r/rnuZYyaNpy>

Note: Thursday 26th May is the last day of the half term as school is closed to children on Friday 27th May as there is a teacher training day planned.



SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH

Dolce, our school meals providers, are offering a special Jubilee themed lunch the day we have our celebrations – Thursday 26th May. If you would like your child to have a meal on this day then use the School Grid system, selecting Thursday 26th May. There is also a special prize for one lucky winner on the day.

If your child is not on the Schools Grid system because they have not had school meals before, then please email meals@usworthcolliery.co.uk with the following details so we can get you added on: Parent name, parent email address, parent mobile, child's name and child's class.

You do not need to top up your account or set up a direct debit - you only pay for what you order.

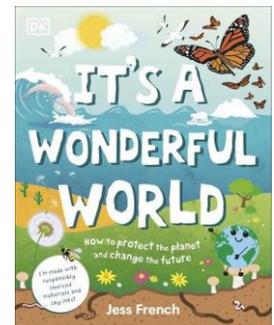
RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD BY JESS FRENCH

The nature in our world is wonderful, and it's up to us to take care of it. You may feel small, but your actions can make a big difference.

This title encourages children to look after their world, but it doesn't just focus on the problems - it teaches them proper ways of preserving and protecting the incredible biodiversity in our world.

Vet, author, and TV presenter Jess French introduces kids to a wide variety of environments, plants, and animals, with each spread focusing on a particular species, group, or type, the challenges facing it, and the things kids can do to protect it. The book seeks to provide a positive outlook without glazing over the challenges faced by nature. Unlike most nature books, it will focus on some of the underdogs of the natural world, and will show kids that they can find wonder in the most unexpected places.



REMINDER: THE BIG BATTERY HUNT

The Eco-warriors have joined the Big Battery Hunt which is a nationwide programme to inspire young people and adults to recycle more used batteries. All you need to do is send any used batteries – AAA, AA, C and D (no corroded ones please) to our school's recycling point in the office and we will count them as part of the Big Battery Hunt. The deadline for the count is the 10th June. If you're interested in finding out any more information, then go to www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk *Mrs. Justice & the Eco-warriors*



UNIFORM RECYCLING

Thank you for all the uniform that has been donated as part of our Uniform recycling. We are really pleased with the response. We have a large amount of uniform mainly for younger children. Please come to or contact the school office if you would like to look to see if we have any to fit your child. Remember that this is free.

Keep the uniform donations coming, especially if you have any for older children. *Mrs. Forster*

MATCH REPORT

Last night saw The Colliery host the first round of the Columbia cup, competing against George Washington (GW), Wessington and Biddick - the only team to have beaten us this year. After Wessington and Biddick shared a goalless draw in the first match, the next one pitted us against GW. The Colliery dominated possession early on but couldn't find a way through until Josh played Bobby through to score his umpteenth goal of the season. He soon followed this up with a second after good build up play from Jake, Harrison and Liam, giving us a 2-0 victory. The third match saw another goalless draw between GW and Wessington, before we were up against Biddick, looking for revenge. A very close match ensued, with no side able to really get on top. Michael, Fin and Lewis stayed strong at the back but, on the few times Biddick did break through, Ollie was in imperious form in goal, most notably performing a flying one-handed save to turn a goal bound shot on to the post. With the match finishing 0-0, Biddick went on to win their final match 5-0. That meant the Colliery went into our final match knowing a win would send us through, whilst any other result would mean Biddick would be the team in the final. Again, the team dominated, with Tyler creating numerous chances in his best performance yet for the team. As the match wore on it seemed that it would not be our night, with Liam hitting the woodwork and the opposition 'keeper making two point-blank saves from Bobby. With time ticking down, a lovely cross into the box from Josh was handled by one of the opposition players giving us a penalty. With Biddick watching on in horror, Bobby, as cool as you like, placed his penalty into the bottom corner. Some solid defending by the entire team saw out a 1-0 win, sending us through to the finals in a fortnights time. Every player played their part in getting us there for the first time since Mr Foster and I started running the team. A massive well done to all of the players and thank you again to all of the parents for supporting. *Mr. Millett*

AGE RESTRICTED SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the last few months, school have been dealing with issues that the children are having on social media or via messaging on their phones outside of school. Although the issues are happening at home, the aftermath in school is quite significant. It not only causes issues between children in school but it disrupts the learning, which is our core purpose as a school. I would like to remind parents that there are age restrictions on social media for a reason - the children are not emotionally mature enough to use it appropriately. It should not be an excuse that all their friends have it, so they are allowed it. At the very least, if you allow your children to have phones and use social media then you must monitor their use to make sure that they are not using offensive language towards others or posting inappropriate videos/photos. You should also think carefully about when the children have access to social media or their phones.

Consider keeping phones downstairs on a night or outside their bedrooms.

Below is a reminder of age-restrictions for social media:



Further information and reasons why social media is inappropriate for primary age children can be found on <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

Thank you for your help. If you need any support or advice, please contact Mrs. Saggars at the school office.

DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

MORE DATES TO BE ADDED OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

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| Monday 9 th May to Thursday 12 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Tuesday 10 th May | Base to Riverside bowling competition |
| Monday 16 th May | Base to South Shield beach |
| Thursday 19 th May | Selected Year 5 & 6 for lawn bowling competition |
| Monday 23 rd May | Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition |
| Wednesday 25 th May | London trip meeting for parents (Year 6) 5pm |
| Thursday 26 th May | Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school (non-uniform, assembly & family picnic) |
| Friday 27 th May | TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children |
| MONDAY 30 th MAY – FRIDAY 3 rd JUNE – HALF TERM HOLIDAY | |
| Monday 6 th June | Pupils return to school |
| Tuesday 7 th June to Thursday 9 th June | Edinburgh Zoo trip for reception |
| Wednesday 8 th June | Selected Year 4 to skipping festival |
| Thursday 9 th June | Selected Year 3 & 4 to Quadkids athletics competition |
| Friday 10 th June | Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition |
| Tuesday 14 th June | Class and team photographs to be taken |
| Thursday 16 th June | 1JB to Rising Sun country park |
| Friday 17 th June | 1EH to Rising Sun country park |
| Monday 20 th June | Base to the Great North Museum |
| Wednesday 22 nd to Thursday 23 rd June | London theatre trip – Year 6 |
| Thursday 23 rd June | Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival |
| Wednesday 29 th June | 4RB trip to Newcastle |

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| Thursday 30 th June | 4EP trip to Newcastle |
| Friday 1 st July | School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee. |
| Monday 4 th July | 4RB to Eden Camp |
| Wednesday 6 th July | Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition |
| Thursday 7 th July | 4EP to Eden Camp |
| Wednesday 13 th July | 1EH to George Stephenson museum |
| Thursday 14 th July | Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival |
| Friday 15 th July | End of Year Reports to parents |
| Friday 15 th July | 1JB to George Stephenson museum |
| Monday 18 th July | Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes |
| Tuesday 19 th July | Whole School Presentation Event |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Optional parent/carer meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm) |
| Friday 22 nd July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am |
| Friday 22 nd July | Last day of school year 2021/2022 |
| Friday 22 nd July to Tuesday 6 th September | SUMMER HOLIDAYS |
| Monday 5 th September | TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children |
| Tuesday 6 th September | School open to children |

DOJO POINTS

Check out our dojo/house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 4EP 2nd – 1ES 3rd – 5SMM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

| Day | Club name | Club Leader | Year Groups | Location |
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| Monday | Construction Club | Mrs Jones | All | The Base |
| Monday | Crazy Crafts | Mrs Kaur | 3-6 | Art room |
| Monday | Little Kickers | Mr. McVittie-Mathews | 1-2 | Hall/Field |
| Tuesday | Film Club | Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser | 3-6 | The Base |
| Tuesday | Mini-movers | Miss Held/ Miss Scott | R-2 | Small Hall |
| Tuesday | Running club | Mr Wright | 3-6 | Hall/Field |
| Tuesday | Wellbeing Worker Bees | Mrs Hickey | 2-6 | Breakfast room |
| Thursday | KS2 Football club | Mr. McVittie-Mathews | 3-6 | Field |

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher