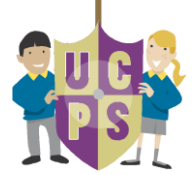


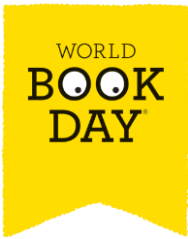


# USWORTH COLLIERY

## Weekly Newsletter



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### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March this year and the children can come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. It doesn't need to be their favourite character and remember; you do not have to buy a costume. Home-made costumes are as creative and exciting as shop bought. We don't want parents to feel under pressure to spend money on costumes that will be worn only once. Here are some email links for ideas.

<https://ni4kids.com/world-book-day-costume-ideas/#:~:text=Billionaire%20Boy%20%E2%80%93%20This%20fun%20character,will%20enjoy%20helping%20to%20create.>

<https://wharfedale.mumbler.co.uk/world-book-day-ideas-for-kids-who-dont-like-dressing-up/>

<https://skintdad.co.uk/cheap-world-book-day-costumes/>

As part of the day, the children will be receiving a free book of their choice to encourage reading for pleasure and reading at home, because at the end of the day World Bok Day is all about sharing favourite books developing children's love of reading and telling stories.

### YOUR VIEWS ON WRAPAROUND CARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient wraparound childcare places in Sunderland for all parents and carers who want to access it.

In the spring budget of March of 2023, the government announced an investment of £289 million over two academic years for a national wraparound programme. This is to support those families with primary aged children who need access to paid for wraparound childcare from 8am to 6pm. Parents should expect to see an expansion in the availability of wraparound childcare from September 2024. By 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access term time childcare that parents pay for in their local area from 8am – 6pm, so that they can access employment and improve the labour market participation. We are asking all parents and carers to provide up to date information about wraparound childcare that they provide. This, in partnership with information from the DfE and Together for Children's own data, will help to provide a picture of where our support is needed to implement the national wraparound childcare programme.

For Together for Children to determine if we have sufficient wraparound childcare, please can you answer the attached survey link by Friday 8th March 2024. <https://forms.office.com/e/4rRGacxbHA>

### MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

On Thursday morning, 10 children from Year One were chosen to represent the school in a Disney-themed multi-sport festival at Gateshead Stadium. They took part in many different activities where they did lots of fun exercises, including running, jumping and throwing. The children were very determined and had lots of fun all morning. They made us very proud with how well they worked as a team, cheering each other on the whole way through. Well done to everyone who took part!



### YEAR 6 SWIMMING GALA

Well done to Indi, Chloe, Chloe, Megan, Aidan, Gideon, Steve and Joe from Year 6 who represented UCPS at this year's Gateshead Swimming Gala. Our swimmers swam in individual races; breaststroke, back stroke, front crawl, freestyle and then finished off with the relays. They were all so excited and proud of their achievements and so they should be! Their sportsmanship and encouragement towards each other and the other schools was outstanding. To top it off they brought home a bronze medal... result!



### WASTE WEEK 4TH - 10TH MARCH

This year, the national campaign is focussing on battery recycling. Can you believe more than 600 million batteries are thrown away every year - what a waste!

Did you know? The more batteries recycled, the less resources wasted and the less nasty materials end up in our environment.

So... the eco-warriors want every class to join in this campaign. Please can you bring in any used batteries- AAA, AA, C and D (no corroded ones please) to your child's class. They will have a battery collection box there and the eco-warriors will collect them altogether.

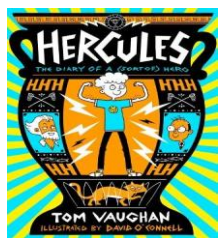
Please also remember, that there is a battery recycling point in the office all year round that you can use.

Many thanks, the Eco-warriors and Mrs Justice



## RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES

### HERCULES: THE DIARY OF A (SORT OF) HERO BY TOM VAUGHAN



If Hercules Braver is going to survive his new secondary school, he has to live up to his name, fast. He needs to become strong and tanned and popular, like a Greek hero. Not weak and pale and unpopular, like a Greek yoghurt. But his bid for popularity ends up saddling him with a set of impossible tasks... like cleaning out the monster-riddled school pond, facing up to the school bully and finding the headmaster's missing cat. Then Herc's charming, impressive birth dad turns up after years living in Greece, and Hercules thinks his problems are solved. With God-like strength and awe-inspiring powers, could his dad even be ... the real Zeus?! And will Hercules learn what it truly means to be a hero?

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Monday	Construction	Mrs Kaur	1-6	12	Base 3
Monday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6	20	3LC classroom
Monday	Book Club	Miss Bell	3-6	10	4SB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	12	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Just dance	Mrs Lines	2-6	10	Base 2
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	3-6	30	5GS classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3-6	15	3RL classroom/Wild garden
Tuesday	Dodge Ball	Mr Warner	5-6	20	Hall
Thursday	Review crew	Mrs Bloomer	1-2	10	TBC
Thursday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Burrell	Rec-2	12	Reception class

## SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 8th January - Children and staff return to school  
 Tuesday 9th January – EYFS/Y1 (5 year old) Dental Check  
 Thursday 11th January - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits  
 Thursday 11th January - 'Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
 Friday 19th January - Reception Stay and Play (Gruffalos)  
 Friday 19th January - Year 3 Class Assembly (2:15pm) 3RL  
 Monday 22nd January - Reception trip to Discovery Museum.  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
 Friday 26th January - Reception Reading and Phonics workshop  
 Monday 29th January - Reception Maths workshop  
 Friday 2nd February - Reception Stay and Play (Peter Rabbits)  
 Saturday 3rd February - Year 5 Science is my Superpower  
 W.C 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week  
 Monday 5th February - Year 5 Bikeability  
 Wednesday 7th February - Spring Term Parents' Meetings (Please note, appointments are available from 1:00-6:00pm)  
 Thursday 8th February - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit  
 Thursday 8th February - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
 Monday 12th February - Reception trip to Chinatown  
 Friday 16th February - Reception Stay and Play (Elmers)  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February -**  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
 Wednesday 6th March – Aladdin Trip to Sunderland Empire  
 Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
 Thursday 7th March - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit  
 Friday 8th March – Aladdin Trip to Sunderland Empire  
 Friday 8th March- Reception Stay and Play (Cat in the Hats)  
 Thursday 14th March - Wednesday 20th March - Scholastic Book Fair  
 Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day  
 Friday 15th March- Reception Stay and Play (Paddington Bears)

Monday 18th March - Reception (RAW) trip to Hall Hill Farm  
Wednesday 20th March - Reception & KS1 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)  
Thursday 21st March - KS2 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)  
Thursday 21st March - Reception (RBD) trip to Hall Hill Farm  
Friday 22nd March - Spring Term Reports  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Easter Assembly  
Wednesday 27th March -SATs parent meeting (5pm.)  
Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays  
**EASTER HOLIDAY Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**

## **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**

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Check out our 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> – 4SB 2nd – 5JW 3rd – 3RL

## **ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance - 94.85%

EYFS/KS1 – 2CH with 97.39% KS2 – 3LC with 98.24%

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