



# FROM USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Happy New Year- It was lovely to see everyone back in school for the new term. As you are all aware we were visited by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and although we do not have any information to share with you about inspection currently, I can tell you that your children were absolutely wonderful, so hard working, sensible around school and very polite. Those of them who spoke to the inspector were delightful. Your children are a real asset to both the school and yourselves. I was so proud of them and I'm sure you are too!**

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!  
EYFS/KS1 2EP 97.08%      KS2 4EH 99.38%      Base Blue 95.96%  
Whole school attendance – 91.97%

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Jessica 6JM** came with some super maths work that she did independent and in her own time. She was adding one, two and three-digit numbers using a written column method. Well done Jessica keep up this hard work!

**Logan and Harrison 6JM** brought their reading work. They have learnt how to use point, evidence and explain to answer in-depth comprehension question around a text. The text they were looking at was Macbeth which they seem to be really enjoying! Great work boys keep it up!

**Lana Base Blue** came to show me two medals and two trophies that she has won from a variety of out of school activities – she has won 'Best Attitude in Karate' and an award from Science Club for learning how to be an archaeologist through reading and completing 17 different activities. How brilliant!

**Connor Base Blue** came to show me how impressed his teachers are with his attitude this week and how well he has applied his keep calm strategies every single lesson this week. Well done, keep going next week!

**Peyton RLC** – was brought along with her teacher Miss Coxon who is absolutely thrilled with her amazing writing. She could read me her spooky writing about a zombie house. Keep up this super effort, Peyton – well done!

## KITCHEN DISCO SESSIONS AT WASHINGTON LIBRARY

Washington Library have been in touch to share some upcoming exciting events for children. They are hosting two Kitchen Disco sessions at the newly refurbished Washington Library!

The first event is a workshop which allow children to explore song/poem writing with a professional and the second event will be a show which will comprise of the children's creations during the workshop. The show will be performed by actors.

The two events need to be booked separately – £3 per child (one adult go free).

Please see the posters attached to the bottom of this newsletter or follow the link below for more details.

<https://sunderland.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=184226>

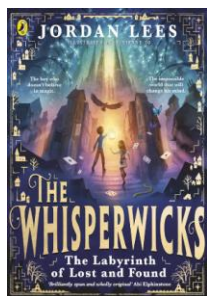
## KARATE LESSONS IN JANUARY

We have received information about an offer for January from a gentleman called Mark Holt who is the PE lead at Benedict Biscop School and who runs a hugely successful Karate school. He is currently offering free sessions in January where new starters can come along and train in unlimited lessons for free during this month. Obviously once January is over and if your child has enjoyed the lessons there would then be a cost for continuing the lessons. I have attached the flyer and timetable information to the bottom of the newsletter and there is an email address and phone number on there if you need any more information.

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASE

### THE WHISPERWICKS THE LABYRINTH OF LOST AND FOUND

#### BY JORDAN LEES



A boy who doesn't believe in magic. An impossible world that will change his mind. Eleven-year-old Benjamiah Creek believes in science, logic and the power of reason. He definitely does not believe in magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post - a doll that can transform into a bird - he is led into the impossible (and most definitely magical) world of Wreathenwold, where dark secrets are lost amongst a vast labyrinth of streets. Benjamiah soon finds himself swept along in a dangerous quest - led by the fierce and brilliant Elizabella, who is determined to solve the disappearance of her missing brother. Will Benjamiah ever find his way home and discover his puzzling connection with this strange, enchanted world?

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Your child will have brought home an after-school club letter today. This needs to be handed in on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. After this date you will receive a text informing you which club your child has been allocated. Clubs will start week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Lego	Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Green	1-6
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Forrest School	Mrs Prinn/Mrs Walker	Rec-2
Monday	KS1 Homework	Miss Coxon	1-2
Monday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	1-3
Monday	Book Club	Miss Brown	3-6
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	Yr 3/ 4
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Henderson	3-6
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6
Thursday	Hama Bead Crafting	Mrs Burrell	1-3
Thursday	Skipping	Miss Armstrong	2-4

### SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week    New dates added

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	2JB Discovery Museum
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Elmer Stay and Play
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	KS1 Cricket Festival
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	1RD Beamish Museum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	1DB Beamish Museum
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	RAW Library Visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr3/4 Mini Basketball Event
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	RLC Library Visit
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Science is my Superpower
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Gruffalo stay and play
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Lego League Team Event
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Cat in the Hat Stay and Play
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	RAW to the Discovery Museum -
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	RLC to the Discovery Museum -
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Swimming Competition
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School opens for all pupils</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS trip to Ouseburn
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JW trip to Ouseburn
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	KS1 Girls football event

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April Y6 Phoenix Programme  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Y6 Phoenix Programme  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Y6 Phoenix Programme Final Presentation  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y1 parents (am)  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for Y2 parents (pm)  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April **School closes for the Easter Holidays**  
**Children return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. The class house point count will resume next week.

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## NOTICES

**FOR AGES 3+**

SILLY GOOSE THEATRE PRESENTS

**KITCHEN DISCO**

**WORKSHOP!**

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 4PM-5.15PM HOUGHTON LIBRARY  
 SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 11AM-12.15PM WASHINGTON LIBRARY

Join our Kitchen Disco workshop! Have some fruity fun with drama games, crafts and storytelling. So come along and shake it like a mango and party like a pearl

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SILLY GOOSE THEATRE PRESENTS

**KITCHEN DISCO**

**THE SHOW!**

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 4PM HOUGHTON LIBRARY  
 SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 11AM WASHINGTON LIBRARY

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**NEW MEMBERS  
TRAIN FOR FREE  
IN JANUARY!**

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# WEEKLY TIMETABLE



	LESSON	TIME	WHO FOR?
<b>MON</b>	Beginner + Intermediate class	5:30-6:30pm	New starters Age 5+
<b>WED</b>	Intermediate + Advanced Class	5:30-6:30pm	Anyone yellow belt and above. Adult and teenage new starters
<b>THU</b>	Intermediate + Advanced Class	5:30-6:30pm	Anyone yellow belt and above.
<b>THU</b>	Intermediate + Advanced Class	6:30-7:30pm	Adult and teenage new starters
<b>FRI</b>	Beginner + Intermediate class	5:30-6:30pm	New starters Age 5+
<b>SAT</b>	Karate Tots Class	9:15-10am	New starters Age 3-4
<b>SAT</b>	Beginner + Intermediate class	10-11am	New starters Age 5+
<b>SAT</b>	Weapons Class (Bo staff)	11:15-12:15	All grades Age 7+





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