

### UCPS BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH

Last Thursday, UCPS FC started their season, albeit a little late after rain and fixture changes ruled out previous matches. With 3 matches, we were able to take a full squad, including full debuts for Blake P, Jayden, Thomas and Leon. The first match against Fatfield was a tight affair with neither team able to create many chances. In fact, Blake in goal did not have a single save to make as Joey (in his first match as captain), Seth and Jay kept the opposition at bay with ease. Alistair was dominant and ran the midfield (earning a man of the match award) but it fell to Harrison to break the deadlock with a stunning free kick late in the second half to earn the win. Next up was Lambton, who once again were unable to even test the goalkeeper. Usworth dominated the match from start to finish with Alistair, Seth and Thomas all going close until Blake finally popped up with two quickfire goals to seal a 2-0 win. Seth earned a deserved man of the match award after numerous driving runs into the box, leaving defenders in his wake. Finally, we were up against home side Albany, who provided the sternest test yet. Joey was once again dominant in defence (rightly man of the match) alongside a combination of Jack and Jay. The midfield battle was very tight with Leon, Jayden, Alistair and Seth battling for possession. However, it was down to that man Harrison again to score and earn another 1-0 win. Three games, three wins and 0 goals conceded made it a very pleasing start to the year.

### GATESHEAD GIRLS 5-A-SIDE COMPETITION



On Friday afternoon, Leela, Mya, Vicky, Scarlett, Jasmine, Jessie and Darcy entered the Gateshead girls 5-a-side football competition, despite having very limited training time together. This was evident in the first match as it took the girls awhile to begin to gel together. Darcy and Mya were strong in defence with Vicky making numerous outstanding saves. Despite Jasmine and Leela pressing in midfield, the opposition proved a little too strong, leading to a 3-0 defeat. The next match started in a similar fashion, quickly going 2-0 down, however, that seemed to spark the girls into life. Jessie scored a goal

that was dubiously ruled out for offside and both her and Scarlett saw late attempts go agonisingly wide. A sucker punch last minute goal left another 3-0 defeat but that did not reflect the game. In the final group match, the girls improved even further with the opposition 'keeper making a number of saves. It started to seem like it would not be our day until Jessie popped up with a low drive from the edge of the area to give us the lead. Scarlett quickly doubled the lead with an instinctive reaction shot before picking up on a poor pass to slot a second in seconds later, giving the girls a 3-0 win. Unfortunately, that was not enough to progress past the group stages but the team were given the respect award in front of all of the other teams due to the way that they cheered each other, showed respect to the ref and opposition and also for the way they looked after one of the opposition players who received a nasty injury. As much as trophies are nice, this award says a lot about the character of the girls and Miss Armstrong and I were very proud of them.

### YEAR 6 VISIT LINDISFARNE



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 6 made the long trip to Lindisfarne, linked to both our Geography and History topics. In geography, the children had looked at OS maps of the island and used their map reading skills to plan a route around the island, taking in specific locations on the way. The location was particularly relevant to our studies on the Vikings in history as it marks the location of the first Viking invasion back in 793AD. The children were particularly excited to visit the location of the Lindisfarne Priory, which stood on the site of the monastery burned down during the

Viking raids. On both trips, the children seemed thoroughly taken by the beauty and history of the island and, although tired and a little windswept, returned in high spirits, rightly proud of their route planning skills to ensure we were not stuck on the island overnight. As expected, behaviour was exemplary and the trip was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Mrs Calcutt, Miss Armstrong, Mrs Moore and Mr Daly for coming along to support us. **Mr Millett and Mrs Swinburn**



## YEAR 4 VISIT NEWCASTLE

This term Year 4 have been using our fieldwork skills to investigate "What would attract tourists to our local area." This week, we had the opportunity to use public transport to get to Newcastle. Whilst we were there, the children were brave carried out a survey asking members of the public about tier reasons for visiting the city that day. Although nervous at the start, everyone had grown in confidence by the end of the visit. All of the children were polite and courteous to passers-by and many commented on this. Super job everyone, we are so proud of you all!



Mrs Henderson and Mr Pearson

## MUSIC LESSONS OFFER

All children were given letters this week regarding music lessons proved by musical mates who are an external company. The cost of the Autumn Term lessons is **£30 for 10 weeks of lessons**. Instruments available are guitar ukulele and keyboard. If your child has lost or misplaced the letter copies are available from the office. These lessons are an addition to the Rock Steady lessons that will continue to take place in school time

## REMINDER- AUTUMN TERM PARENTS MEETINGS

Don't forget we are holding parent/carer meetings on **Wednesday 16th October**. If you have not booked a slot, don't worry one will be allocated for you and set by email by Monday

## SPOTLIGHT ON GEOGRAPHY



This week the spotlight is on Geography. Follow the link below to see the work we have been doing so far this term, including developing our mapping skills carrying out fieldwork projects and learning about the UK. <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

## WORLD ANATOMY DAY AT THE FIRE STATION IN SUNDERLAND

Last week we held an assembly hosted by Sunderland University all about our anatomy. This was to introduce us to the events they are running n October. We have since received an email inviting your children and families to join them at their **FREE World Anatomy Day event at the Fire Station** in Sunderland on **Sunday 20th October**. This is a family event to inspire young minds and help them discover more about their bodies and how they work.

If you are interested in attending Follow this link to the event booking page

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/world-anatomy-day-discover-anatomy-tickets-925098934817>

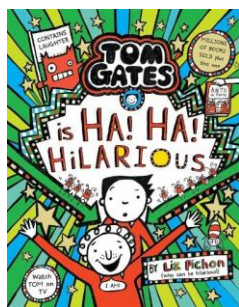
Tickets are free, but booking is encouraged as this event was very popular last year.

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Callie in 3CB** came to show me her hot write. So far, she has written the beginning and the build up to her story and has used some super vocabulary and some impressive sentence structures. She has adapted the story of the Iron Man to be about Cat Woman. I can't wait to see how her story unfolds. Well done Callie, super effort this week! **Scarlett in 6JM** used the playtime to draw out a map of Holy Island ready for the trip the next day. She even laminated the map in case the weather was wet and windy. She told me she plans to help Mr Millet get around the Island safely following her map. Very enterprising indeed. Well done Scarlett! **Victor and Ona in 2JB** have done some beautiful writing. They have written their own version of Fantastic Mr Fox and their handwriting, punctuation and sentences are wonderful. Well done both of you!

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

### TOM GATES HA! HA! HILARIOUS HB BY LIZ PICHON



The top-of-the-class, extra special 22nd book from bestselling author and illustrator Liz Pichon. A feel-good, laugh-out-loud, packed-with-pictures Tom Gates story! Tom Gates is Ha! Ha! HILARIOUS! He's created brand new comic \*Ants In Pants\* to make everyone (even Delia) laugh. Inspiration for his new comic is everywhere! There's Mr Keen's unicycle mishap and their NEW supply teacher Miss Jam (whose first name is NOT Strawberry or Traffic - but it should be). Class 5F LOVE Miss Jam's lessons. Mr Fullerman, not so much. BUT when Tom's comic falls into the wrong hands, everything starts to go wrong. HOW will he get himself out of this MESS? How will he make everyone laugh again? Will Marcus help him out? Hmmm ... maybe.

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC
Tuesday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

### AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week      New dates added

Saturday 12th October	Science is my Superpower - Newcastle
Monday 14th October	RLC Local area visit
01 Tuesday 15th October	4SP Vindolanda
Wednesday 16th October	Parent's Meetings NOTE: appointments are available from 1.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	4EH Vindolanda (date changed)
Friday 25th October	Last day of this half term
<b>Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November - HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday 4th November	Staff training Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 5th November	Children back to school
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Monday 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Friday 15th November RAW	Into-film festival
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Choir singing at Durham Cathedral
Friday 22nd November	School Photos day
Monday 25th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential Week
Tuesday 26th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Monday 9th December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Friday 13th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Children return to school on Monday 6th January</b>	



## 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.

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!  
Whole school attendance – 94.66%  
EYFS/KS1 1BD 96.52%%    KS2 4EH 100%    Base Blue 98.18%

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## NOTICES



**CONSULTATION EVENT**  
FOR PARENTS FROM AN ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUND

If you are part of an ethnic minority background, we are interested in hearing your views on a range of services that are on offer to you and your family.

**NHS South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust**  
Come and share your experiences of accessing maternity and neonatal care at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and suggest ways we can improve our services.

**NHS North East & North Cumbria**  
For some children and young people times of transition and change can be difficult. Do you have a child that's moved from nursery to reception or Y6 to Y7? What was the experience? Positive or negative we want to know your thoughts.

The Sunderland Family Hubs provide a range of services for families and we want to hear from you about your experiences of using the services. What are we doing well? What do we need to look at? We want to hear from you.

St. Marks' Community Association, Millfield, SR4 7BN  
Friday 11th October 9.00 a.m.

Booking is essential.  
To book your place, please text 07774131862 / email [volunteering@togetherforchildren.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@togetherforchildren.org.uk)



St. Michael and All Angels Church  
Manor Road, Sulgrave

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE FIRE PIT

GAMES FOOD



**27 October | 4-6pm**

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION  
PUMPKIN DECORATION COMPETITION  
(BRING YOUR PUMPKIN ALREADY DECORATED)

For more information please contact: Roy Bethany McNaely  
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# SPOOKFEST

AT LAMBTON COMMUNITY HUB, NE38 0QA  
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 12-4PM  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CRYSTAL CREW PROJECT CIC

ARABIAN FOOD BY HABIBI COME  
CRYSTALS AND WITCHY GOODS BY SPELLBOUND BOUTIQUE  
STACEY PAINTS YOUR FACEY  
VARIOUS MARKET STALLS  
SWEET STALL  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
POTION MAKING  
HALLOWEEN GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
SCAVENGER HUNT AND MUCH MORE!

FREE EVENT

LET US KNOW YOU'RE ATTENDING

