



USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 4th April 2025

HAPPY EASTER



This term has been so busy, starting with a visit from Ofsted in the first week of January and finishing with two wonderful Easter performances from Y1 and Y2 and of course the egg decorating competition run by the school council this week. Tonight, your children will be coming home with their **Spring Term Report** and their attendance record. If your child is on the SEND register, they will also be coming home with support plan information. Over the last couple of weeks, I have been reading through every child's report and it has been so lovely to see the wide variety of learning they have taken part in. What has impressed me the most though is the progress your children have made both socially, emotionally and academically and I am so proud of each and every one of them. I'm sure when you read their report you will be incredibly proud too.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Mrs Forster

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week's class attendance figures:

Classes with 96% and above are in the **green zone!**

Classes with 90% and below are in the **red zone!**

RAW	86.36%	3CB	88%
RLC	89.57%	3RL	93.04%
1BD	96.67%	4EH	99.44%
1RD	93.2%	4SP	90.59%
2EP	91%	5GS	99.2%
2JB	95.24%	5JW	92.5%
Base Red	98%	6CS	92.5%
Base Yellow	93.44%	6JM	91.92%
Base Blue	87.27%	Thrive	91.67%

This week's winner of the 100% attendance certificate and Just Eat voucher is **Harley** in 2EP

Congratulations to **4EH** for the best attendance this week at **99.44%**

Whole school attendance **92.76%**

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

This week, selected Year 6 children have been completing their Phoenix Project course with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service. Picking up where they left off in January, the children once again worked together to undertake practical firefighter training activities. From fire-hose handling, crawl space investigation and ladder and hoist management, to casualty search and rescue as well as CPR application, they demonstrated the qualities of fantastic teamwork throughout. They have developed and used a range of life skills, including communication, leadership, confidence and (most of all) resilience. I am sure these essential key skills will stay with them and I am so very proud to have been able to take this journey with them. Well done all of you! *Mrs. Calcutt*



ASPIRATIONAL VISITORS

Aspiration is one of our core values, and we strive to help children see their early education as a stepping stone to future careers. To broaden their horizons, we've integrated first-hand experiences into our curriculum. Last Friday, we held our first EYFS and KS1 Careers Fair, themed People Who Help Us. The children had their own careers passport and had the opportunity to talk to the RNLI and the police as well as firefighters, nurses, mechanics, dentists and paramedics. Back in class, they reflected on the experience and discussed if there were any careers they would be interested in doing in the future.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Louie and Parker 2JB have been writing an advert asking for new recruits to join their 'Veggie Gang'. The boys have been reading 'Supertato' and the independent writing they have produced from this story is wonderful. They both boys had worked so hard on their handwriting and punctuation and were so proud of their efforts Well done boys keep it up!

Robbie 6JM came to show me his maths work. He has been learning all about ratio and completed every task set for him. Even though this is a tricky new concept for Robbie he is feeling confident and says he understands it so well he can now solve problems involving ratio and fractions. Super work Robbie well done!

Hollie 6JM has also been working on ratio and problem solving around this. She was particularly good at solving 'odd one out' problems. Super effort Hollie!

THRIVE IN THE FOREST

Today, Thrive visited Forest School and took part in an egg hunt, only to discover that some sneaky birds had eaten two of the chocolate eggs and left the evidence behind...the wrappers! The children also decorated some stones with Easter eggs and hid them in the forest for other children to find. They loved it!



BLOSSOM PROJECT

On Tuesday the National Trust came into school to work with our Geography Ambassadors as part of the Blossom Project. The children used digital recorders to record sounds from both physical and human features. The children then interviewed each other about sounds, spring and the natural world. In May, the Geography Ambassadors will visit Washington Old Hall to do further recordings and engage with the natural world in blossom.



POLITE REMINDER (gates, bikes and scooters!)

Please remember that bikes, and scooters should not be ridden across the playgrounds as they get busy with people and can cause accidents. On the theme of safety please remember that the main gate, though the staff car park should only be accessed during school hours when the playground gates are locked. All visitors will need to be buzzed into school when using this gate. For before and after school, when dropping off and collecting your children, please could all parents and carers use the KS2 or Reception gate to enter and exit school. Thank you for your cooperation.

RAINBOW FAMILY HUB

The Rainbow Hub have now opened the café which is run by volunteers and offers tea, coffee and toast at no charge just a donation. They also have a range of activities on offer across the year and over the holiday period. Please see the timetable for activities over the Easter holiday at the bottom of the newsletter

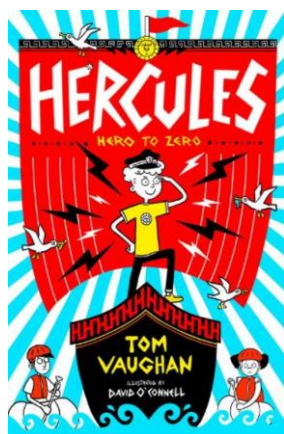
UNIFORM RECYCLING BANK

Thank you to those parents and carers who have been dropping off preloved uniform to restock our uniform recycling bank. This is such a great resource that helps both our pockets and the environment. If you have any school uniform that your child had grown out of, please donate it to school by dropping it off either with the class teacher or in the man office. All donations are so greatly appreciated.

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE TOP CLUB

The Top Club are holding another Family Fun Day (ideally suited for Toddlers to 6-year-olds) on Good Friday afternoon at the Top Club. See the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more information

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES HERCULES: HERO TO ZERO? BY TOM VAUGHAN



Hercules Braver may seem like a regular kid, but he is (secretly) a Greek hero... His birth dad is Zeus himself! So, Herc's life will no doubt be filled with GLORY. But what about FORTUNE? It's the school holidays and Herc has so many plans... sailing a yacht, going on a cruise, and generally touring the world slaying monsters. But Mum tells him they're struggling to make ends meet, and the best she can manage is to send him to Young Explorers camp with his friend Pav. DISASTER! How can Herc make money? Invent something amazing? Win the lottery? Become a tech billionaire? He's on the case with Pav, Hatty and Natthew. But their schemes take them to some unexpected places... especially when vengeful Zeus finds out that Hercules and Mum might reveal his secret existence! Soon, Herc is facing the pranks of trickster god Hermes, rafting down a treacherous river, and dressing up as a donkey... Can he get his hands on the fortune he craves, or will he find that true riches lie in unexpected places? And can he and Mum finally get one over on the Greek Gods...?

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Places for children in the for Summer Term After School Clubs have now been allocated.

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Art Club	Miss Coxon	Rec-2
Monday	Book club	Miss Brown	2-6
Monday	Exercise Games	Miss Armstrong	3-4
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Justice	2-3
Tuesday	Film club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start	3-6
Thursday	KS1 Homework	Miss Davidson	1-2
Thursday	Friends of God - FOG	Mrs Burrell	2-4

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Children return to school on Monday 28th April

Tuesday 6th May

5JW Synagogue Visit

Wednesday 7th May 5GS Synagogue Visit
 Thursday 8th May VE day celebrations in school.
 Thursday 8th May Y1 Church visit
 Monday 12th May SATs Week
 Monday 19th May Reception visit to St Mary's Lighthouse
 Monday 20th May Reception visit to St Mary's Lighthouse
 Monday 9th June Kooth visiting Y6
 Monday 12th May RAW - Library visit
 Wednesday 14th May Stay and Play Base Blue (1.30pm)
 Friday 16th May RLC - Library visit
 Saturday 17th May Science Is My Superpower
 Wednesday 21st May Base Blue and Thrive visit to West Boldon Lodge
 Thursday 22nd May Y3/4 Careers Fair
 Friday 23rd May Geography Ambassadors visiting Washington Old Hall
 Friday 23rd May **Children finish for half term**

Half Term 26th May- 1st June

School reopens for children
 Monday 2nd June MTC Screener week 1
 Monday 2nd June Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
 Tuesday 3rd June Science in My Superpower (pm)
 Wednesday 4th June London visit parents meeting (5pm)
 Wednesday 4th June Y5 Film Workshop
 Thursday 5th June Y5 Film Workshop
 Friday 6th June Y5/6 Girls Cricket
 Friday 6th June Phonics screener week
 Monday 9th June MTC Screener week 2
 Monday 9th June Class Photos
 Tuesday 10th June Rise Family Learning Morning
 Tuesday 10th June Year 2 Sing Sunderland
 Wednesday 11th June Year 1 Centre for Life
 Friday 13th June Year 1 Centre for Life
 Tuesday 17th June PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning
 Friday 20th June RLC - Library visit
 Friday 20th June Y5 and Y6 Careers Fair
 Tuesday 24th June Reception Edinburgh Zoo
 Wednesday 25th June Year 6 Transition to secondary days (3 days)
 Tuesday 1st July Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit
 Tuesday 1st July London trip (Thursday and Friday)
 Thursday 3rd July Y2 visiting Sunderland Marina Oyster Project
 Friday 11th July Rocksteady Summer concert (am)
 Monday 14th July EYFS/KS1 Sports afternoon
 Monday 14th July 6JM Wilderness Trip
 Monday 14th July 6CS Wilderness Trip
 Tuesday 15th July Reception Rise Family Learning
 Tuesday 15th July Reception Rise Family Learning
 Wednesday 16th July KS2 Sports afternoon
 Wednesday 16th July Y6 Leavers Performances (9:30am and 5:30pm)
 Thursday 17th July Reports sent home
 Friday 18th July EYFS/KS1 Celebration assembly
 Monday 21st July KS2 Celebration Assembly
 Tuesday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
 Wednesday 23rd July

Monday 8th September - School re-opens for children.

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:

Orion was the team that collected the most points this term with a total of 1510 house points between them. Well done Orion!

Mrs Alison Forster Headteacher

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NOTICES

Rainbow Family Hub Timetable Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April 2025 Family.hubwashington@togetherforchildren.org.uk					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rainbow Family Hub Washington, NE37 3AE 0191 561 3995	Time for Rhyme 9.30 - 10.15am	Family Fun Event All welcome 10 - 11am Bookable	Review & Development Clinic 10.00 - 11.30am Book via Health Visitor	Play Space 9 - 11.30am	
	Play Space 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm	Play Space 1 - 3pm	Welfare Rights (referral) 9.00am - 12noon	Sensory Room 9 - 11.30am	
	Sensory Room 9 - 11.30am 1 - 3pm	Sensory Room 1 - 3pm	Baby Sensory/Messy Play (Birth - 2 years) 1.30 - 2.15pm	Warm Hub & Bread & Butter Thing 1.15 - 2.15pm To Reserve a bag text 07860063304	Good Friday Closed
	Busy Bodies 1.30 - 2.30pm	Stop Smoking Support Drop in 1 - 3pm	HAF Colour Fun (On the field next to Thorney Close Action & Enterprise Centre) 11am - 3pm	Play Space 1 - 3pm	
	Breast Feeding Support Drop In 1 - 3pm	Antenatal Programme 3.45pm - 5.45pm To book call 03000 031552	Sensory Room 1pm - 3pm		

Social media

Please check 'My Best Life website', www.mybestlife.org.uk
 Sunderland Family Hubs Facebook and Instagram pages for more information,
 and booking details for some of our sessions.



RAINBOW COMMUNITY CAFE
OPENING SOON

Join our friendly volunteers for a cuppa and a chat at Rainbow Family Hub's café..

Opening times
 Mondays 10.00am - 12.00pm
 Tuesdays 10.00am - 12pm

Donations welcome

Monday 31st March
 Rainbow Family Hub, NE37 3AE



Family Fun Day

Ideally suited for toddlers to 6 year olds

◆ Good Friday, 18th April ◆
 1pm to 3pm

Free family activities for toddlers & young children in the Community Hall, including soft play, a bouncy castle & face painting.

Stalls & information from local clubs & activities.

Top Club, Manor Road, Sulgrave, Washington - NE37 3BD
 Email: info@transformnortheast.net



At St. Michael and All Angels Church Manor Road, Sulgrave

MICKEY'S PLACE CHILDREN'S EASTER BREAKFAST

Families are welcome to
join us for breakfast
with a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Saturday April 19
10am - 12pm

*Tickets are
£5 per family*

For more information please contact
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Brand-new FREE sessions that are low level fitness activities which include a few rugby inspired exercises.

Suitable for all ages and most importantly you don't need to have any experience or knowledge of rugby.

Full details can be found at www.mysunderland.co.uk/rugby

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Saturdays

1.30-2.30pm

Princess Anne Park, Washington

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