



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who have completed their tests this week. They have been amazing and did the best that they possibly could. We have given them food all week, including chocolate before each test in order to keep their energy levels up and a cooked breakfast. They had their final treat when an ice-cream van came to visit this afternoon. I'd like to say a huge thanks to the Mrs Moore and Mr Millett who have organised the tests seamlessly and all of the staff who have been involved. A special thanks to all the teaching assistants, Vicki (our cook) and Mrs Thomson, who served sausages and washed dishes. Also thank you to the other staff for tip-toeing around for a few hours each day. The children will still be working on their writing, as there are a number of weeks before we have to input this information. I am looking forward to finding out how well they have done in July!



### YEAR 3 – AFRICA DAY

On Monday Year Three spent a day immersed in their new topic about the continent of Africa. We looked at the different flags of each of the 54 countries and created a knowledge organiser all about the animals, climate and geographical features in this diverse continent. We read traditional African stories, looked at some of Miss Hilton's photos and tried some food such as ugali, biltong and cassava

Finally, we ended the day studying the paintings of artist Elisha Ongere and reproduced some amazing portraits. *Mrs Hilton & Mrs Dixon*



### REMINDER: SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH

Dolce, our school meals providers, are offering a special Jubilee themed lunch the day we have our celebrations – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Ma If you would like your child to have a meal on this day then use the School Grid system, selecting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### BASE – BOWLING

Well done to the children from the Base who took part in the Panthalon Challenge north-east ten pin bowling final at Riverside Bowling in Sunderland after previously winning their heat. They competed with other schools or provisions from around the north east and came second overall. The children were delighted with their medals and Jack Hendry was over the moon with achieving the highest score from everyone competing. Well done for being brilliant ambassadors for Usworth Colliery.

### JUMPERS

There are a number of children who are wearing their own hoodies rather than school jumpers or navy jumpers/cardigans. Hoodies are not uniform. If children are wearing hoodies next week, they will be asked to remove them. They will be able to wear these outside but not inside. We may need to ring you to see why they are not wearing school uniform. We have spare jumpers in school which we will happily loan children for the day.

### RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

#### I LOVE YOU LIKE YELLOW BY ANDREA BEATY

Love can come in so many different types and moods: sometimes love is joyous and jolly, and sometimes it's about being with someone when they feel sad. Sometimes, there is a new person to love; sometimes, we are grateful for the people we have known the longest. Love is as big as the stars and as ordinary as a rainy day, but however we find it, it's something to be treasured.

In this gorgeous rhyming text, Andrea Beaty describes how love is there in all the big and small moments of everyday life in a family, from a walk in the park to playing cards to a kiss at bedtime. Vashti Harrison's resplendently beautiful and vivid pencil-style art is breath-taking, illustrating a variety of diverse families showing love to each other in so many important ways.

This really is a book to treasure, and would make a wonderful gift for new parents or for anyone looking for the perfect book to read together at bedtime or when having a snuggle.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
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

## ATTENDANCE

Due to the nature of the last few years, attendance has been very tricky to monitor. This has not just been in our school but in all schools across the country. We do have a legal obligation to follow up attendance and ensure that children are in school as often as possible. As things are getting back to normal, we will be looking at setting our standards for excellent attendance once again. Not only will we be looking at incentives for good attendance, we will be addressing issues directly with families and providing support where necessary. For some families where limited progress is made in improving attendance, then we will be returning to our policy of referring to the Local Authority for persistent absence. It is so important that your child attends school as often as possible. You can see our full attendance policy on our school website. See the grid below which outlines absence and the effect on their learning.

### 175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS EVERY YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

0 days of absence	10 days of absence	19 days of absence	29 days of absence	38 days of absence	47 days of absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success.		<b>Serious concerns</b> Less chance of success. Support offered through school for improvement. Possible referral to Local Authority for intensive monitoring.		<b>Major concerns</b> Limited chance of success. Referral to the Local Authority for intensive monitoring and possibility of fines.	

NOTE: We understand that there are individual cases where medical needs affect attendance and we work alongside families to support them along with other professionals.

## DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE – HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Base to South Shields beach Selected Year 5 & 6 for lawn bowling competition Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition London trip meeting for parents (Year 6) 5pm Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school (non-uniform, assembly & family picnic) <b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children</b> Pupils return to school Edinburgh Zoo trip for reception Selected Year 4 to skipping festival Selected Year 3 & 4 to Quadkids athletics competition Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition Class and team photographs to be taken 1JB to Rising Sun country park 1EH to Rising Sun country park Base to the Great North Museum London theatre trip – Year 6 Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival 4RB trip to Newcastle 4EP trip to Newcastle <b>School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee.</b> 4RB to Eden Camp Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition 4EP to Eden Camp 1EH to George Stephenson museum Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival End of Year Reports to parents 1JB to George Stephenson museum Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes Whole School Presentation Event Optional parent/carer meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm) Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am Last day of school year 2021/2022 <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b> <b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children</b> School open to children
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## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> – 4RB 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4EP 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5CJ

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## **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**